



February 2017

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# Del Mar Newsletter

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## Coming Events

Thursday, 2/2	<b>Dental Screening, K, 3rd and 5th</b>
Saturday, 2/4	<b>Robotics Workshop, 10:15am Morro Bay Library</b>
Saturday, 2/11	<b>Sweetheart Dance, SLOHS New Gym</b>
Monday, 2/13	<b>No School, Lincoln's Birthday</b>
Tuesday, 2/14	<b>Happy Valentine's Day</b>
Wednesday, 2/15	<b>PTA Board Meeting, 3pm</b>
Monday, 2/20	<b>No School, President's Day</b>
Thursday, 2/23	<b>Minimum Day, Early Release 1pm</b> <b>Food Box Pick Up, 2:30-3:30pm MPR</b>
Friday, 2/24	<b>Minimum Day, Early Release 1pm</b> <b>Spirit Day - Crazy Hair!</b>
Tuesday, 2/28	<b>FREE Social Media Teen Panel Parent Night, LOMS library 6:30-8:30pm</b>
Thursday, 3/2	<b>Family Literacy Night - 6:30-8:00pm Library</b>
Monday, 3/6	<b>Kindergarten Registration &amp; Open Enrollment begins</b>
Week of 3/6 - 3/10	<b>Conference Week - Minimum Day, Early Release 1pm</b>



## Community Flyers

Coastal Family Resource Fair - <a href="#">English</a> / <a href="#">Spanish</a>	Pickleball in the Park - <a href="#">English</a>
Elite Hoop Skills - <a href="#">English</a> / <a href="#">Spanish</a>	Robotics at the Library- <a href="#">English</a>
San Luis Obispo Volleyball - <a href="#">English</a>	Kid's Wrestling Program - <a href="#">English &amp; Spanish</a>
SLO Youth Baseball - <a href="#">English</a> / <a href="#">Spanish</a>	Coast Little League Baseball - <a href="#">English</a>
PaPa's - Father Involvement Workshop - <a href="#">English</a> / <a href="#">Spanish</a>	
Sweetheart's Dance at SLO High School - <a href="#">English</a>	
Social Media Teen Panel Parent Night - <a href="#">English</a> / <a href="#">Spanish</a>	



We have been talking all year about attendance being important, but did you know that missing just **two** days of school a month can interfere with your child's academic performance? Only 17% of kindergarten and first grade students who miss 18 days of

school or more are able to read at grade level by the time they reach 3rd grade. On the other hand, 64% of students with strong attendance (9 absences or fewer) could read at grade level. The evidence is clear, you are setting your child up for success by getting them to school every day.

Students with good attendance are:

- More likely to graduate high school
- More likely to read at grade level
- A positive influence on their peers (the teacher does not have to slow down to catch them up)

Remember, being chronically absent means having an **excused or unexcused absence** just a day or two every couple of weeks. Help us set your student up for success!



## Congratulations

### Room 6

Ms. Wayment & Ms. Figone's class were presented with the Golden Attendance Award!

Del Mar's goal for Average Daily Attendance is 96%

Room 6 had the Highest Average Daily Attendance for week 13 with **98.4%**

**Way to go room 6. The whole school is proud of you!**

## Parent Technology Survey

We are partnering with BrightBytes, an educational research and analytics company, in order to learn more about our students' school and home technology use for learning.

We are reaching out to ask you to take part in our school questionnaire. Your participation helps us form a complete picture of technology use for learning. Please know that all of your responses will remain anonymous to protect your privacy and they will help your child's school choose the right technology for their classrooms. It will take approximately 5 minutes to complete. This can be done on your smartphone or a computer. *We have a computer in our office to take the survey on if you do not have one at home.*

**The last day to complete this questionnaire is February 24, 2017.**

Please go to: [www.BByt.es/7F7EP](http://www.BByt.es/7F7EP)

***Thank you for taking part in this important process!***

## Principal for the Day



As a reward for raising the most funds at our Fall Fun Run, John Holguin took on the job of Principal for the Day. Both our Del Mar staff and students were impressed by what a great job he did. Among his many duties, John did some work in the front office, helped to facilitate a fire drill and, best of all, granted the entire student body an extra 5 minutes of recess. Way to go Principal Holguin!



## Family Literacy Night

Mark your calendar for our Family Literacy Night, **March 2, 6:30 - 8:00pm** in the Del Mar Library. Come and cozy up with your child and a good book to celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday! More information to follow.

## Coastal Family Resource Fair

Come learn about what resources are available in your community at the 4th Annual Coastal Family Resource Fair on Friday February 24 from 4-6pm at Los Osos Middle School. Begin planning your child's summer activities while enjoying a free taco dinner and fun activities. For Los Osos and Morro Bay children and families. [Flyer](#)

## Open Enrollment and Kindergarten Registration

This year's Open Enrollment period is March 6 - March 31, 2017.

If you have a 6th grader going into middle school or 8th graders going into high school and they want to transfer to the opposite middle school or high school than their neighborhood school, they need to complete the Open Enrollment Form in March.

**Kinder and TK Registration begins on March 6, 2017.** Children enrolling for Kindergarten must be at least five years old on or before Sept 1, 2017. Children turning five between Sept. 2-Dec. 1 must be enrolled in Transitional Kindergarten, if a parent wants to register their child for school.

**Pacheco Lottery is April 27, 2017.**

**The last day of school is June 8, 2017.**

## Lost and Found

Have you been wondering where your child's missing jacket or sweatshirt might be? Take a look through the clothing rack outside the Art & Science Lab building. There are lots of sweatshirts and jackets missing their owners!

***All unclaimed items will be donated to the GoodWill over Spring Break, April 17-12.***

## Del Mar Children's Closet

Did you know Del Mar keeps a closet stocked with clothes to be used by any student in need of a change of clothing? Our supplies are running low and we would greatly appreciate any gently used items you would be willing to donate. Just drop them off in the front office. We are most in need of: **GIRLS** medium and large stretch pants, large sweatshirts and shoes and **BOYS** medium and large stretch pants, large shirts, underwear and shoes. Thanks so much!

## Recycling = \$84.34

Thank you, Room 9, for your masterful sorting of donated cans and bottles and to the wonderful Williams family (along with Grandpa Paul) for driving them to Cambria. Your volunteer efforts earned \$84.34 to help pay for field trips and assemblies!

## Box Top Update

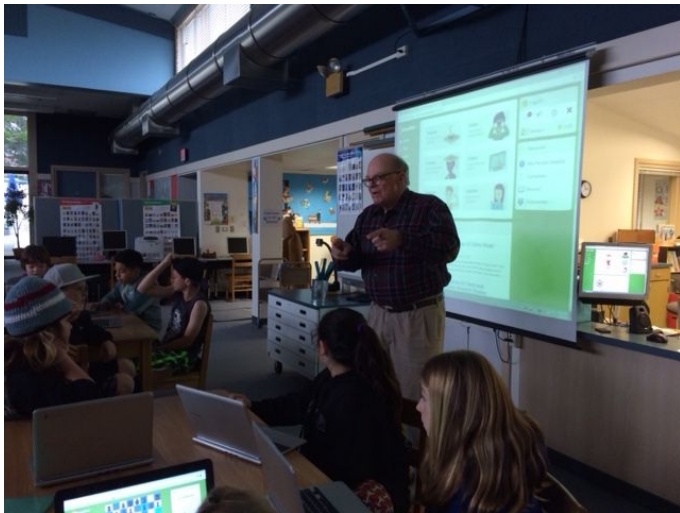
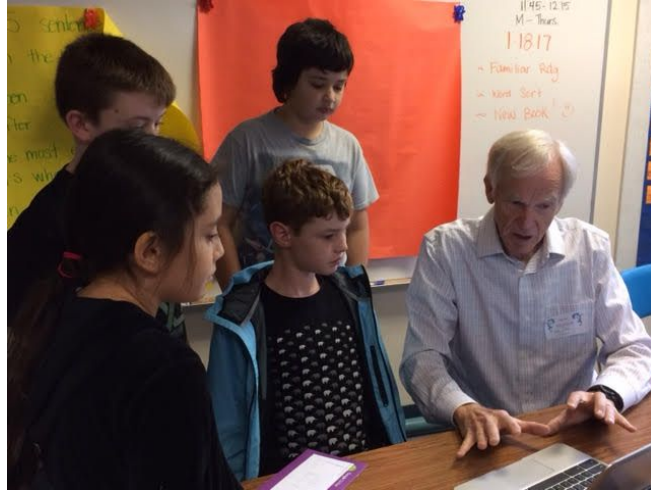
We are gearing up for another Box Top submission for March 1st. Please send in all Box Tops with your children for February. I will be collecting and counting throughout the month. I'm excited to reach our goal of **\$1000.00** this year. Every Box Top counts and goes directly to the PTA to sponsor our great school events.

Please contact me if you have questions! Your Box Top Coordinator, Tammy Nettleton [tammynettleton@gmail.com](mailto:tammynettleton@gmail.com)





This month we'd like to shine the spotlight on another two of Del Mar's exceptional volunteers, Jim Verhulst and Fred Brown. Jim comes to Del Mar every week to help our 4th and 5th grade students learn about coding during their STEAM rotation. On his most recent visit, Jim introduced robotics into the rotation. One child was heard saying, "This is the best day of my life!" Another student asked, "Are we doing math?" as she calculated the degrees the robot would need to turn. Thank you, Jim Verhulst, for sharing your time and talent and for making learning so much fun for our Dolphins!



Fred Brown has been volunteering at Del Mar for several years. He started our Chess Club which meets every Thursday after school. In addition to running our After School Chess Program, Fred comes in weekly to help our 4th and 5th grade students learn to play the game of chess during their STEAM rotation. Wonder why we're so grateful for Mr. Brown's many volunteer hours? Take a look at what research tells us about the game of chess: promotes brain

growth, exercises both sides of the brain, raises your IQ, sparks creativity, and increases problem solving skills. Thank you, Fred Brown, for sharing your time and skills with our Del Mar students.

