

Cougar Communiqué



Cougars CARE: Community, Authenticity, Resilience & Excellence

Dear CSS Families,

It is hard to believe that it is already December! As we move into the holiday season, we should feel proud of how our community pulls together to give back to our school, local and global community. A few highlights of our November generosity include :

- CSS Student Council collected \$881 for UNICEF USA to support children in poverty
- The CSS PTA Jogathon earned \$92K for our school in our biggest fundraiser of the year
- Chevron and CSS parents built above ground beds for our new Cougar Patch in one LONG Saturday over Veterans' Day weekend
- Measure ES passed (pending certification), paving the way for much needed upgrades to our school facilities and classroom technology
- The CASE pantry was overflowing with donations from our families (we are collecting this week as well)
- The Girl Scout coat donation box was filled to the brim in our school office
- Families shopped at our annual book fair to support our school and to foster a love of reading earning \$17K for our school and contributing many books to classroom libraries

The community of service among our students, parents and local businesses is **STRONG!**

New Fencing and Raptor Visitor/Volunteer Sign in: The fencing contractors have almost completed the new fence and gates in the front of our school. Remember that our gates will be open at the beginning and end of the school day and we still welcome and encourage parents to drop off and meet their children at the classroom doors.

Additionally, ESUSD is implementing a new visitors check in system (RAPTOR). Thank you so much for all your support and cooperation as we have been testing our new system. Please note that visitors **MUST** bring a photo ID or driver's license. Volunteers will continue to report to the front office to sign in and obtain a visitor's badge. Visitors and volunteers will also need to sign out using the Raptor computer in the main office. RAPTOR will track our volunteer hours for PTA automatically!

Visitor rules remain the same: if you plan to be on campus more than 10 minutes you must sign in and wear a visitor badge. Thank you for your support of safety at CSS!

Winter Sing is December 20th at ESHS: Our students are all practicing songs of winter, snow and ice to entertain our families at our annual **Winter Sing**. This year CSS students will be performing at the Performing Arts Center at El Segundo High School once again. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to perform on the “Big Stage” and allows us to accommodate all of the parents and family who wish to have an unobstructed view of their children. Ms. Wright and I have worked with El Segundo Police Department officers and PTA leadership to plan our walking route to the high school. Children and adults for whom walking would be a challenge will be transported by school bus to and from the venue. To plan your morning, please see the following schedule, tips, and guidelines for the use of the high school PAC - so that we are welcome to use the facilities for future events:

- Please send your students to school in Winter “Picture Day” attire and COMFORTABLE walking shoes for the sing. Walking shoes should also be worn on Thursday, 12/20 for the walk to the rehearsal.
- All TK-2nd grade students will be on Early Bird schedule on Wednesday, December 19th so that they may watch the dress rehearsal with their class (teacher’s choice).
- Please bring students to school on time so that they may walk with their class.
- **All students will return to CSS with their class** - no student will be released from ESHS. As students will be watching the dress rehearsal on Wednesday, we ask that parents do not sign siblings out on Thursday.
- Parking around the high school is limited so please walk to the high school if possible
- Parents will enter from the front (Main Street) entrance.
- **Doors open at 8:45 am** and will be opened during each interval between student performances to avoid disruption. Please arrive early to assure that you see your child perform. You may arrive early or stay late to watch other grade levels perform.
- Absolutely no food or beverages are allowed in the auditorium.
- Please be courteous of other parents when taking photos/videos so that everyone may enjoy an unobstructed view of their child’s performance.
- El Segundo TV will be videoing the performance to broadcast. Please let our office know immediately if you do not wish for your child to be filmed.
- One last request... please follow the scout’s rule and leave the space as (or better than) you found it. CSS staff will need to pick up any programs left in seats before we leave.
- See Ms. Wright’s website for further information:
<https://centerstreetelementarymusic.weebly.com/>

Thank you for helping us remain in excellent standing with our high school colleagues!

Schedule of events:

- 5th Grade 9:00-9:20
- 4th Grade 9:20-9:40
- 3rd Grade 9:40-10:00
- Choir 10:00-10:20
- TK/Kindergarten 10:20-10:40
- 1st Grade 10:40-11:00
- 2nd Grade 11:00-11:20

CASE: We are collecting donations for CASE this week. Thank you for your ongoing generosity! See flyer below.

Cougars CARE!

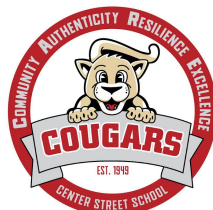
Martha Monahan
Principal

Grace Long
Assistant Principal



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

- 11/27-12/1: Book Fair
 - 11/29: School Site Council Meeting 3-4 pm
 - 11/29: Story Pirates Family Night
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- 12/7: 1st Grade Field Trip - all early birds
 - 12/11: ESUSD School Board Meeting
 - 12/12: ESUSD Wellness Committee Meeting 3 pm
 - 12/13: PS Arts Night (remember to Rsvp)
 - 12/19: Winter Sing Rehearsal (all K-2 classes on early bird schedule)
 - 12/20: Winter Sing ESHS
 - 12/21: Winter Hat Spirit Day
 - 12/24-1/4: Winter Break



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

CSS PTA News

Art Night

Save the date for December 13th's CSS PTA's Art Family Night!! We will be putting our creativity to great use with two directed/guided projects by our PS Arts teacher, Ms. Potts.

Box Tops

Box Tops Class Winners! Congratulations to Ms. Reilly and Mr. Heck's Classes! Ms. Reilly's second grade class came in 1st for the lower grade levels and Mr. Heck's 5th grade class came in 1st for the upper grade levels. Both teachers won a \$20.00 gift card! A total of 6,736 box tops were collected! This means the school will be receiving a check for \$673.60 for just our Fall Collection!! WAY TO GO COUGARS!! Keep clipping and saving those tops! The next collection will be during the week of January 14th!

Jog-A-Thon

Thank you CSS Parents for all of your amazing support of the 2018 Jog-a-thon!! We have raised nearly \$87,000 for our school! If you are interested to see the latest standings, please go to: <https://tinyurl.com/CSSJogathon2018> Also, HUGE THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who came to support the event last week – it was a phenomenal success! We are so grateful for your support!

Chevron Work Day at CSS PTA Garden

Thank you to Chevron for the volunteers and monetary donation to kick off the rebuilding of our Outdoor Classroom/Garden!! We are so grateful to all of the CSS volunteers who also came on their Saturday to lend a hand. It was truly a community effort!! We now have raised beds in our garden, which will be the perfect place for our students to growing amazing plants and veggies this coming spring!! We are so very appreciative for everyone's generosity of time and money. We could not have accomplished all we did without you!!

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.

Cougar Run times...

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

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

To make this program a success, we need parent involvement! Please sign up to volunteer! For more details & to sign up, click below.

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

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

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 and Book Fair.

- Volunteers by classroom are needed for Character Counts, Safety Patrol, Nutrition, and Cougars Run
- CSS PTA is looking for 1 or 2 people to lead the Ice Cream Social auction. Please contact CSS PTA president Shalee at president@csspta.com to get more information.
- Want to volunteer, but can't find the program you are looking for? Reach out to volunteers@csspta.com – Nicole is in the know and can hook you up!

Join 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!

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:

- 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! Last quarter we received a check of over \$1200!
- 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

December:

- Jog-a-thon All School Dance Party – we made our goal!!! Woo hoo!!!
- Art Night! December 13th, 6-8pm in the CSS cafeteria. Sponsored by CSS PTA and PS Arts.

Center Street will be collecting donations for



C. A. S. E.
"Assisting El Segundo Families in Need"

C.A.S.E. is a local non-profit organization operated solely by volunteers to prevent homelessness by assisting El Segundo residents in need. C.A.S.E. is not a welfare system and it depends on the generosity of schools, churches, business, civic organizations and generous individuals to keep the pantry doors open. Currently, 25 El Segundo families are in need of our assistance.

This month's collection will take place:

December 3rd-7th

**We need your help to stock our food pantry shelves.
Please shop for the following items this month:**

kid-friendly cereals, juices, canned tuna, chicken or salmon,
canned fruit, canned chili, jam, jelly, honey, salad dressings, condiments
granola bars, applesauce pouches, chips, popcorn, cookies, toilet paper

Donations may be brought to your classroom or to the collection bins in Cougar Cafe



Register now for El Segundo Girls Softball

ESGS is proud to offer our players a supportive and fun environment to learn and compete in the game of softball. Our program is open to girls ages 5 through 14 - starting with the basic fundamentals in our 6U division, then progressing to kid-pitch in our 8U division, and then onward to divisions 10U and up, building skills and confidence in all areas of play. Softball is a great team sport, where friendships formed on the field can last a lifetime. Come join us!

Registration is happening now:

Early Bird Registration Nov. 5 - Dec. 11

Residents: \$225

Non-residents: \$250

Regular Registration Dec. 12 - Jan. 6

Residents: \$275

Non-residents: \$300

* Sibling discount available \$25 OFF

Age Divisions:

6U Players born in 2012 & 2013

8U Players born in 2010 & 2011

10U Players born in 2008 & 2009

12U Players born in 2006 & 2007

14U Players born in 2004 & 2005



Register Online: www.ElSegundoGirlsSoftball.com



Important Dates:

Jan. 6 - Registration Closes

Jan. 11/12 - Evaluations (Divisions 8U and Up)

Feb. 1 - Start of Season (Practices can begin)

Feb. 23 - Opening Ceremonies / Opening Game

Feb. 24 - First games (All Divisions)

May 11 - Championship Saturday (Season Ends)

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AMERICA'S MUSICAL AMBASSADORS



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you with this
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SIGNATURE
WORKSHOP!**

REGISTER NOW!

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**PERFORMERS
FROM AROUND
THE WORLD**

Visit online at
youngamericans.org/US

Don't miss out on this exciting and educational performing arts workshop!

The Young Americans is making a stop in your hometown!

What can you look forward to? The Young Americans Performing Arts Workshop brings a combination of energy, teamwork, and confidence, using music as the tool. The specially-trained cast of 15+ college-aged performers provides a safe and exciting atmosphere for you to learn, create, and grow! This comprehensive performance workshop includes everything from vocal and dance to full stage performance.

After 3 days of performance instruction, it's show time! This show is packed with choral, musical theatre, rock n' roll, and more! The Young Americans cast performs the first act and supports you as you take the stage for the second act. You'll be the one showcasing your talent and performing the show you've learned in the last three days.

EVENT DETAILS

School Contact

Kara Baldino • kara.baldino@gmail.com

Dates

Friday, Jan. 11 • Monday, Jan 14

Location

El Segundo High School • Theater

Age Range

3rd Grade - 12th Grade

Cost

\$70 • Includes Performance T-shirt

Registration

Register Online! www.youngamericans.org/us

Scholarships

Limited scholarships available for families in financial need. Please apply online during registration.

Tickets

\$10 for Adults & \$8 for Students. We recommend you purchase your tickets at the end of the workshop on Day 1 or 2. Remaining tickets will be sold to the public 30 mins. prior to the performance.

Host Families Needed

The YAs stay in the homes of your community during the event. Host Families receive 2 free tickets to the final performance. You can volunteer during your online registration.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday, Jan. 11

3:00 PM	Students Arrive • Registration/Check-In
3:30 PM	Workshop Begins
5:30 - 6:15 PM	Dinner Break • Bring a packed meal
8:15 PM	Workshop Ends

Saturday, Jan. 12

8:00 AM	Students Arrive & Check-In
8:15 AM	Workshop begins
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Lunch Break • Bring a packed meal
5:30 PM	Workshop Ends & Receive Tour Shirt

Sunday, Jan. 13

1:15 PM	Students Arrive & Check-In
1:30 PM	Workshop & Dress Rehearsal • 2 hrs
3:30 - 4:45 PM	Snack Break • Snacks for sale from ESHS Band
4:30 PM	Doors Open • Tickets on sale
5:00 PM	Act 1 Begins • The Young Americans
5:50 PM	Intermission
6:05 PM	Act 2 Begins • The YAs & the students
7:15 PM	Show Ends

Monday, Jan. 14

5:30 PM	Students Arrive Ready for the Show
5:30 PM	Doors Open • Tickets on Sale
6:00 PM	Act 1 Begins • The Young Americans
6:50 PM	Intermission
7:05 PM	Act 2 Begins • The YAs & the students
8:15 PM	Show Ends

*Times are subject to change without prior notice

Register online now!

Youngamericans.org/us