



December 2016

Del Mar Newsletter

• Be Safe • Be Kind and Respectful • Be Responsible •

Coming Events

Thurs. Dec. 1 - Mon. Dec. 12
Wednesday, Dec. 7
Monday, Dec. 19

Annie the Owl Plush Sale - Garden Fundraiser
5th Grade Camp Grill Hut Fundraiser - All day, 15% profit
Coffee Talk with the Principal, 9:30-10:30am DM Library
*Special Guest Eileen Calandro will be presenting on Social Media

[Coffee Talk Flyer](#)

Wednesday, Dec. 21
Friday, Dec 23 - Jan 6

Delivery of Annie the Owl Orders
No School, Winter Break

Community Flyers

Flag Football at SLO High School - [English & Spanish](#)

Kids Wrestling Program - [English & Spanish](#)

Elite Skills Basketball - [English](#) / [Spanish](#)

Holiday Futsal Soccer Camp - [English & Spanish](#)

Laguna Middle School Holiday Store - [English](#) / [Spanish](#)

SLO Youth Baseball - [English](#) / [Spanish](#)

SLO Youth Volleyball - [English](#)

Coast Little League Baseball - [English](#)

Love & Logic at Del Mar - [English](#)

Spreading Holiday Cheer

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to some wonderful organizations that generously make donations to our Del Mar Families! Local organizations such as Operation School Bell, Quota International, The Eagles, San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office, El Morro Church of Nazarene, Scenic Coast Association of Realtors, and a number of anonymous individuals contact us annually to spread kindness and generosity. They provide clothing, groceries, bicycles, jackets, and much more to help our families in need. We are so very fortunate to live in such a beautiful and generous community that continually gives back and reaches out a helping hand to those in need. May we all follow suit and continue to spread kindness and generosity to all those we come in contact with!



Principal's Message

Parent-Teacher Conference Success

Thank you to our teachers and parents for a successful Parent Teacher Conference week! **99% of our parents attended conferences.** That is a WONDERFUL statement of the value you place on your child's education. Countless studies indicate that students whose families are actively involved in their learning earn better grades, enroll in higher-level programs, have higher graduation rates, and are more likely to enroll in college. Thank you for your partnership and entrusting us with your children.

Keep Reading Over Winter Break!

Volume reading matters! There is research evidence that the amount of time reading is the best predictor of reading achievement. The more children read, the better they read. The better they read, the more they comprehend. The better they comprehend, the higher they achieve. Volume reading helps students build important word knowledge and acquire additional vocabulary, both of which are critical for reading comprehension.

Research aside, reading is fun! Make sure that your children start Winter Break with books they are excited to read. Add a trip to our local library as an outing over break. Plan some time to snuggle up and read a holiday classic to your children. Not only will you be building their reading brains, but you will be creating lasting memories and traditions centered around reading.

District Superintendent's Message

Our Superintendent, Dr. Prater, recently posted a BLOG on the District website that included his perspective the recent presidential election and concerns about student safety. I wanted to assure our families that student safety is my number one priority and share his thoughtful BLOG post with you.

Political Shifts and Feeling Safe in our Schools

The recent presidential election has raised concerns about certain students and families feeling safe in our schools. I have been told that a number of our families feel uneasy about attending public forums or school activities because of threats (or comments) made by our president-elect regarding deportation of certain groups during the recent election season. Some of our younger students fear their parents will be taken away from them while they are attending school. These fears are real and I am deeply troubled by them.

I want everyone to know that San Luis Coastal Unified School District is a welcoming, safe and supportive place for all of our families and students – regardless of ethnic origin, religious affiliation, or immigration status. SLCUSD reflects our community's values of inclusion, dignity, and respect. I emphatically stand up for our students' rights to feel safe at our schools and in our neighborhoods.

All administrators, school counselors, and staff are ready and willing to support any student who has concerns following our recent election. We stand firm against any form of harassment and are committed to ensuring every student is accepted and embraced.

KNI-PNO (Kids' Night In - Parents' Night Out)

In January, we will be recognizing our families with excellent attendance throughout the first trimester with a special event! This will be a fun night in for kids, and a fun night out on your own for parents. Children who have met our attendance goal of **96%** with **no unexcused absences and no unexcused tardies** will receive a special invitation to attend a movie night for K-3 and a game night for 3-5 (3rd grade students will have the option of attending the movie or game night). Our Student Council officers have helped to plan the event, so it is sure to be a great night for our kids! We know that it is a family effort to get your children to school on time, all of the time, so we want to appreciate and reward the parents and guardians, too! More details to come with the specifics of date and time.

School Garden Fundraiser

Please help us raise money for our school garden projects by ordering one of these adorable plush owls. Students will be bringing home a flyer/order form this week, please collect orders and payments until Dec. 12. Friends and family can order one for just \$19.99 (plus \$0.75 processing fee). This cute and cuddly owl (13" x 9" x 6") is perfect for holiday gift giving and will be delivered BEFORE Winter Break. Profits go toward our classroom gardens at Del Mar.

Help our Gardens Grow by ordering Annie the Owl.

You can also get a flyer & order form by clicking [HERE](#).



5th Grade Camp Fundraiser

We hope you'll take a break from cooking and stop by the Grill Hut on Wednesday, December 7th. Just mention 5th grade camp and 15% of all profits go towards camp!



For December's Volunteer Spotlight we would like to shine a light on... Tammy Nettleton our Del Mar Box Top Coordinator. Tammy works year round collecting Box Tops not only at school, but around our community. Look for our Box Top collection cans at local grocery stores, the public library, etc. She always takes the time to reward students who go above and beyond in collecting Box Tops. Tammy also gives her time to help in the classroom, office or at school events as needed.

We appreciate all the time and effort Tammy gives to help raise money for Del Mar through the Box Top program. We've raised over \$750 already this year, so keep collecting those Box Tops. Please help us give a big thank you to Tammy!



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PTA Membership News

Hello Del Mar Families! Our PTA Membership Drive was a huge success! **Our goal for this Drive is 200 members.** We are currently at 193 members and 13 Business Members! Keep those memberships coming in. It's never too late for you to become a member. Membership envelopes and flyers are located in the front office.

The winners of the Membership Drive Class Contest are Ms. Kennedy's and Ms. Lab's class. They will be celebrating with a Popsicle Party! The winner of the Spirit Wear packet is Sophia Haworth! Thank you so much for supporting your Del Mar PTA!!

Please help us thank and support the following local businesses for becoming members of the Del Mar PTA Family (* indicates level 2 donation of \$500+):

IGL Pavers *

Go Westy *

Coastlands Vineyard Church *

Morro Bay Drug & Gift *

Coastal Handyman Service

Clippers Haircuts

Morro Bay Lions Club

Medicorp

Morro Crest Inn

The Cotton Ball

Oceanus Visions LLC

Robin's Restaurant

Law Office of Shawn N Guy

School + Family + Local Business = Strong Community

#delmarptastrong #mydelmarpta

PTA Business Membership Highlight

IGL Pavers is owned by Ian and Alexis Gaffney and the company focuses on hardscape installations – pavers (Interlocking and Permeable) and retaining walls. We are ICPI and PICP certified; meaning we have taken & passed specific courses focused on the installation of interlocking and permeable pavers to ensure the installation lasts a lifetime. Our biggest job to date was the City of Paso Robles 12th Street Rehabilitation Project where we installed over 9,000 square feet of Permeable Pavers in just 12 business days. Both Ian and Alexis are locals, born and raised; Alexis is a Cal Poly alum as well. Fun Fact – most people think that concrete is stronger than pavers; but that's not accurate. Concrete can withstand 2800 PSI (pounds per square inch) while pavers can withstand 8000 PSI; making the product more durable and longer lasting!

IGL Pavers' Mission Statement: Our mission is to improve the quality and value of your surroundings using a variety of hardscape materials & applications with our trained and certified installation team. Let us create a unique outdoor living space for you.

Visit our facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/pg/iglpavers/about/?tab=overview>
Website – iglpavers.com

Box Top Update

I am excited to announce that we will be receiving our first check in December for our Box Top submissions, an impressive \$719.80. We are super close to reaching our goal of \$1000 dollars for the year. Our next big submission will be March 1st. So continue clipping and turning them into your classrooms. You never know who might get a mystery prize.

For more information about Box Tops and product information, please visit BTFE.com and, as always, please feel free to contact me directly with any questions.

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Affordable Care Act Enrollment Information

The California Department of Education, in partnership with Covered California and All In-Health Care for all families have provided a template for information on health insurance coverage.

[Health Insurance Coverage Template](#)

LVN Opening at SLCUSD

San Luis Coastal Unified School District has an immediate opening for an LVN to work with the nurse team in our district. This job may involve driving to several school sites where there is a need for nursing support. Hours are 8am to 3:10pm. No working weekends, holidays, evening, nights, or during school vacation. If this sounds like something you are interested in and might fit your needs please check Ed Join (link below). If you need more details feel free to call 549-1283 and leave your name and best contact time for Judith Gier, School Nurse Team Coordinator.

<https://www.edjoin.org/Home/JobPosting/868500>

