

Cougar Communiqué



Cougars CARE: Community, Authenticity, Resilience & Excellence

Dear CSS Families,

People say that Southern California has no seasons. Those of us who live here know that this is far from the truth: we have all four seasons - they simply all occur during January and February! We are trying to keep everyone healthy so please remember to check the weather and send your kids to school with appropriate layers at this time of year. Check the lost and found too - your child may have shed a layer or two on the playground.

Read Across America Day: CSS will celebrate Read Across America Day on Friday, March 1st! Students will recite a reading pledge and participate in other schoolwide activities such as a bookmark contest. Students may also come to school dressed as their favorite book character.

If you are interested in volunteering with Mrs. McCann for a Literacy Fair being held in the cafeteria during the school day on March 1st, please contact her at kmccann@esUSD.k12.ca.us. Also, if you would like to donate any brand new books to auction off during the day to our students, please drop them by the reading lab. Thank you!

Kids Heart Challenge: In the spirit of Valentine's Day and February being National Heart Month, so our school proud to kick off our Kids Heart Challenge program (previously known as Jump Rope for Heart) with the American Heart Association. This community service program teaches our students how to have HAPPY and HEALTHY hearts, challenging them to make a health pledge online and encouraging students to raise lifesaving donations to help fund CPR trainings and critical research to help local families with special hearts.

[CLICK HERE](#) to hear from our very own Heart Hero from Center Street, Michael Ehlers (4th Grade) and his sister Grace, to learn why we should all get involved today!

Register here, under Center Street Elementary: <http://www2.heart.org/goto/centerstreet> OR download our free APP by searching Kids Heart Challenge in your app store on your phone or tablet. You can earn a glow in the dark members-only wristband just for registering, which we want 100% of our students to do before our event!

Kickoff Assembly: February 12th during lunch

Kids Heart Challenge: March 4th-8th

CLIPPERS FAN EXPERIENCE - Top 10 Fundraising Students over \$150 by February 18th will stand on the court of the Staples Center with the NBA Players during the National Anthem at the Clippers Game on Monday, February 25th! ** Clippers Experiences include 2 tickets to the game for a \$20 fee to the Clippers **

School Goal: Raise \$6,000

- Class with the most kids registered online to take the health challenge will get a popsicle party!
- Top Fundraiser in each grade will each a Finn Pillow!

Hot Shots Tennis: Hot Shots Tennis Academy is a local family owned business. The founder and managing director Rob Gurden has been coaching tennis at the highest levels for over 25 years running tennis academies, working with professional players as well as spending the last five years as a collegiate coach most recently at LMU. Their focus is on developing a strong athletic base as well as building solid tennis technique from the ground up. They have a 5 -1 ratio of players to coaches and utilize music, games and prizes to create an enjoyable experience for everyone. No need to purchase a tennis racquet as they will provide one for your child along with all the necessary equipment to learn the game of tennis. If you're looking for a great introduction to tennis check them out! For more information check out their website HOTSHOTSTENNIS.ORG or shoot them an email at admin@hotshotstennis.org.

Classes are available at the following times:

Monday 1:50 – 2:50 p.m.

Cost: \$175 for 7 week session

Dates: February 25 – April 15, 2019 (No Class April 1)

Enrollment is open throughout the school year and pricing is prorated.

Green Tip of the Week: Save the ocean and yourself from struggling with those paper straws with easy to clean and fancy stainless steel straws! They are easy to throw into your bag and make you look SO eco-conscious! Here is a link at Amazon (sign in at Amazon smile to give a little back to CSS too): https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B07JDPF358/ref=oh_aui_search_asin_title?ie=UTF8&psc=1

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

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/esud>

Talent Show Audition Try-outs: 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
- 2/12: ESUSD Board Meeting 7 pm
- 2/13: ELAC Meeting at 9 am
- 2/18: Presidents' Day II - No school
- 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)

Academy By Ed! is Now Registering for Winter Sessions: Academy By Ed!'s Winter/Spring Classes are now available. Sign up today for these enriching programs designed to inspire and cultivate hands on experiences and skills. Space is limited. Complete details and registration is available at:

www.ESEdF.org/academy

- Curious Kids - GATE Recommended - Session 1
 - Instructor: Danielle Flynn and Tyler Murray
 - Location: CSS Science Lab/Room 10 - the STEM room
 - Date: 2/21/18 - 3/28/18 Wednesdays
 - Time: 3:00 - 4:00 pm

- Grades: 4th - 5th grade
- Cooking - Only Session
 - Instructors: Kim Wood
 - Location: El Segundo High School Cafeteria
 - Date: 2/21/18 - 3/28/18 Wednesdays
 - Time: 3:30 - 5:30 pm
 - Grades: 4th - 8th grade
- Ceramics (Elementary) - Only Session - GATE Recommended
 - Instructor: Nicole Adams
 - Location: ESHS Art Room
 - Date: 2/22/18 - 3/29/18 Thursdays
 - Time: 3:00 - 4:00 pm
 - Grades: 3rd - 5th grade



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CSS PTA News

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 22nd!

5th grade parents – Yearbooks on sale now!

5th grade yearbooks are on sale right now for just \$20 at: <https://css.myschoolcentral.com> The only way to get a yearbook is to purchase one right now. Extras will not be ordered. Please order yours today.

5th 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. Your help on the board would be very welcomed. Thank you for your support!

Next year's El Segundo Council PTA Team would love just one night per month of your time...

Wondering how the fun of PTA extends beyond our current ESMS campus? Want to meet other awesome parents who help make El Segundo PTAs the incredible involvement machines that they are? Join next year's El Segundo PTA Council to get a higher perspective--and gain a few new friends as a bonus!

Board Positions include:

President, 1st VP (Leadership), 2nd VP (Programs), 3rd VP (Hospitality), 4th VP (Fundraising), Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, and Auditor

Chair Positions include:

Directory Chair, Founder's Day Tea Chair, Honorary Service Awards Chair, Legislation Chair, Membership Chair, Scholarship Chair, Reflections Chair, Run for Education Chair, and ROAD Representative

If you want to learn more about any of these positions, please contact ES PTA Council Parliamentarian Tracey Miller-Zarneke at traceymz@socal.rr.com by February 15th. In only nine meetings over the course of the year, this dynamic group is the center of all the amazing PTA energy... we welcome you to be a part of it!

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.

Spirit Wear on Sale

Spirit Wear is going on sale from 2/15-3/15. New looks and designs! Make sure you check them out.

CSS PTA is looking for a few volunteers.

All our Volunteer needs can be found at <http://signup.com/go/CSSPTAVolunteers> Want to volunteer, but can't find the program you are looking for? Reach out to volunteers@csspta.com

CSS PTA Communication

- The next edition of the CSS PTA Newsletter will be coming out within the next week. Please reach out to communications@csspta.com to be added to the list. The newsletter gives more information about what is going on.
- Sign up for the CSS PTA app! For notifications of deadlines coming up and quick links to school and PTA news/events – it's the best way to stay in the loop
- Like the CSS Facebook Page! Hear about news as it happens!
<https://www.facebook.com/CenterStreetSchoolPta/>

PTA Calendar of upcoming events

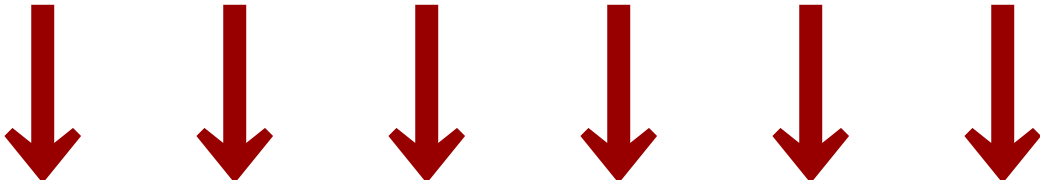
February

- February 14th - Recess Refresh - join us for teaching students how to jump rope!
- February 15th - Frozen Friday – this is a great time to redeem those Jog-a-thon vouchers.
- February 15th through March 15th – Spirit Wear on sale.
- 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
- February 22nd – Honorary Service Award Nominations Due
- February 23rd - Kiwanis Garden Work Day, 9am - 2pm in the CSS PTA Cougar Garden.
- Week of February 25th – Read Across America Week

Save the Dates:

- Mother/Daughter event (March 22nd),
- S.T.O.M.P. (Sons Take Out Mom Party/Mother & Son event on April 13th)
- Cold Stone Teacher Scooping event (4/16-4/19)
- Run for Education (April 27th)
- CSS PTA's STEM Event (May 3rd)
- Ice Cream Social (June 7th)

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For the next several weeks we will be highlighting community service projects which our El Segundo Middle School students are putting together to improve the lives of others in and around our community.

Please consider supporting our former students in this philanthropic work.

DONATE

TO THE HOMELESS IN LOS ANGELES.

FOR OUR 8TH GRADE COMMUNITY
PROJECT WE ARE COLLECTING:

ANY **CLOTHING** THAT IS NEW OR SLIGHTLY USED.

- NO HOLES, RIPS, STAINS ETC.

NEW **HYGIENE PRODUCTS**, SPECIFICALLY:

- ANTI-BACTERIAL WIPES, MOUTHWASH, GUM, DENTAL FLOSS,
TOOTHBRUSH, TOOTHPASTE, DEODORANT, HAND SANITIZER, LIP
BALM, LOTION, SUNSCREEN, SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER, NAIL
CLIPPERS, RAZORS, SHAVING CREAM, COMB, HAIR TIES.

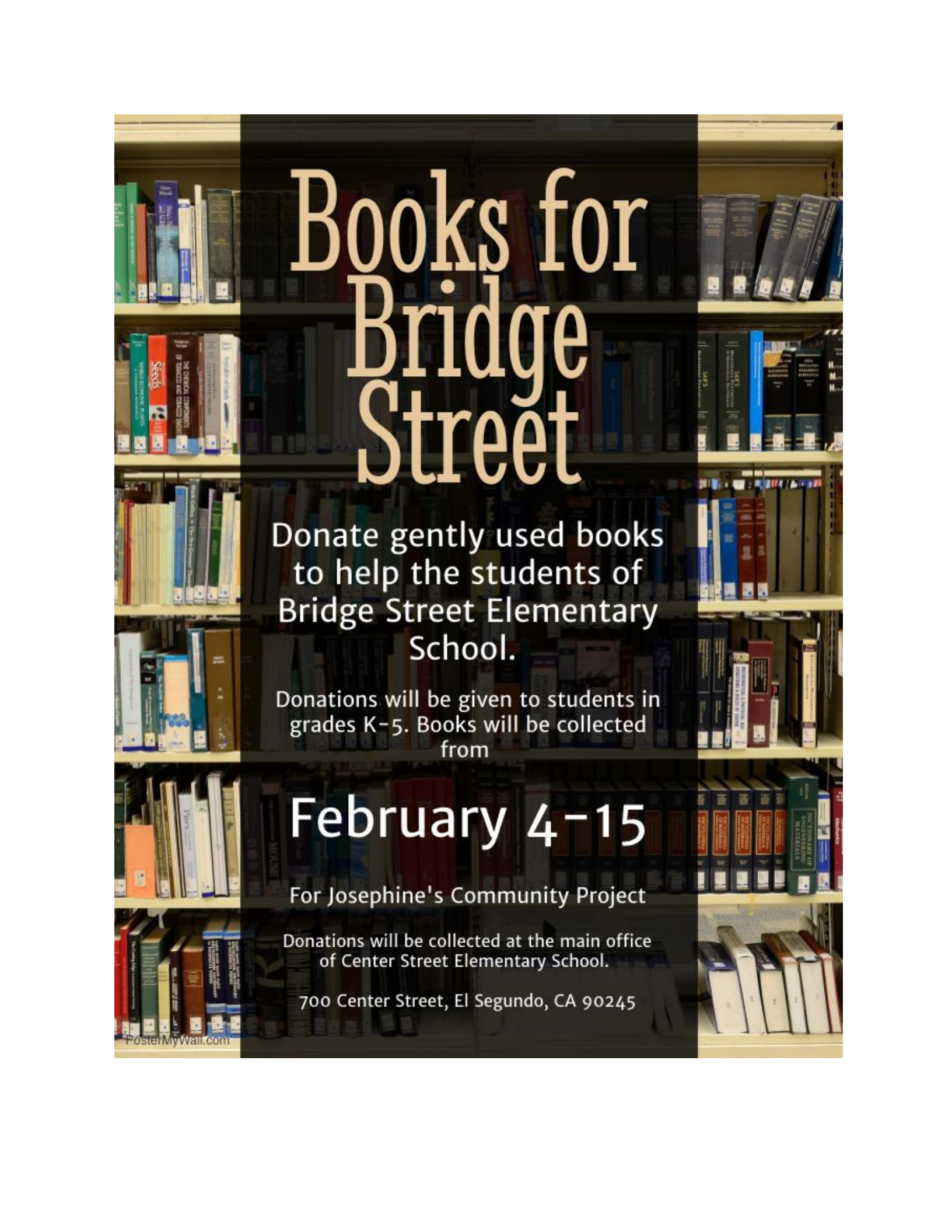
DONATE AT THE COLLECTION
BOX IN THE MAIN OFFICE OR
VIA AMAZON

WISHLIST: <http://a.co/fcAvwCp>
FROM 1/28 - 2/15.



WE ARE DONATING TO UPWARD BOUND HOUSE AND
PATH, TWO LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SHELTERS.

FOR FURTHER INFO
CONTACT LUKE HARRELL AND ALFIE CURRAN AT:
LUKEALFIECOMMUNITYPROJECT@GMAIL.COM



Books for Bridge Street

Donate gently used books
to help the students of
Bridge Street Elementary
School.

Donations will be given to students in
grades K-5. Books will be collected
from

February 4-15

For Josephine's Community Project

Donations will be collected at the main office
of Center Street Elementary School.

700 Center Street, El Segundo, CA 90245



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SPRING 2019 FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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

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

Team registrations available

**BUILDING ATHLETES OF
TOMMOROW!**



Register @
www.SouthBayYouthSports.org

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