# Cougar Communiqué

***Cougars CARE: Community, Authenticity, Resilience & Excellence***

Dear CSS Families,

We had a WONDERFUL first week of school! It felt so good to see all of the smiling faces of both students and parents. Our teachers and staff worked tirelessly to prepare for your children and it SHOWED! Ms. Long and I had the opportunity to visit every classroom this week and our students are thrilled with their teachers and their classmates. We shared our Cougars CARE campaign - please ask your children, "Cougars what?" and see what their response is. Even the TKs hit the ground running this week. Ms. Paris reports that, "TKs were ready, mostly tear-free, and happy! They played nicely together and were patient listeners regarding our classroom routines". We are excited about our focus on social emotional learning and Cougars CARE to make this the best year ever at Center Street School.

As we begin the year, I would like to remind everyone of important safety procedures and school protocols. I know that there is a lot of text here, and I assure you that future newsletters will be more brief, but you may wish to refer to this one throughout the year. My letters and Cougar Communique are always posted on our school website on the "Principal's Message" tab: About Us: Principal's Message

**School Drop Off:** School drop off is a very busy time and can become dangerous for our children if all adults do not practice patience and obey all traffic and parking rules. Please remember that there is NO parking on the school side of the semi-circle drive (the white zone) and this area is for quick drop-off only! If you would like to accompany your child to class, please park in a legal space. El Segundo Police Department officers will be present to guide traffic and support our school - please thank them for their service if you have an opportunity.

**Supervision after Drop-off:** Students may be dropped off at school after 8:05 am. All students who are not under direct supervision of their parent must report to the quad immediately upon arrival where they may socialize and listen to music. Students will walk to their classrooms at 8:15 am.

**Warning Bell (new this year):** Did you hear two bells this morning? At 8:15 am each day a bell will sound indicating that students proceed to their classrooms where their teachers will be waiting for them. All students should be inside their classrooms before the 8:20 am bell or they will be marked tardy. ***Parents may only be at the classroom door during the 10 minutes prior to or after their child's drop off or pick up time***

**School Gates (change this year):** **All gates are locked at 8:30 am and remain locked until 2:30 pm**. This is to increase safety by routing visitors through the front entrance of our school. Later gators must enter through the front to drop-off in the morning and early bird parents must enter through the front to pick up students in the afternoon.

**Visitor/Volunteer Check-in:** All adults are expected to leave campus within 10 minutes of drop-off. Adults who will be on campus for any reason during the school day, must check in at the front office and get a visitor's badge. A new electronic visitor system will be installed in all ESUSD schools the near future. ***All volunteers MUST bring a photo ID and report to the front office to sign in and obtain a visitor's badge*.**

**Siblings on Campus (new this year):** No children are allowed to play on the swings or play structures during the school day unless they are with their class. Early birds, later gators or younger siblings may wait with their parents or caregivers in the reading garden. We suggest bringing books and taking this time to connect with your child in the lovely atmosphere. In the event of rain, siblings and caregivers may wait in the cafeteria. The decision to not allow siblings on the playground was a difficult one, but our staff has been required to intervene frequently with adults during the school day to assure that our classrooms are free of distraction and that students on the playground are safe. Please feel free to contact Ms. Monahan if you have questions, ideas or solutions to share.

**Items dropped off during School Hours:** All forgotten lunches, water bottles, etc. must be dropped in the front office on the designated table. Students will be able to pick them up during their break. Make sure items are labeled with the student's name and room number or teacher's name

I have a couple of information items for new families to CSS:

- There are adult bathrooms located in our main office for your use. Please do not go into the student bathrooms as they are exclusively for our children.
- Pets are not permitted on our campus. If you walk your dog to campus, we ask that you give your child(ren) a hug at the sidewalk and let them walk in on their own.

**Attendance:** Parents are required to report any absence to Ms. Maddies in our school office the first morning and each subsequent day that their child will not attend school. Please call: 310 615-2676 x 4301 or email: ymaddies@esusd.k12.ca.us. Students who are absent for three or more days without a documented, excused absence are considered truant by the State of California so please refer to our school calendar to plan any family vacations or days off. See our student parent handbook for complete information regarding absences. CSS 2018-19 Handbook

**What's in a Name?:** There are some changes happening at CSS this year that we wanted to share. First of all, two teachers will be using their married names: Ms. Flynn will become Ms. Hoppe and Ms. Gerald will become Ms. McCravey. Additionally, CSS has historically called many of our classified staff members by their first names. We are changing things us as there should be a consistent rule for all students to address adults. This will take a little getting used to as we all learn the last names of folks we are already familiar with. I will give you a brief "cheat sheet" for your convenience:

Office Staff: Ms. (Tina) Vergara, Ms. (Yvette) Maddies, Ms. (Meri) Layne
Cafeteria Staff: Ms. (Leilani) Talanoa, Ms. (Wahyu) Bridge
Custodial Staff: Mr. (Juan) Rodriguez, Mr. (Ruben) Mora, Mr. (Bill) Hayer
Too many IAs to list - so ask your children for updates!

I am sure that the kids will get it faster than the adults - there may be a quiz attached to my next newsletter - so you might want to cram...

**Chat with the Principal:** Our first open agenda meeting for parents of TK/kindergarten and 1st grade parents graders will be Friday, September 7th at 8:30 am. The meeting will last about an hour. Please come with questions and ideas. Feel free to bring your favorite caffeinated or decaf beverage. We meet in the cafeteria - so younger siblings are welcome to join their parents.

**Calling all Adults in the Music Industry:** We would like to start a new program this year at CSS that features parents and community members that would like to come share a bit about their careers in music to small groups of our students during music class. The goal is to expose our kids to the many possibilities of jobs in music: composers, performers, sound recording/mixing, education, research, therapy, etc. We hope you will join us to share your insight and your abilities. Let's inspire the next generation of musical artists! If interested, please email Ms. Wright, our Music Teacher, with details and general availability. rwright@esusd.k12.ca.us

**School Counseling:** CSS will have a school counselor on Mondays and Wednesdays this year. Please see the following message from Ms. Klein: Hello CSS Families - I am so excited to join the cougars this school year as CSS's school counselor! Just a little bit about me, I enjoyed 12 years at ESMS prior to coming to CSS, and before that, high school and elementary counseling in two different California districts. This year I will be visiting classrooms, conducting small groups, and hosting drop in time during lunch for games and conversation, as well as meeting the needs of your "littles" as things come up. I am hoping that I can bring some parent informational sessions on pertinent topics of interest to you, so keep your eyes out for this!

As you say goodbye to summer and move into your school year routine, please check our website at www.centerstreetschool.org for a wealth of information, including upcoming events. You may even subscribe to our calendar so that you don't miss ANYTHING! All flyers are posted in the bulletin board section of our website - please check regularly for opportunities at CSS and in the community: https://www.centerstreetschool.org/apps/bbmessages/

Cougars CARE!

Martha Monahan
Principal

Grace Long
Assistant Principal

http://www.esedf.org/

Early Bird Schedule for TK-2nd grade Thursday, August 30 - Friday, September 14

Prior to our Back to School Night (Thursday, September 13), our youngest Cougars are all on Early Bird schedule as our teachers determine which groups of children will work best together to optimize small group instruction.

- TK/K - 8:20 am –12:45 pm
- 1st/2nd – 8:20 am - 2:05 pm (except Mondays)

3rd/4th/5th – 8:20 am - 2:45 pm (except Mondays)

Upcoming Events:

- 9/3: Labor Day Holiday
- 9/5: PTA Chairperson Training in the CSS Library 6-8 pm
- 9/6: PTA Chairperson Training in room 32 (10 am-12 noon)
- 9/7: Chat with the Principal TK/Kindergarten/1st grade Parents 8:30 am
- 9/7: Fire Drill 9:30 am
- 9/10: Minimum Day Monday
- 9/11: ESUSD Board Meeting 7 pm
- 9/12: Fall Picture Day
- 9/13: Back to School Night
- 9/17: Minimum Day Monday and 1st Day Early Bird/Later Gator Schedule tk-2
- 9/18: Band Parent Meeting in the CSS Cafeteria 6-8 pm
- 9/19: PTA Meeting in the CSS Library 6:30-8 pm
- 9/20: Chat with the Principal 2nd and 3rd grade Parents 8:30 am
- 9/24: Minimum Day Monday
- 9/25: ESUSD School Board Meeting 7 pm
- 9/27: Chat with the Principal 4th & 5th Grade Parents 8:30 am
- 9/27: CSS Family Picnic - In & Out Truck 5-6:30 pm

***Please Scroll Down for Flyers and/or access them on our website***

4th and 5th grade parents, please see the flyer below for important information about Cougar Choir

# Cougar Choir 2018-2019

August 30th, 2018

Dear 4th & 5th Grade Parents/Guardians,

Cougar Choir is a school sponsored choir that focuses on developing advanced vocal technique in an upper primary choral setting. It is open to any Center Street student in 4th or 5th grade. Students do not have to have prior experience and there is no charge for membership.
**Please see important information for online registration below.**

The choir will meet on Mondays, from 1:05-1:55pm in Room 11 (Music Room).
The choir does not meet during school holidays or in-service days.

Since a portion of regular classroom hours will be missed in order to participate in Cougar Choir, your child is expected to stay on top of their academic responsibilities. If a classroom teacher has concern over academic performance and/or effort, they may request removal of a student from Cougar Choir until academic goals are achieved.

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## *ONLINE REGISTRATION INFORMATION*

Online Signups for Cougar Choir will begin on Monday, September 17th at 7:00pm.

Please go to: http://centerstreetelementarymusic.weebly.com/

Cougar Choir enrollment is on a first come, first served basis. All online entries are timestamped. The enrollment cap is at 50 students. All other students will be waitlisted until a spot becomes available. You will be notified no later than Friday, September 21st if your child has been accepted into the program.

If you have any questions please email me at rwright@esusd.k12.ca.us

Kind regards,

Rebecca Wright
Music Teacher
Center Street Elementary

West Basin Municipal Water District

# Water Harvest

**Water Education ★ Stage Shows ★ Games ★ Kids Costume Contest**

## B L O C K P A R T Y

## Saturday, October 20, 2018
## 10AM - 2PM

*Located Outside of the*
**Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility**
1935 S. Hughes Way,
El Segundo, CA 90245

## *A Free Family Event*

**Free Parking & Shuttle Service**
1960 E. Grand Ave.
El Segundo, CA 90245

For event details, visit
**www.westbasin.org/waterharvest**

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# Performing Arts Workshops Presents:
# 3 AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AT
# Center Street Elementary

(310) 827-8827

* FALL TERM BEGINS THE WEEK OF: SEPT 24th ~ CHILDREN MEET OUR TEACHERS IN THE CAFETERIA *

## WORLD of WORDCRAFT

**A DEBATE TEAM FOR KIDS**

Should kids be allowed to have cell phones in schools? Should wearing helmets be mandatory when bike riding? What's the better gaming platform - Xbox or PlayStation? You have an opinion, but how do you prove it? This is your chance to find your voice. Working off a foundation of voice, speech, and diction, WOW uses debate to teach students the art of organizing and articulating ideas, structuring and supporting arguments, listening and countering in a non-competitive and fun environment. Words and ideas can change the world!

**Tuesdays 2:50 - 3:50 Grades 3-up**

## THE INCREDIBLES

**SUIT UP, IT'S GONNA BE AWESOME!**

Join us after school and shine on stage as you bring to life your favorite characters from the hit movie, INCREDIBLES 2! This class has something for everyone, first timers and advancing performers alike. Don your super suit, flex your muscles and let your imagination run wild as you discover the joys of acting, improv, voice and speech, theater games, and choreography! Develop self-confidence and team spirit! Parents and friends of our students will be invited to enjoy a special workshop presentation that highlights the class show and the skills & techniques our students have learned throughout the course of the season. You have powers, baby!

**Fridays 2:50 - 3:50 Grades 1 - UP**

## KARATE

**Get Physically Fit & Street Safe!**

This course focuses on self-defense, self-discipline and philosophy in the Martial Arts. Students will learn the basics, combination techniques and street safety, including how to recognize dangerous situations and how to avoid them. Designed for beginning to advanced students, our class applies fun, healthy and educational techniques while our students become more self-confident, physically fit and street safe. The Fall Term will end with a demonstration & belt Ceremony.

**Tuesdays 2:50 - 3:50 Gr. 1 - UP**

*** VERY IMPORTANT ***

Parent responsible for class start date and attendance.
To receive class / sign-up confirmation, please call us.
Children must be picked up promptly after class.
NO CLASSES on pupil free days or holidays.
Space is limited. There is a $15 processing fee for refunds.
To drop a course, call BEFORE the second class meeting.
Absolutely NO refunds after the 2nd week has passed.
There are no credits or refunds when children miss class.
Questions? Call **(310) 827-8827**

***Read This!!***

All class presentations are always held during our regular class time and towards the end of the 10 week course.

Parents must call our office for show date information.

- - One child per form! - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - REGISTRATION DEADLINE = SEPT 20 - - - - - - - - -

MAIL: 904 Silver Spur Road #402, Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274 FAX:(310) 827-1310 ONLINE: www.performingartsworkshops.com

Student's Name_____hm phone (  )_____

Address_____

Parent's Name_____wk/cell phone (  )_____

Email_____

[ ] WORDCRAFT FALL Term: 10 classes $135

[ ] DRAMA FALL Term: 10 classes $135

[ ] KARATE FALL Term: 10 classes $135

A great way to remind your child to go to class!! (Only $15)

Checks Payable To: Performing Arts Workshops Ed. Inc. (Not responsible for lost cash)

___VISA ___MC #_____Exp._____cv2_____

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| Course(s) Tuition Total | $_____ |
| [ ] Optional T-Shirt @ *$15.00* ___S ___M ___L | $_____ |
| After school insurance - required | $ 10.00 |
| [ ] Scholarship Request TOTAL DUE | $_____ |

*Tuition is due with the application*

*Parent Signature (permission to attend): _____

**By submitting this form it is understood that I have read and agree to the information regarding dates, rules, refund and company policies. On behalf of my child and myself, I knowingly assume all risks arising from participating in class activities. I certify that I have legal authority to sign this release/waiver of liability, and sign it without duress or coercion.**

CENTER STREET SCHOOL ☐ Initial here to give your child permission to walk / bike home after every class.