

Cougar Communiqué



Cougars CARE: Community, Authenticity, Resilience & Excellence

Dear CSS Families,

It was wonderful seeing so many happy parents at our Back to School Night. We are so fortunate to live in a community that is so involved and supportive of our students and our school. Our first day of staggered Early Bird/Later Gator time went fairly smoothly today. Please remember that, to ensure the safety of our students, all gates are locked between 8:30 am and 2:30 pm. If you plan to arrive or leave campus outside of the 15 minute drop off window you must enter and exit through our main entrance on Center Street. Parent volunteers and any adult who will be on campus during school hours must sign in and out and wear a visitor badge at all times.

Cougars CARE Tip: To include parents in our Cougars CARE (Social Emotional Learning) campaign at CSS, we will be sharing articles and blogs with you throughout the year. For a quick read on the difference between rudeness, meanness and bullying, please use the following link: [A Mighty Girl Blog](#)

Emergency Response Training: All teachers are trained annually to respond to potential emergencies and threats. Students also participate in monthly drills and receive developmentally appropriate training on responding to events, which includes violent intruder response training for 4th and 5th graders. Please see below for the content that our classroom teachers with your children:

- Kindergarten through 3rd grade presentation:
<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Jgzh7bNjU1u6hEv93WBxcVRPg4ZpAdslosNyXDq3qfQ/edit#slide=id.p1>
- 4th through 5th grade presentation:
<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1byEy-zkW6bJhfBjG-CVcxYSQPuadOloETX7b3pR10GM/edit#slide=id.p7>

Siblings on Campus (change): Based on feedback from families of our youngest students, and a willingness of parents to step up as volunteers, CSS will re-open the kindergarten/1st grade playground from 1:45-2:45 pm on Tuesdays-Fridays for a trial period. Please note the following rules:

- Adults who will be on campus for more than 10 minutes must sign in and out in the school office and wear a visitor badge at all times.
- Parent volunteers will staff the playground from 1:45-2:45 pm wearing orange safety vests. No students will be permitted on the playground if volunteers are not present.
- Play will be limited to the kindergarten/1st grade playground. No student or sibling is allowed to play in any other area of campus between 8:15 am and 2:45 pm.
- Campus is closed to families after any dismissal on Monday due to the gardeners' schedule.

- All students must follow all school rules and parents/caregivers are responsible for ensuring that their children play safely and do not climb on walls, trees or tables.
- Bathroom access for families will be in the main office - kindergarten classrooms will be closed.

We will assess the success of this trial period at the end of September to determine if students are safe and families are complying with the guidelines. We hope that these new guidelines will provide a safe and welcoming environment for our school community.

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.

School Gates (reminder): 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.**

Any Interior Decorators? The staff lunch room, "The Bistro", needs an update! Do you have a table and chairs (seating for 6+) that you can donate to our staff room? If so, please email Kristen McCann at kmccann@esud.k12.ca.us. Thank you!

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@esud.k12.ca.us

Counselors Corner (Ms. Klein-Del Rosario): We are off to a great start to the school year. Having fun meeting staff and getting to know families and kiddos. My goal is to share useful resources for you as often as possible. This is a nice, easy to follow link with great tips to help you and your child have a successful transition into or back into school mode!
<http://www.pbs.org/parents/education/going-to-school/starting-school/>

Please check our website at www.centerstreetschool.org for a wealth of information, including upcoming events. My letters and Cougar Communique are always posted on our school website on the "Principal's Message" tab: [About Us: Principal's Message](#). 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/>

- 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: CSS Family Picnic - In & Out Truck 5-6:30 pm
- 9/28: Chat with the Principal 4th & 5th Grade Parents 8:30 am

Please Scroll Down for Flyers and/or access them on our website by clicking on the Bulletin Board link

CSS PTA News

Upcoming things that you need to be aware of!

CSS PTA 1st General Membership Meeting

Please join us for our first general membership meeting on Wednesday, September 17, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the CSS Library. Free babysitting is offered (just RSVP to babysitting@csspta.com). At this first meeting we will be going over the plan for our PTA this year, as well as hearing from a representative from the district about Measure ES, the school bond on this Fall's ballot.

Reflections

Submit your creative masterpiece for **CSS PTA Reflections!** The theme this year is "Heroes Around Me". We welcome entries in art, photography, literature, film, dance and music. Entry forms are in the office. Submissions are due by October 22nd. For more information, please use this link:

<http://csspta.com/programs/reflections-2/>

Brick Fundraiser for the Student Learning Garden

CSS PTA has broken ground on our Learning Garden and we want to make you a part of the foundation that brings the garden together! The brick path will be filled with special dedication bricks from CSS families, El Segundo families and El Segundo businesses who wish to support our garden and leave a little legacy behind for future cougars. Through September 23rd, special commemorative bricks will be on sale at <https://css.myschoolcentral.com>. Please go to <http://csspta.com/fundraisers/cougar-garden/> to see the amazing plans! Bricks are going fast and there is a limited quantity so DON'T WAIT! You can also buy them in person at the Richmond Street Fair on September 22nd.

Spirit Wear!

Make sure to check out the new spirit wear! We have a new look/logo and new apparel/merchandise. Check out the new shirts, hats, tote bags and more! All orders are placed online through our new vendor at: <https://shop.spiritwearhero.com/collections/center> through September 23rd. If you can't wait that long for you student, we will have some limited stock on hand of youth shirts and sweatshirts available at the Richmond Street Fair on Sept 22nd, along with the new merchandise. Come check it out!

Join PTA Today! Once again, do we have a great deal for you. Just \$10 to become a member of the CSS PTA. With the CSS PTA membership you will know that your dollars are going to support our school and students AND you get awesome discounts around El Segundo and with Legoland, Aquarium of the Pacific, Cold Stone Creamery and more! Sign up by going to <https://jointotem.com> or <https://jointotem.com/ca/el-segundo/center-street-school-pta/join/register> (there is a \$1 processing fee) or you can turn in your cash/check into the PTA safe in the front office.

In and Out Back to School Picnic

In and Out Back to School Picnic is happening again this year! Woo hoo! Come join us for a laid back get together on the 2nd grade playground. Thursday, September 27th, 5-7pm. **You MUST pre-order** your In & Out entrée PRIOR to September 23rd. Please order online (<https://css.myschoolcentral.com>) or with check in the safe located in the main office. Burger, chips and drink just \$5! A portion of sales goes to benefit CSS PTA. Also, the CSS PTA membership team will be on site to sell PTA memberships. Everyone who joins at this event will receive a buy one get one free Cold Stone coupon for the Cold Stone truck that will be on site that night! All ice cream treats are \$4 (cash only.) Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and get ready to connect with friends. If you want to come to the party and don't like In & Out burgers, bring your own food! Everyone is welcome to join us for this Back to School gathering.

CSS PTA is looking for a few volunteers. All our Volunteer needs can be found at <http://signup.com/go/CSSPTAVolunteers>

- CSS PTA is looking for lead volunteers for Cougars Run, Honorary Service Awards, Art Docent, the Ice Cream Social auction, to do the newsletter, and to run our website. Please contact CSS PTA president Shalee at president@csspta.com to get more information.
- Our blacktop has been re-paved and we are ready to kick off the recess refresh for 2018! Come join us for our first Recess Refresh-Hopscotch on September 27th during the school lunch hours. Sign up at: <http://signup.com/go/CSSPTAVolunteers>

A few words from our Nutrition Chair:

We are in need of parents to be Nutrition Docents in their students' classrooms. The nutrition program at CSS is for grades K-5. Docents will present 1 nutrition lesson every 9 weeks. The lessons can be coordinated with your child's teacher around your schedules. Each lesson is about 45 minutes including the snack time (which the PTA provides). Students love learning about, and especially eating, healthy food. If you are interested or would like more information please email nutrition@csspta.com

Wondering how you keep up with all that's going on?

Make sure to Like and read our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CenterStreetSchoolPta> AND download our school app. Just look in your iPhone or Android store for Center Street School or Center Street School PTA. Our app will send you reminders on what is coming up, give you quick access to the school calendar, menu, PTA webstore & volunteer page and a quick link to report an absence. There are so many benefits to the app, please download it and explore today! The app is absolutely free.

You can also check out our webpage for information and links to all that is going on! www.csspta.com

Reminders:

- Collect those **Box Tops!** Our first collection will be the week of October 8th. These funds help to support classroom tools for our teachers.
- Remember to **renew your Ralphs Rewards Card!** As of September 1st, your card needs to have the charity renewed. All you have to do is go to ralphs.com!
- Make sure to sign up and **use Smile.amazon.com** when you shop Amazon. It's the same prices, same delivery plans, Amazon just gives a portion of your order to CSS PTA. Just sign up and choose CSS PTA as your charity. It's so easy to send free money to your school to benefit our students and teachers.

Calendar of upcoming events:

September:

Wednesday, September 19th – 6:30-8:00pm – CSS PTA General Membership Meeting in the CSS Library (babysitting will be available for the PTA meeting)

Saturday, September 22nd - come check out our booth at the Richmond Street Kiwanis Fair

Sunday, September 23rd – Garden Brick orders close

Sunday, September 23rd – Spirit Wear orders close

Thursday, September 27th – 5-7pm – In & Out Back to School Picnic

Thursday, September 27th - 11a-1:30p - Recess Refresh- HOPSCOTCH!

October:

Wednesday, October 3rd - National Walk to School Day

Week of October 8th – Box Tops Collection Week! Turn in your Box Tops by Friday to your teacher.

Wednesday, October 17th (8:30 AM)– CSS PTA General Membership Meeting, followed immediately by a
ES School Board Election Candidate Forum

Monday, October 22nd – Reflections submissions due in the front office.

October 22nd-26th - Red Ribbon Week

Sunday, October 28th - Sketchers Walk

Center Street School Spirit Wear



Place Your Spirit Wear Order
by **Sept. 22nd** at midnight

HOW TO ORDER SPIRIT WEAR

1. GO TO SHOP.SPIRITWEARHERO.COM
2. SELECT CENTER STREET ELEMENTARY
3. CHOOSE AND PAY FOR YOUR ITEMS



Center Street Unisex
T-Shirt
Youth and Adult
\$12



Center Street Unisex
Baseball Tee
Youth and Adult
\$20



Center Street Sport-
Tek Mesh Shirt
Youth and Adult
Available in Red &
Gray
\$20



Center Street Zip Up
Hoodie
Youth and Adult
\$28



Center Street
Unisex Hoodie
Youth and Adult
\$28



Center Street New Era®
Ladies Heritage Blend
3/4-Sleeve Baseball
Raglan Tee
\$20



Center Street District®
Women's V.I.T.
™ Gathered Back Tank
\$18.00



Center Street
Women's V-Neck
\$20

*Items in shaded area
only available during
"on campus" sales
and at Richmond
Street Fair*



COUGARS

Car Magnet
\$5



Canvas Tote
\$25



CSS Sport-Tek® Flat
Bill Snapback Cap
\$22



CSS Trucker Hat
Snapback
\$22

The theme for this year's
CENTER STREET SCHOOL PTA's
Reflections Program is...

COLD STONE
Free Cold Stone Ice
Cream coupon for
every student that
enters!!



**WIN Gift
Card Prizes!!**

Create a masterpiece about the "Heroes Around me" today!
Entries from all grades and all abilities are being accepted in the
following categories:

- Literature
- Visual Arts
- Dance Choreography
- Photography
- Music Composition
- Film Production

Just fill out an entry form (in the office or online at
<http://csspta.com/programs/reflections-2/>) and submit your one of a kind
creation (in the office).

All entries must be received by
Monday, October 22nd!

Questions?: Reflections@csspta.com

PAVE THE PATCH



**BUY A BRICK.
BUILD OUR
GARDEN.**

4x8 Bricks \$100

8x8 Bricks \$200

Our Cougar Patch is well underway! Buy a brick and leave a lasting impression by engraving your family name, your children's names or any message of love. All proceeds from our brick fundraiser go toward the construction and maintenance of our garden now and for years to come! For more info or to order a brick, visit our school website centerstreetschool.org or css.myschoolcentral.com

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The Fair

PRESENTED BY EL SEGUNDO
Kiwanis

ON RICHMOND STREET
Saturday, September 22, 2018
IN DOWNTOWN EL SEGUNDO

JOIN US FROM 9AM - 5PM
FOOD - GAMES - CRAFT BOOTHS - KIDS ZONE - BEER GARDEN
LIVE MUSIC & SCHOOL GROUPS

The Fair on Richmond Street is not affiliated with ESUSD.

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.

ONLINE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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

Please go to: <http://centerstretelementarymusic.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

Bringing the Community Together



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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