



The Cougar Courier

Center St. School PTA Newsletter

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Upcoming Events:

- Feb. 15—PTA meeting at 9:15am
- Feb. 29—Reflections Exhibit
- Mar. 1—Reading Night in the Cafe
- Mar. 21—PTA meeting at 7:15pm
- Apr. 18—PTA meeting at 9:15am
- June 8—Ice Cream Social

President's Message

I think I blinked and January is over. We are already mid-way through another school year! We have already had lots of great events at Center Street. The winter concert was exceptional, the book fair phenomenal, reflections extraordinary and our family environmental night informative. This does not even mention the many amazing things that happen every day at Center Street.

Lots of fun events are planned for the remainder of the year including a free family reading night, free family art night, and our ever popular Ice Cream Social.

But none of this could happen without volunteers. The Nominating committee has been formed and next year's PTA will have many openings that we need you to help with. If you are interested or you know someone who would make a fabulous PTA board member or chairperson, please let me know.

The Honorary service committee is also looking for submissions to recognize the service and dedication of both individuals and organizations that have improved Center Street. Forms are in the front office.

Please mark your calendars for the next association meeting, Wednesday February 15th 9:15am in the PTA room (room 29).

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Center Street School PTA President
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DIRECTV
SATELLITE TELEVISION

Through this program, our school receives \$100 for each new customer who orders and activates DIRECTV service or \$50 for existing or returning customers who extend their current commitment to DIRECTV for one year.

To participate in this fundraiser, simply call 1-888-388-4724, use our unique **School Code B2232** and sign up for or extend your DIRECTV service. Raising money for Center Street School couldn't be easier! We thank you in advance for your participation. If you have any questions, please email Gilda Dyckman at dyckmantwins@aol.com

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Thank you to everyone that sent in Box Tops for Education. We recently received a check for \$952. Keep those Box Tops coming. Save them from the products you already use. Ask neighbors and grandparents to save for you. And then give them to your teacher! It's that easy to earn money for our school!?

Character Counts at Center Street!

This month's character pillar is responsibility. Students will be learning that being responsible means being dependable, keeping promises, and accepting the consequences of what they say and do. They will gain an understanding that being part of a family, a team, or a class involves accepting responsibilities.



Frozen Friday

Many have asked if this Friday is Frozen Friday, the answer is YES!!!! Frozen treats will be available beginning February 3rd, after school at entrance of the horseshoe on the grass area!! Most items are \$1.25 each. Frozen Fridays will continue as long as the weather is nice, warm, and parent volunteers to help sell. If you are interested in helping YOUR PTA, please let Gilda Dyckman at dyckmantwins@aol.com.



Ice Cream Social Update

Ahoy Mateys! We have a theme for the Ice Cream Social... Pirates!! So gather up yer cutlasses and eye patches and join us in June for the Ice Cream Social. Thar be treasures to be had when playing the games - and I guarantee that we ain't talkin' hardtack!

The Ice Cream Social will have a Silent Auction this year!! The wonderful and talented Nicole McDowell has graciously volunteered to head up the silent auction. Please feel free to contact her for donations to the auction or to give her a hand in collecting donations, setting up and/or running the auction. Currently, we are in need of silent auction baskets. If you have any baskets left over from the holidays, please let us know! Nicole can be reached at NicoleMcDowell@cssicecreamsocial.org

Also, we are looking for sponsors! We have lots of opportunities for local companies to get involved AND getting recognized for it! We will have a goodie bag which will have flyers from local businesses- if you are one of those businesses - call me! Wanna put your name on our t-shirt? Or do you want to have a booth at the event? All of this is available and more!

So, me hearties, if ye are interested in becoming a deckhand in this motley crew that will be having a blimey good time finding booty for the games or silent auction or if you have wares which ye would like to donate, please let me know. Speaking of Booty... We will have Pirate Booty as one of our concession snacks this year! This event supports Center Street School, so anything ye can think of to make it great, I would love to hear!

Please contact me (Cap'n Smitty - aka Cheryl Smith) at cssicecreamsocial@gmail.com or check out me website at: www.cssicecreamsocial.org. Arrrrgh!!! I mean... Thank ye!!

Save the date:

Friday, June 8, 2012 at 5:00 - 8:00 PM - Center Street School



Thanks to those of you Ralphs grocery-shoppers who have taken the time to enroll your Rewards card in the Community Contributions program. Center Street School PTA **received a check for \$1,235** for the first quarter (Sept-Nov 2011). This is with just over 100 households enrolled. How many more Center Street families shop at Ralphs, but do not have their cards enrolled in this program?

PLEASE enroll (or re-enroll) if you have not yet done so this school year. Ralphs makes this contribution and still gives shoppers the Rewards deals. Enrolling is easy! Internet, do-it-yourselfers should see below for instructions. Or you can pick up a scan bar letter in the school office which you then take to the store and simply ask the cashier to scan for you along with your store Rewards card.

Re-Enroll Ralphs Shoppers!

Buy Groceries—Let Ralphs Give the Donation—THAT Easy!

Every time you shop at Ralphs using your Reward card, Ralphs will give you their posted discounts, AND a percentage of your total purchase to our school. \$12,000 has been average earned per year!

****Even if you were a participant last year, you still need to re-enroll****

****Enroll or re-enroll** your Ralphs Rewards card by either following the steps below, or by taking a "Scanbar" letter (available in school office) to the Ralphs check-out counter**

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1. Log in to [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com)
2. Click on Sign In/Register (top right side)
3. Most participants are new online customers, so they must click on SIGN UP TODAY in the \*New Customer?\* box.
4. Sign up for a Ralphs Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions
5. You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
6. Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
7. Click on Edit Community Contribution information and input your Ralphs REWARDS card number.
8. Update or confirm your information.
9. Enter NPO number or name of organization (**Center St. School, #83522**), select organization from list and click on confirm.
10. To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.
11. You have now completed your Online rewards card registration AND your Community Contributions registration.
12. Click on \*Logout\* at the top of the page.

If you need your card number, call 800-660-9003.  
For other questions, contact Sharon Steele at (310)640-9056 or [steelesix@aol.com](mailto:steelesix@aol.com).  
THANK YOU!

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| <u>PTA meeting info</u><br>The 3rd Wednesday of the Month. | <u>Evening PTA Mtgs (Library):</u><br>March, May | <u>Morning PTA Mtgs (Rm 29):</u><br>February, April |
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# SCRIP

## SCRIP= Gift Cards Program

Remember that SCRIP is a fundraiser while you shop; with every purchase you earn revenue for Center St. School, is a great option for everyday expenses like food, coffee, clothing, gasoline, movies, sport team parties, coach's gifts, and other essentials, like birthdays, Holiday Shopping for family, friends, relatives or teachers, Mother an Father Day, etc...

**Scrip is AVAILABLE ALL YEAR; please call us for last minute gifts.**

**New Target Gift cards are available! 2% Profit**

**Papa Murphy's Pizza—8% Profit**

**Whole Foods—3% Profit**

**Dell—4% Profit**

**See's Candies (16.50)—20% Profit**

**Shutterfly—9% Profit**

**Teacher's Wish List Book** is available at the School's front office or by email request to **Darlene** Klingaman – [darklingaman@hotmail.com](mailto:darklingaman@hotmail.com) 310-662-3063 and/or **Stephanie** Witt – [switt@socal.rr.com](mailto:switt@socal.rr.com) 310-987-1904

### **HOW TO ORDER:**

Please fill out the form at the Center Street School front office, or from the school website, and place the order form, cash or checks payable to Center Street Scrip in the Scrip box at the School Office.

You can print forms to share with your family and co-workers from School Website <http://www.elsequndousd.com/cs/docs/Scripts-Order-Form.pdf> .

You can also order from any of the companies listed also on Center St. School Website <http://www.elsequndousd.com/cs/docs/GLSCProductList-alphabetical.pdf>, if the Company or Retailer that you need is not listed on the order form, just write the company name, value and amounts of gift cards needed, anywhere on the form.

We check the SCRIP box daily, and if we have your request in stock we will fill out the orders as soon as possible, and if we do not have it in stock we will place orders every Friday with our supply company.

**Since 2008 to 2011 PTA Scrip Program made \$8,500.00 in Profit for Center Street School.**

**Thank you for your support!**

### **CENTER STREET SCRIP**

**Darlene Klingaman** – [darklingaman@hotmail.com](mailto:darklingaman@hotmail.com) 310-662-3063

**Stephanie Witt** – [switt@socal.rr.com](mailto:switt@socal.rr.com) 310-987-1904

# Nominations

We are in the process of filling some positions for next year's PTA group. We thought **you** might be interested in helping out with PTA.

Some positions are more involved with the meetings and PTA Board and some are planning an event once during the year.

We know we are all sooo busy but **you** can really make a difference in your child's experience at Center Street through PTA!!

If you have any interest or questions contact Deb Greenway at [dgreenway3@gmail.com](mailto:dgreenway3@gmail.com) or any of the committee members for more information:

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Darlene Klingaman at [darklingaman@hotmail.com](mailto:darklingaman@hotmail.com)

Also, if you can think of anyone that you think would be a great addition, please encourage them to volunteer. Thank you so much!

The PTA Reflections Committee is proud to announce the winners for the 2011-2012 "Diversity Means...." Reflections Program:

## Music

- Primary 1st place/ 1st in district Lindsay Eisenman
- Intermediate 1st place/ 1st in district Stacy Chang

## Photography

- Intermediate 1st Ethan Sorenson, 2nd Jonas Baron, 3rd Carlos Rodas & 4th Bailey Greenberg

## Visual Arts

- Primary 1st Sarina Thomas, 2nd Samantha Lindsay, 3rd Julissa Andrade & 4th Emmett Nelson
- Intermediate 1st Natacha Lee, 2nd Sean Lee, 3rd Elana Ho & 4th Emily Nagamine

## Literature

- Intermediate 1st Trevor Loe, 2nd Andre Ter-Hovanessian, 3rd Pierce Johnson & 4th Connor Michel

All 144 entries from Center Street will be displayed at the PTA Reflections Reception and Exhibit.

The Exhibit will be on Wednesday, February 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm at the El Segundo United Methodist Church, Johnson Hall, 540 Main Street.

Prizes and medals will be distributed at our Character Counts Assembly on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> (TBD).

## "Clothes 4 Cash"

El Segundo PTA Council will be having a district wide clothes drive to save the Landfills during Earth Week (April 16th -19th). Center Street PTA is lucky enough to have a storage container to store these items. If you want to begin collecting items now, please bag all items in trash bags & drop items outside of the school office (Quad area). Any questions please email Gilda Dyckman at [dyckmantwins@aol.com](mailto:dyckmantwins@aol.com)



Acceptable items: all styles of clothing & shoes (bag shoes separately, please), purses & accessories, blankets, bed sheets, towels, curtains, table clothes, soft & hard toys (no outdoor toys), dolls, cars, trucks, kids bikes & helmets...*Please, no furniture, appliances, outdoor toys, books, tapes or CDs.*

## Celebrate Reading at Center Street!

On March 1st (from 6:00 to 7:00 pm) in the Center Street School Cafeteria there will be a family night of reading fun. Don't miss important information about how to support your child's literacy development. We will have stations for the students to make journals, bookmarks, bookplates and games. There will also be materials for parents designed to support reading and writing at all grade levels. This is an engaging and free family evening!

More details soon!



# Center St. PTA Officers

### President

Emilee Layne

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### A Member of:

El Segundo Council PTA

33rd District PTA

California PTA

[www.capta.org](http://www.capta.org)

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[www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)

**Don't forget if you want to volunteer in your child's classroom, you need to have a current TB test on file.**



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