



November 2016

Del Mar Newsletter

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Coming Events

Thursday, Nov. 3	FUN RUN, see below for details
Friday, Nov. 4	No School, Teacher Workday
Monday, Nov.7-10, 14-15	Scholastic Book Fair
Tuesday, Nov. 8	General Election - Polling in the Del Mar MPR
Wednesday, Nov.9	Public Forum: Closure of Diablo Power Plant, 6-8pm <i>Del Mar MPR</i>
Thursday, Nov. 10	Picture Retakes
Friday, Nov. 11	No School, Veteran's Day
Monday, Nov 14-18	Conference Week, 1pm <i>Early Release</i>
Wednesday, Nov. 16	Love & Logic Presentation w/PTA Meeting in the Library, 6:00pm
Thursday, Nov. 17	Food Box Pickup, 2:30-3:30
Monday, Nov. 21-25	No School, Thanksgiving Break
Monday, Dec. 5	Dazzling Dolphins

Community Flyers

- Flag Football at SLO High School - [English & Spanish](#)
- Kids Wrestling Program - [English & Spanish](#)
- Active Parenting Classes - [English](#)
- Elite Skills Basketball - [English](#) / [Spanish](#)
- Holiday Futsal Soccer Camp - [English & Spanish](#)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Many of you have heard that this past June, PG&E announced their plans to close Diablo Canyon power plant. This planned closure is of significance to our school district, and our county as a whole, because of the money that we receive from the unitary tax that the plant generates. Currently that amount is close to \$8 million dollars per year to our school district. As the plant's energy production decreases, so does the tax generated, and when the plant closes, this revenue source goes away.

Since PG&E has made the announcement, in order to ensure that our district remains fiscally strong, our Superintendent has carefully planned and launched a process that involves sharing information and seeking public input. This includes reports made at each Board Meeting, community forums, staff forums, a Superintendent's Local Leaders group, and a Superintendent's advisory group. The specific process is [outlined here](#). (See information below regarding the community forums and board reports.)

At this time, no specific recommendations have been made regarding the future of our school district's budget. We are currently in the stage of looking at how resources are allocated in our existing budget and seeking public input. The initial step in the needed budget reduction is planned to be presented to the Board of Education at their January 17, 2017 meeting.

Uncertainty is one of the most challenging things to deal with in life. These types of situations can be hard on people and the culture of a school, so let's keep informed, be strong, and support one another. As a former student, teacher, and now administrator in SLCUSD, I know from many perspectives how amazing our district is. I know that through this change and uncertainty we will continue to excel, maintain outstanding schools where both children and adults want to be, and provide our children with a top quality education.

COMMUNITY FORUM ABOUT THE POTENTIAL EFFECTS OF THE DIABLO CANYON CLOSURE ON SLCUSD SCHOOLS

The district's final community forum ([English information](#)/[Spanish information](#)) to inform the public about the financial loss and potential changes to our schools because of the Diablo Canyon closure will take place at **Del Mar Elementary School on Wednesday, November 9th at 6:00 PM**. Please mark your calendar and attend this critical meeting. For more information on the closure impact, visit the [SLCUSD Dedicated Website](#) and read the [Board of Education Impact Reports](#).

FALL BACK

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on the night of Sun, Nov. 6th. We'll see you at 9:25 Monday morning!

POLLING AT DEL MAR

Please anticipate and be patient with our guests visiting our campus to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 8th. Please plan ahead and expect our parking lots to be full.

ATTENDANCE COUNTS!

Our **Attendance Goal for the 2016 - 2017 school year is 96%** average daily attendance (ADA). Through the first two months of school, **our ADA is 95.87%**. Please make every effort possible to have your children at school, on time, all of the time. Review our [Absence Guidelines](#) on the [Parent Resources](#) page of our school website for when students should and shouldn't stay home from school.

KNI-PNO

(Kids' Night In - Parents' Night Out)

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 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.

Fun Run

Join the fun on **Thursday, November 3rd**. We encourage family members to attend!

RUN 1 Grades 2-3 8:50-9:10am

RUN 2 Grades 4-5 9:35-9:55am

RUN 3 Grades K-1 10:50-11:10am

RUN 4 Grade TK 11:45-11:55am

Please continue to collect donations (Checks made out to: Del Mar PTA) and online pledges at www.thegetmovincrew.com. All money is due by: **Monday, Nov. 14th**.

Parent Conference Week Nov. 14 - Nov. 18

Parent-teacher conference is a time to build bridges. It is a time to come together with your teacher to get a better perspective on your child's educational and emotional growth. Del Mar takes pride in our parental involvement. We appreciate your participation in your child's educational development.

MINIMUM DAY SCHEDULE: K-5 dismiss at 1pm

Homework Club 3rd-5th 1:00 -1:45pm, No Homework Club for 1st & 2nd



School Parking

The parking area beyond the fence at the east end of Sequoia St. belongs to our neighbor, the United Methodist Church and Children's Center. It is private property and not to be used by our Del Mar families. We know it can be a challenge to find parking, particularly for our Kindergarten families who are required to walk their students to class. Please be sure to give yourself those 5 extra minutes to find a parking spot in one of our lots. Thank you for being respectful and understanding of our neighbor's property.

November Wellness Tips

- Food Services provides a healthy school breakfast, including fresh fruit, whole grains, low or nonfat milk daily.
- Appreciate others. It improves both of your lives.
- Did you know that children who eat breakfast are better able to concentrate in school? Here are some quick ideas:
 - a. Whole grain cereal with milk
 - b. Toast with peanut butter and bananas
 - c. Yogurt and fruit smoothie
 - d. Quesadilla (tortilla with shredded cheese warmed in microwave)
 - e. Hard-boiled egg



These two talented ladies, Irene and Sam, took on the project to revive the bare boards in our Del Mar faculty lounge. Their creativity, initiative and hard work has transformed our lounge into a bright and cheery place for our staff. If you see them on campus, please help us express our thanks and appreciation! Thank you Irene and Sam!!

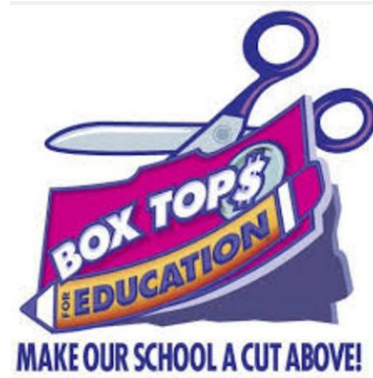


Parent Information Night & PTA Meeting: Wednesday, November 16th at 6:00pm

Please join us on Nov. 16 for a presentation of Love & Logic's parenting strategies by Tim Ross. We will also have a brief and informative PTA meeting following his presentation. You won't want to miss hearing Tim share his Love & Logic experiences and learning about upcoming events and activities on our campus. *Childcare will be provided.*

Box Top Update

I am super excited to update our Del Mar Families with our Box Top news. Below are the current standings in the classroom Box Top submission competition. Remember to continue submitting your Box Tops. I will be collecting for our next big submission deadline on **March 1, 2016**. As your Box Top coordinator I could not be more proud of all of you. Go Dolphins!



1st Place: Mrs. Potter and her unstoppable 5th grade class

Tied for 2nd: Mrs. Slavin 5th grade and Mrs. Morin 2nd grade

3rd Place: Teacher Patricia's TK class

4th Place: Mrs. Michniuk's 3rd grade

5th Place: Mrs. Cameli's Kindergarten

Every single class at this school deserves an applause. 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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