



Center Street School - 700 Center Street - El Segundo, CA 90245 - 310 615-2676

August 14, 2018

Dear Center Street Families,,

Welcome to Center Street School for the 2018-2019 school year! We hope you are thoroughly enjoying your final days of summer adventures with family and friends and that it was rejuvenating and relaxing. I don't know about you, but this summer seemed to go by extremely fast. It is hard to believe that the school year begins next week.

Powerschool Online Registration

Powerschool generated an email with a link and code, which should have been received in your email to complete registration for your child online. (Please check your spam/junk folder if you have not yet received the email.) Up-to-date contact information is essential to us so that we may keep you informed of what is happening in our school community and so that we may contact you in the event of an emergency. If your address has changed recently, you must provide current proof of residence to Laurie Meyer (lmeyer@esUSD.k12.ca.us) in our Educational Services office at 641 Sheldon Avenue. **Your online registration must be completed no later than Tuesday, August 28th.**

Visitor Policy (note changes)

To maintain a safe and secure school campus, please follow the following visitor protocols:

- *All volunteers MUST bring a photo ID and report to the front office to sign in and obtain a visitor's badge.*
- Office Personnel will be checking with teachers to ensure that visitors are expected in the classroom.
- All families are asked to promptly depart after drop-off at 8:20 am or 9:20 am

Playdate on the Playground hosted by PTA - Tuesday, August 28, 3pm - 5pm:

Please join Center Street School's Parent Teacher Association (PTA) for a Back to School Picnic on Tuesday, August 28th, 2018 from 3pm - 5pm on the Kindergarten/1st grade playground. Connect with old friends and meet new ones before the first day of school on Wednesday! Detailed information will follow from our PTA (Scroll down for the PTA Newsletter)

First Day of School – Wednesday, August 29: Minimum Day Schedule

- Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten: Parents and students attend class for an orientation from 9:00am-10:00am only. TK/Kinder students' "official" full day will be Thursday, August 30th.
- 1st / 2nd Grades: 8:20 am – 12:50 pm

- 3rd/4th/5th Grades: 8:20 am – 1:30 pm

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)

Back to School Night is Thursday, September 13, 5pm - 8pm

More detailed information and the schedule will be available in late August.

For any additional questions or information, please check our school's website:

www.centerstreetschool.org.

We greatly appreciate the level of trust that you have in us to educate your child and thank you for your help and support. We look forward to seeing you next week and wish you an enjoyable and productive 2018-2019 school year.

Martha Monahan
Principal

Grace Long
Assistant Principal

PTA News:

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! As part of the decorative (yet functional) design, our architects have included the opportunity for a brick path through the garden. This 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. Beginning August 29th and continuing through September 23rd, special commemorative bricks will be on sale. Please go to <http://csspta.com/fundraisers/cougar-garden/> to see the amazing plans and check back once school begins to purchase your piece of CSS history!

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> Online sales begin August 29th and continue 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 the first day of school, along with the new merchandise. Come check it out!

Welcome Back Coffee

Drop off your student(s) and join us in the quad for a little Back to School coffee on Wednesday, August 29th, from 8:30-10:30am. Catch up with friends that you haven't seen over the summer and find out what is happening on campus in the next few months. Coffee and treats will be available!

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://css.myschoolcentral.com>

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. 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 will be at the Richmond Street Fair. We are looking for 2-3 volunteers to talk to people about PTA membership, sell our cool merchandise and run the game for the kids.
- CSS PTA is looking for lead volunteers for Grades of Green, Cougars Run, 5th grade rep, Honorary Service Awards, art docent, Ice Cream Social, the Ice Cream Social auction, 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

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.

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:

Tuesday, August 28th – 3-6pm - Party on the Playground

Wednesday, August 29th – 8:30-10:30am – Welcome Back Coffee in the Quad

Thursday, September 13th - 5:00-7:30 PM - Back to School Night!

Wednesday, September 19th – 6:30-8:00pm – CSS PTA General Membership Meeting in the CSS Library

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

Sunday, September 23rd – Garden Brick orders close

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