

# Cougar Communiqué



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

Dear CSS Families,

It's beginning to feel like fall and we are gearing up for our annual costume parade at CSS. As you plan ahead, please remember that our school has the following guidelines to keep the atmosphere safe and fun for all:

- Students will be allowed to wear their costumes to school for the parade. Your child's safety is our first concern. We urge you to guide their selection of costumes and costume accessories in a manner that will assure their own vision and their visibility to others.
- To minimize the chance of injury to other students, children may not wear masks that cover their entire face nor may they bring replica weapons. In selecting costumes that are safe, non-offensive, and non-violent, you are taking an active role in your child's safety and well-being. Please refrain from frightening costumes - (no scary clowns)!
- After the parade is finished, students in grades 1st - 5th will be asked to change out of their costumes into regular clothes. Please have a change of clothing prepared for your child, either in their backpacks or underneath their costumes. TK and kindergarten students may remain in their costumes if they choose to do so - but consider the ease of using the bathroom and playing on the playground as you make decisions for our littlest cougars.

Let's make this the best and safest parade ever!

**Cougars CARE enough to help other kids:** To continue our focus on social- emotional learning at Center Street we will be bringing back our long time tradition of kids helping kids by Trick or Treating for UNICEF. This program was established after WWII to support children around the world who are not as fortunate as we are in El Segundo. Please let friends and neighbors know that CSS cougars will be collecting loose change in collaboration with our student council. For additional information on this program please use this link: [trick-or-treat for UNICEF](#)

**National Walk to School Wednesday:** Join us Wednesday October 10 for National Walk to School Day! Our Grades of Green committee is encouraging the Center Street student body to show its love for Planet Earth by walking to school that day...or scooting, biking, or multi-family carpooling—really, just doing anything that is a step towards being green!

Students participating will receive a stamp and a raffle ticket from one of our Green Team members as they walk onto school campus—just look for the Green Team in the front or back of school on Wednesday morning after 8:05am.

Thanks in advance for your support of National Walk to School Day!

**Campus Security:** We have a tentative date for the installation of the fencing in the front of the school! It is expected that installation will be complete by November 23rd. Stay tuned for updates.

**Apple Watches at School:** We are having some challenges with distraction caused by students using Apple Watches during class. The rules for these devices are similar to those for cell phones - they may not be used during school hours (8:20-2:45). Consequences for use at school are as follows: First offence: warning. Second offence: teacher holds device for parents to pick up. Third offence: device goes to school administration and the student may not bring device to school for a period of time to be determined by administration. Additionally, CSS is not responsible for the loss or theft of any electronic device brought to school. Thank you for your support in keeping our students focused on learning!

**Emergency Notification System:** As you all heard at Back to School Night, I have been working on updating the text message system so that all families may be notified as quickly as possible in the event of an emergency or other event that impacts our school. The cell phone numbers that were provided by parents during registration have been put into our school messenger system this week and I will be sending a test message out on Friday. You may receive an "opt in" message. Please reply YES so that you may continue to receive notifications from our school. If you do not receive a text on Friday, please come to the school office next week at your convenience so that we may troubleshoot with you. Our goal is to have the ability to quickly connect with every parent/guardian to share information.

**Calling all readers!** We hope you will participate in our first annual Literacy Lanterns! Here is what you will do:

1. Choose a favorite book character.
2. Pick out a perfect pumpkin.
3. Decorate your pumpkin to look like that favorite character.
4. Bring your pumpkin to the CSS Library between October 3rd and October 26th.
5. Include an index card, attached to your pumpkin, with your first and last name, grade and teacher.

All Literacy Lanterns will be displayed in the CSS Library during the month of October. Winners will be chosen to help lead the Halloween Parade on October 31st, here at CSS!



Please check our website at [www.centerstreetschool.org](http://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/>

- 10/4: PTA Executive Board Meeting

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- 10/8: Picture Day Make-ups
- 10/8: Minimum Day Monday
- 10/9: ESUSD School Board Meeting
- 10/10: National Walk to School Day
- 10/10: Kindergarten Fire Truck Visit
- 10/12: Jogathon Kick-off assemblies during lunch
- 10/15: Minimum Day Monday
- 10/17: PTA Meeting & Candidates Forum 9:30-11 am in the Cafeteria
- 10/18: Great Southern California ShakeOut at 10:18 am
- 10/22-26: Red Ribbon Week
- 10/22: Minimum Day Monday
- 10/23: ESUSD Board Meeting 7 pm (CSS SOS Presentation)
- 10/29: ESHS Halloween Assembly
  - TK-1: 9:25-9:45
  - 2-3: 9:55-10:15
  - 4-5: 10:20-10:40
- 10/29: Minimum Day Monday
- 10/31: Halloween Parade at 8:30 am
- 11/1: Pupil Free Day (the tired and over-sugared kids can sleep in...)



*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!

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#### **Jog-a-thon**

Mark your calendars - this year's Jog-a-thon is scheduled for Thursday, November 8th! We kickoff the fundraising on Friday, October 12th. We need volunteers for jobs of all sizes. Please visit <http://signup.com/go/CSSJogathon2018> or the CSS app under 'Volunteer' to sign-up to help! And keep an eye out for the registration packets after the kick-off!

#### **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 22<sup>nd</sup>. For more information, please use this link: <http://csspta.com/programs/reflections-2/>

#### **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 in the office.

#### **Cougars Run!**

Cougars Run 2.0 kicks off the 1st week in October! During lunch recess, 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.

To make this program a success, we need parent involvement! Any questions please contact [run@csspta.com](mailto:run@csspta.com)

For more details & to sign up, click below:

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

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

We have implemented the EZscan program through Fitness Finders this year for the whole school. Volunteers will be needed to help scan the student's QR code wrist bracelets & make sure the cards are filed properly after they are done running/walking.

TK/K/1st: Fridays 11:30-12:40, possibly some Tuesdays (TBD)

2nd-5th: Monday & Thursday 11:30-1:15

### **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, Jog-a-thon, and Father/Son Event
- Volunteers by classroom are needed for Character Counts, Safety Patrol, Nutrition, and Cougars Run
- CSS PTA is looking for lead volunteers for Honorary Service Awards, the Ice Cream Social auction, to do the newsletter, and to run our website. Please contact CSS PTA president Shalee at [president@csspta.com](mailto: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 Recess Refresh. 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](mailto:nutrition@csspta.com)

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### **Save the date! Father Son Event!**

Save the Date for the Father Son Movie Night on Friday, October 12th at 6pm. There will be dinner, popcorn and lots of fun! Tickets on sale this week at <https://css.myschoolcentral.com> (presale only)

### **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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup>, your card needs to have the charity renewed. All you have to do is go to [ralphs.com](http://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**

#### **October:**

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

Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> - National Walk to School Day

Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> – Jog-a-thon kick off

Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> – Father/Son Event

Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> – CSS PTA General Membership Meeting (8:30am-9am)

Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> – El Segundo School Board Candidates Forum (9am – 10:30am)

Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> – Reflections submissions due in the front office.

October 22nd-26th - Red Ribbon Week

Sunday, October 28th - Skechers Friendship Walk – sign up at: <http://www.skechersfriendshipwalk.com>

Wednesday, October 31st - Halloween Parade

Thursday, November 1st - NO SCHOOL - teacher inservice day





# BASKETBALL CAMP

Open to boys and girls in grades 1 – 6, no previous experience necessary!

**\$100 PER CAMP SESSION**

(only 50 spots available per session)

session #1

**THURSDAY**

November 1st / 8:00am – 3:00pm

session #2

**MONDAY**

November 12th / 8:00am – 3:00pm

**CAMP WILL BE HELD AT ESHS IN THE NORTH GYM OFF OAK AVENUE**

**WHAT TO BRING:** Water, Snack, Lunch, Basketball

**WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:** Camp will focus on: all fundamental offensive and defensive skills and the transfer of those skills to game play and competition.

**HOW TO SIGN UP:** Fill out form below and return with payment to ESHS Girls' Basketball, c/o John Peterson, 640 Main Street, El Segundo, 90245

- Cash
- Check (made out to "ESHS Girls' Basketball")
- Online <https://gofan.co/app/events/36676> (\$5 fee for online payment)

Contact John Peterson ([john.peterson@shoot360.com](mailto:john.peterson@shoot360.com)) with any questions

The camp is a fundraiser for the **El Segundo High School Girls' Basketball team**, and all players in the program will serve as coaches. The camp director is ESHS head coach John Peterson. "JP" has coached over 25 years on the collegiate level (LMU, U. of San Francisco, Metro State and Ohlone College), is a member of the California Community College Coaches Hall of Fame and the Metro State Hall of Fame (2000 NCAA National Champions) and has conducted camps and clinics worldwide for the past two decades.

SESSION (check all that apply):  NOVEMBER 1ST  NOVEMBER 12TH

CHILD'S NAME

GRADE LEVEL

PARENT'S NAME

EMAIL

PHONE NUMBER

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME

PHONE NUMBER

**PARENT CONSENT:** I hereby give my child consent to attend the El Segundo Basketball Camp. I agree to release El Segundo High School and its staff from liability for any claim of damages from injury or illness they may sustain during the basketball camp.

PARENT SIGNATURE

DATE