

# Cougar Communiqué



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

Dear CSS Families,

Great News! Two CSS teachers, Ms. Sandowicz and Ms. Kim have been selected to present at this summer's National Cognitively Guided Instruction (CGI) Conference in Minneapolis, MN! Their presentation is titled **The Power of Conferring: Moves That Support Mathematical Thinking**, and will address how noticing and listening to students during conferring reveal possible next questions that teachers can ask to nudge student thinking. They will be sharing their knowledge and experience with educators from the US and abroad on how data can be collected through conferring with students that will inform instructional decisions for number talks, partner and whole group share outs, and ultimately foster student thinking along the continuum of understanding in order to provide equitable opportunities for learners. We could not be more proud of these outstanding Center Street teachers!

**Attendance Matters!** We hope you enjoyed time with your family over the winter break. As a partner in education we appreciate your involvement and collaboration for the success of your child. We are asking all parents to help us ensure the regular, on-time attendance of their children at school. We monitor attendance closely because research has shown that regular attendance is vital for the success of children in school. California law states that absences are excused only if the child is ill or there is an excuse which meets the requirements of the California *Education Code* Section 48205. Even excused absences that cause your child to miss significant amounts of school can cause your child to fall behind in class.

***Education Code Section 48260 defines a truant as a pupil who has missed more than 30 minutes on three days without valid excuse in one school year.*** Our goal is to have all children present in school every day and on time. Our district's policy is that we may require verification of absences due to illness or quarantine, if your child has missed school for three consecutive days. Please be aware that going "out of town" when school is in session with your child is an unexcused absence.

At Richmond Street and Center Street Schools, we will work very hard with you to ensure that your child receives the best education possible. We are depending on you, and we want to thank you for entrusting us with your child. To provide your child with an outstanding education, your child must maintain excellent attendance. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at [310-615-2676](tel:310-615-2676)

Sincerely,

Alice Lee  
Principal, Richmond Street

Martha Monahan  
Principal, Center Street

**Green Tip of the Week:** Save money and the planet by using flour sack towels instead of paper towels for all but the *really messy* jobs at home. They are inexpensive, easy to find, and may be washed with the laundry that you are already doing! They may also be used as napkins, in bread baskets, for covering rising dough...and the list goes on... If you have a green tip for this newsletter - please send it my way and I will share with our community. Cougars CARE!

**Help for Mental Health or Addiction Issues:** While the holidays offer joy for many, it can also be a particularly difficult time for those struggling with mental health or addiction issues. We wanted to remind our El Segundo Families of our Care Solace resource. This online tool provides vetted resources for parents looking for treatment for family members for mental health or addiction issues. Please go to: [caresolace.com/elsegundoparents](http://caresolace.com/elsegundoparents)

We are also pleased to announce the roll out of **ESUSD Families Connected**. This web space, sponsored in part by Reach Out Against Drugs, offers an array of vetted resources for parents on many mental health topics pertinent to El Segundo and South Bay parents. Access the site here: : <https://www.southbayfamiliesconnected.org/esusd>

**Talent Show Audition Sign-ups:** It's almost that time of year again....time for Center Street to show off all of its amazing talent!! If you have a student who would like to perform in our show this year the sign-ups will be in the front office February 4th-8th. The try-outs will be held on March 14th and 15th. Sign up early to have first pick of dates and times. Every year we have had a wait list and that is not a guarantee that you will be seen, but we will try to make it work. We look forward to seeing all the amazing talent here at Center Street.

### **Cougars CARE!**

Martha Monahan  
Principal

Grace Long  
Assistant Principal



<http://www.esedf.org/>

- 1/28: Minimum Day Monday
- 1/30: 5th grade panoramic picture at 8:30 am
- 1/30: Choir Field Trip
- 2/1: World Read Aloud Day

- 2/1: Scripps Spelling Bee Finals 8:30 am
- 2/1: Ed! Guys Night Out
- 2/1: Report cards distributed
- 2/1: PTA Gifting Committee 3 pm in room 32
- 2/2: Daddy Daughter Dance
- 2/4: Minimum Day Monday
- 2/5: 5th Grade trip to Riley's Farm
- 2/5: School Tour 9:30 am
- 2/5: Earthquake Drill at 1:30 p
- 2/6: Family Wellness Night 6-8 pm
- 2/7: Kindergarten Lunar New Year Parade 9:30 am
- 2/11: Presidents' Day
- 2/12: Jump rope for Heart
- 2/12: ESUSD Board Meeting 7 pm
- 2/18: Presidents' Day II
- 2/20: PTA Reflections Reception 6 pm
- 2/20: PTA Meeting 7 pm
- 2/22: 3rd grade toy and book sale for CASE
- 2/22: Career Day student council spirit day
- 2/22: 4th grade field trip to Broad Stage
- 2/23: Kiwanis garden volunteer day 9 am - 1 pm Please join the team!
- 2/25: Minimum Day Monday
- 2/26: ESUSD Board Meeting (RULER presentation)
- 3/1: Read Across America Celebration (cafeteria)



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CSS PTA News

**Daddy Daughter Dance**

Daddy Daughter Dance tickets are now on sale! Please save the date of February 2nd, 6:30-9pm for the CSS & RSS PTA's Daddy Daughter Dance. This year the event will be held at Richmond Street School. Buy your tickets at: <https://css.myschoolcentral.com> \$25/couple, + \$5 per extra sibling. This event is only

open to CSS and RSS students and their significant male/father figure (father, grandfather, uncle, etc). Your ticket includes refreshments, desserts, photo booth, and other fun activities.

**Volunteers are needed to help support this event.** Please sign up at:  
<http://signup.com/go/DaddyDaughterDance2019> for a night of special memories for our students.

### **Honorary Service Award Nominations needed!!**

Please tell CSS PTA who your superstar is!! We are looking to honor anyone who supports our school and students. Our hero volunteers, business sponsors, teachers, and administrative staff do an amazing job – so please honor them by taking 5 minutes to fill out this form:

<https://goo.gl/forms/LDrOcbviCk7YCtuY2> Nominations are due by February 13<sup>th</sup>!

### **Save the date for our first ever CSS PTA FREE Health & Wellness Night!**

Now before you think this isn't a kid friendly event... Well it is! There will be games and activities for kids. Lots of FREE give-aways!! And great information on food, fitness and fun!! There will be fun for the whole family. Free food, snack, and drink samplers, arts and crafts, kids' yoga, Coach Derek and more! Save the date for the evening of February 6<sup>th</sup> for this FREE CSS PTA Sponsored event!

And BONUS!!! The Health & Wellness Night is a passport theme, so if kids go to all the stations and get heart stickers and fill their passport they get a free homework pass/teacher's choice coupon.

The Health and Wellness Night is also looking for volunteers. Please help kick off this first ever event:  
<http://signup.com/go/CSSHealthandWellnessNight2019>

### **Cougars Run!**

The miles are racking up for the new Cougars Run 2.0 during lunch recess!! During the Cougars Run, TK-5 will have the opportunity to run/walk around a designated 'track'. As they log laps and miles, they will earn Toe Tokens to proudly wear on a chain necklace.

What days of the week is Cougars Run? Any day you can volunteer! We will adjust to your schedule.

To make this program a success, we need parent involvement! At this time, the lead for the upper grades has taken a job, so can no longer help. Please sign up to volunteer! For more details & to sign up, click below.

<http://signup.com/go/cougarsrunlowergrades>

<http://signup.com/go/cougarsrunuppergrades>

### **Gifting Committee meeting**

January is the time of the year when CSS PTA collects recommendations for things in the classroom and around campus that we can put the extra money to good use for! Do you see something that needs to be fixed? Improved? Wish the students had something on the playground or in the classroom? There are 3 ways you can give us your input.

1) Please send us your suggestions! Email them to [giving@csspta.com](mailto:giving@csspta.com).

2) Or you can fill out the survey to see what is already being considered:

<https://goo.gl/forms/ZjdCBxHvbcrSe92D2> There is also an open ended question to add your own ideas.

3) You can send us your name ([giving@csspta.com](mailto:giving@csspta.com)) to be involved in the gifting committee. The gifting committee will meet on 2/1 for 2-3 hours after school. We will listen to input from teachers, administrators, and parents on what projects/requests should take priority.

### **CSS PTA is looking for a few volunteers.**

All our Volunteer needs can be found at <http://signup.com/go/CSSPTAVolunteers>

- Committees that are looking for volunteers are: Grades of Green.
- Volunteers by classroom are needed for Character Counts, Safety Patrol, Nutrition, and Cougars Run
- Want to volunteer, but can't find the program you are looking for? Reach out to [volunteers@csspta.com](mailto:volunteers@csspta.com) – Nicole is in the know and can hook you up!

### **5<sup>th</sup> grade parents – El Segundo Middle School PTSA needs your help!**

ESMS PTSA is looking to start putting together its PTSA team for the 2019-2020 school year. If you are interested in getting involved as a chair or executive board member (please know that these positions are much less time consuming than at elementary school), please contact Gwen Lipsey at [cssptapresident@gmail.com](mailto:cssptapresident@gmail.com). Your help on the board would be very welcomed. Thank you for your support!

### **Join CSS PTA Today!**

Just \$10 to become a member of the CSS PTA. Your membership helps to support classroom supplies for our teachers and you get PTA discounts! 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 in the office. Thank you for supporting our school!

### **CSS PTA's Grades of Green**

Want to help the world and get the added bonus of seeing your child at lunchtime?

We are in need of parents to be No-Trash Tuesday volunteers! The No-Trash Tuesday program at CSS is for students TK-5. Volunteers will go to the cafeteria from 11:10-1:00 twice a month on a Tuesday. Grades TK-2 get their hands stamped if they are trash free or they bring or buy a completely recyclable lunch. Grades 3-5 get a tally mark added for each student who brings a completely trash free meal. After a few weeks of collecting data, the classroom with the most tallies wins a popsicle party. We've already had two popsicle parties this year! If you are interested or would like more information please email [green@csspta.com](mailto:green@csspta.com).

## **Calendar of upcoming events**

### **January**

- January 29th - Jog-a-thon Presley Party during school

### **February**

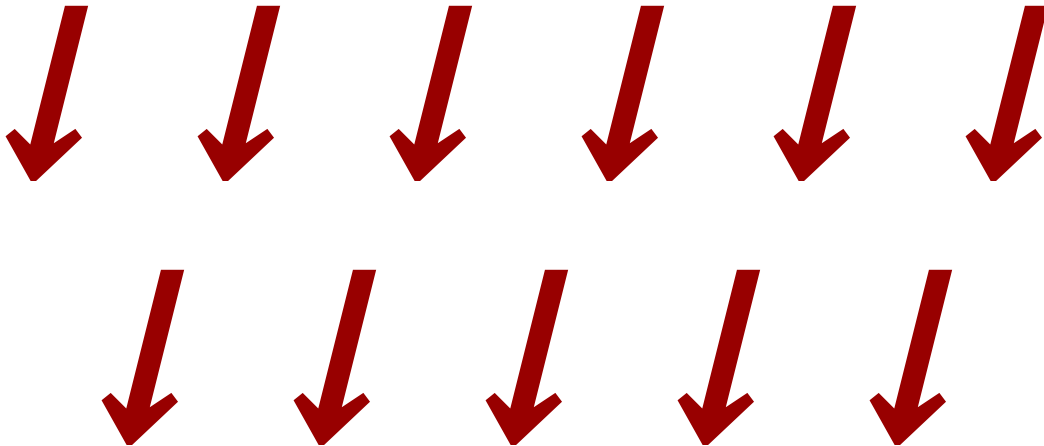
- February 1st - CSS PTA Gifting Committee Meeting
- February 2nd - Daddy Daughter Dance at RSS! Tickets on sale NOW!! Get yours today!  
<https://css.myschoolcentral.com>
- February 6th – FREE CSS PTA Health & Wellness Night, 6-8pm
- February 12th - Jump Rope for Heart
- February 13th – Honorary Service Award Nominations Due
- February 14th - Recess Refresh - join us for teaching students how to jump rope!

- February 20th - Reflections Celebration!! Join us to celebrate our CSS students who submitted Reflections projects. The event is on Weds., 2/20 at 6-7pm in the cafeteria. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- February 20th - February General Membership Meeting on Weds., 2/20/19 at 7pm (right after the Reflections event) in the CSS library. FREE Childcare will be provided – email [babysitting@csspta.com](mailto:babysitting@csspta.com)
- February 23rd - Kiwanis Garden Work Day, 9am - 2pm in the CSS PTA Cougar Garden.

On the Horizon

- We haven't forgotten! Look out for information to come on S.T.O.M.P. (Sons Take Out Mom Party/Mother & Son event on April 13th)) and the Mother/Daughter event (March 22nd), as well as CSS' STEM Event!! We also have a Motivational Speaker lined up for the Spring for students and parents. As you can see, more fun is coming in March and April, so be on the lookout!

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All hard work brings a profit,  
but mere talk leads only to  
poverty. Proverb 14:23



Prepare to  
compete at USC  
June 29th, 2019

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE!  
First come, first served!

SCHOOL: Center Street  
START DATE: 1/30

Registration OPENS 1/01/19

PUT ON YOUR THINKING CAPS THE CHESS TUTORS ARE BACK!

### SESSIONS, LOCATION TIME & COST?

- S1: 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20  
S2: 4/10, 4/17, 4/24, 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29  
S3: 6/5, 6/12 GMG Prep - Pro-rated  
S4: \_\_\_\_\_  
S5: Camp Chess Tutors Extravaganza June 17th (Location TBA)  
S6: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: **Meet in Rm 32**  
Time: **Wednesdays 2:50-3:50PM**  
Cost Per Session: **\$140 Limited Spaces Available**

This includes 8 academic chess lessons, our New e-score booklet and party finale. Students will also compete in a Battle of the Minds Chess Tournament on the Final Day.

### HARD WORK PAYS OFF

HARD WORK & GOOD ATTENDANCE WILL BE REWARDED!

Awards also will be granted to our 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners!

### WHY LEARN CHESS?

Learning chess may seem like just a fun & games yet studies have shown learning chess greatly enhance a child's educational experience and improves academic performance.



### RESEARCH PROVES

- C hess raises test scores
- H ighlights cognition
- E nhances mental discipline
- S timulates creative & analytical brain activity
- S upports & enhances intellectual endeavors



- REGISTER ONLINE TODAY @ CHESSTUTORS.ORG. TO ENROLL**
- Our program is offered on a first come, first served basis, so registering on-line is recommended. Our New Score e-Book can now be downloaded & printed. Upon completing the registration process ON-LINE, you will receive an access code with a link to download and print a FREE copy.
  - TO REGISTER USING CASH or CHECK: Fill out & place the bottom portion of this flyer in an envelop along with a payment of \$140 & either leave it at your school office, hand it to the Program Manager on the first day of class or mail it to our office address listed below. Make all checks payable to Chess Tutors. Upon receiving your payment we will send you a link for you to complete the registration process (i.e. sign on-line waivers etc.-). Lastly, prior to registering, please consider your schedule thoroughly as our system is not set-up to offer refunds, only credit toward future sessions (see our policy link below for details).

### CONTACT

OFFICE: 323 251 7010 ADDRESS: 8939 S. Sepulveda Blvd, Suite 110/771 LA CA 90045 EMAIL: gm@chesstutors.org

I give my child permission to participate in the Chess Tutors after school program at: Center from 1/30/2019 - 3/20/2019

Bubble in the Tournament level your child should compete in on final week:  Beginner  Intermediate  Advanced

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_ Hm #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_



All students must be picked up within 5 minutes of class dismissal, otherwise students will be taken to the main office.  
We recommend that you read our policy before registering: [www.chesstutors.org/policies-and-procedures.html](http://www.chesstutors.org/policies-and-procedures.html)



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



\* WINTER TERM BEGINS THE WEEK OF: JAN 21st ~ CHILDREN MEET OUR TEACHERS IN THE CAFETERIA \*

## WORLD of WORDCRAFT

### A DEBATE CLUB 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

## Hogwarts School Musical

### ALL ABOARD THE HOGWARTS EXPRESS!

Join us after school and shine on stage as you bring to life your favorite characters from the Harry Potter universe in our original play, HOG WARTS SCHOOL MUSICAL! This class has something for everyone, first timers and advancing performers alike. Don your wizarding robe and let your imagination run wild as you discover the joys of acting, improv, voice, speech, theater games and choreography! Develop self-confidence and team spirit! Families 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 season. Hogwarts is back in session, so get out your wands...let the magic begin!

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 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 = JAN 18 -----  
**MAIL:** 904 Silver Spur Road #402, Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274 **FAX:** (310) 827-1310 **ONLINE:** [www.performingartsworkshops.com](http://www.performingartsworkshops.com)

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ hm phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ wk/cell phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] WORDCRAFT Winter/Spring Term: 10 classes \$135

[ ] DRAMA Winter/Spring Term: 10 classes \$135

[ ] KARATE Winter/Spring Term: 10 classes \$135



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

Course(s) Tuition Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] Optional T-Shirt @ \$15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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After school insurance - required \$ 10.00

[ ] Scholarship Request TOTAL DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Tuition is due with the application*

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

VISA MC # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ cv2 \_\_\_\_\_

\*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.





**SOUTH BAY YOUTH SPORTS**

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PLAY SAFE**



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# **SPRING 2019 FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

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**BOYS & GIRLS | K-8TH GRADE  
EARLY BIRD \$170 BY DEC. 15  
\$200 AFTER THRU FEB. 1**

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Season kicks off March 3, 2019  
Practices @ Campus El Segundo  
Athletic Fields

Team registrations available

**BUILDING ATHLETES OF  
TOMMOROW!**



Register @  
[www.SouthBayYouthSports.org](http://www.SouthBayYouthSports.org)

South Bay Youth Sports (EIN 26-1136976) is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) youth sports organization. Proud member of the El Segundo Youth Sports Council. SBYS is not affiliated with ESUSD.