

Cougars CARE: Community * Authenticity * Resilience * Excellence

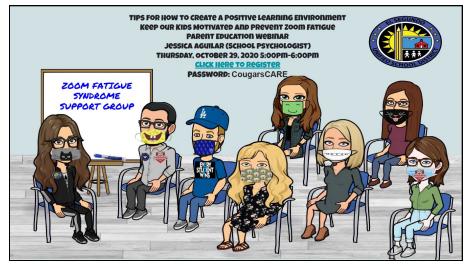
October 22, 2020

Dear Cougar Community,

It is FINALLY starting to feel like fall in SoCal - which is the perfect time to participate in our Jogathon and in the Skechers Friendship Walk. Check out the opportunities below.

Combatting Zoom Fatigue:

Next Thursday (10/29) from 5-6 pm Jessica Aguilar (our amazing School Psychologist) will be hosting a presentation on Maintaining a Positive Learning Environment At Home and combatting Zoom Fatigue. via WebEx. Parents can register by clicking on the link below, or by clicking on the link on the flyer.



https://esusd-k12-ca-us.webex.com/esusd-k12-ca-us/onstage/g.php?MTID=e12a4826b743eb324cb0b9 193d1e0e69c

Password: CougarsCARE Cannot join online? Audio access is available at: 1-415-655-0001 Access code: 133 672 3126



Annual Jogathon in October: The 2020 CSS PTA Jog-a-Thon is in full swing! Please be sure to register your student(s) and help them start collecting pledges to support our school! These funds enable PTA to fund programs and events at CSS, including virtual field trips, assemblies, STEAM and computer lab supplies, PE equipment, recess games, continuing education for teachers and much, much more! To register, go to

https://www.getmovinfundhub.com/register?school_uuid=5d94a95e7fd6b. For any questions, please email jogathon@csspta.com.

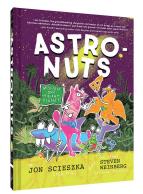


Skechers Friendship Walk: Each year El Segundo schools participate with our neighboring South Bay communities in the Pier to Pier walk. This year's walk will be a virtual one on *October 25th*. We receive significantly more money back than our families contribute - but our funding is based

on the number of participants from our community. Please sign up to participate in the friendship walk with the **Center Street Team** at <u>Friendship Walk Registration</u>. For more information: <u>http://www.friendshipfoundation.com/skechers-walk/</u> Go to: skechersfriendshipwalk.com

Click on Register

Select the **Education** box Select <u>Join A Team</u> Select **Center Street**



John Scieszka and Steven Weinberg Author Visit: Center Street students had a wonderful opportunity to meet the author of *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*, Jon Scieszka, and illustrator Stephen Weinberg yesterday. Many students expressed interest in having a copy of Astro-Nuts - a story about animal astronauts tackling earth science as they search for the perfect planet (narrated by Earth). SIGNED copies of Jon Scieszka's books are available at Pages Bookstore in Manhattan Beach. This author visit is free to CSS because {pages} was able to arrange a visit and the staff at the bookstore is very knowledgeable and helpful.

Mark your calendars for "Growth Mindset and Grit" Parent Ed Night: CSS PTA has sponsored an evening for parents with Dr Blake Brandes on October 28th at 6 pm. Please join us for what is sure to be a very valuable conversation on supporting resilience in our children so that they build confidence to be successful in all areas of their lives. <u>http://www.blakebrandes.com/</u>



- 4th-5th Grade Virtual Assembly from 8:30-9:15am
- 2nd-3rd Grade Virtual Assembly from 9:30-10:15am
- TK-1st Grade Virtual Assembly from 10:30-11:00am
- Virtual Parent Night Presentation from 6:00-7:00pm
- Presentation Oct. 28, 2020: Virtual Parent Night Presentation from 6:00-7:00pmPDT
- Zoom link https://zoom.us/j/92802436555?pwd=TWlyc2hTTIJtT1pldmE5cHdwSXdKZz09
- Meeting ID 928 0243 6555
- Zoom Passcode 093903

Trick or Treat for UNICEF: As the coronavirus pandemic continues to impact communities around the globe and in the United States, Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF will be implementing a virtual Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF experience and through the month of October, you can add purpose to Halloween by collecting life saving donations for UNICEF virtually. *Teachers, parents and children can register for their digital, orange box at <u>https://www.unicefusa.org/trick-or-treat</u> to participate in fun activities to earn "coins" that add up to real-life impact! For more information on UNICEF's mission and their work: https://www.unicefusa.org/ Please encourage your child to participate and take some time to have a conversation with him/her about giving back.*

Book a School Librarian service starts Monday 10/19! School librarians will be available Monday-Thursday from 3-5pm to answer student questions, recommend resources and help pull books to check out through our Library to Go system at the Main library. Details and contact info are on the attached flyer.

Literacy Lanterns: During the month of October, we encourage all students to think of a character from a favorite book and transform a pumpkin to look like that character!

You can carve, paint, color, glue -be creative! Then, take a photo and



post it to our Literacy Lanterns Padlet. Be sure to include your name so we know the lantern creator! <u>Literacy Lanterns</u> Padlet (password is: cougars). Here is some inspiration from last year! The padlet will be open the entire month of October. Have fun!



School Site Council Parent Representative Election: Congratulations to parents Karrie Carpenter and David Froemke for being elected to represent parents in the 2020-22 school site council. Both of these parents have had experience on the council and we truly appreciate their commitment to our school community.

Your Bond Dollars at Work: The shade structures on our playgrounds are looking terrific and will be ready for our students when they return to CSS. The next phase for CSS is a modernization of our library and a redesign of the semi-circle driveway to increase pedestrian safety. If you have any ideas that you would like to share or if you have professional expertise in design that you would like to share, please contact Dr. Monahan at <u>mmonahan@esusd.net</u>. We will be holding a meeting with the architects next week to share ideas from staff and families.

Chromebook update: We are still awaiting the shipment of new Chromebooks that were purchased for our TK-2 students. We will let parents know as soon as they are ready for families to check out.

Reflections Art Contest: The theme for the 2020-2021 Reflections Program is I MATTER BECAUSE... Encourage your student to create a project in dance choreography, literature, photography, film production, music composition and/or visual arts. To get more <u>information on the rules for each</u> <u>category</u>. Entries are due October 23rd.

Food Services Reminder: To-go meals are available for pick-up Tuesday and Friday in front of the CSS office.

Tuesday 7:30 - 9 am and 12:30 - 1:30 pm: Meals for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Friday 7:30 - 9 am and 12:30 - 1:30 pm: Meals for Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday.

SeeSaw Tutorial for Families and Students (Grades TK/K-2nd): Please see this link for the SeeSaw Tutorial to get you acclimated with this platform for all TK/K-2nd Grade students: <u>SeeSaw Tutorial Link</u>

Altitude Tutorials for Families and Students (Grades 3rd-5th): Please see the link for Altitude Learning Introductory Videos Student Perspective

Next week, all parents will be receiving information on how to access their parent account in Altitude Learning. The introductory videos will also be included in the parent letter. Please look for this email

either in your teachers' communication or from the school.

Parent Perspective

How to get an El Segundo Library Card for Your Child: All students in ESUSD schools have access to a ESPL card. To get your student a library card at the El Segundo Public Library, please <u>apply online</u> and submit your current picture ID and proof of residence, via separate email to: circdesk@elsegundo.org. They accept any of the following as photo identification: a valid driver's license, a valid California ID, or a US passport. For photo ID without a current address, you will need to provide one of the following: a current utility bill, a credit card statement, a rental property or tax receipt, current school documents that show your home address, or a car registration.

Parents of returning students: if you haven't gotten it already, your child's library card is available to pick up at the El Segundo Public Library through its Library to Go curbside service. Please call 310-524-2722, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, for more information.

El Segundo Public Library cards can be used to access digital resources including eBooks, online databases and more. You can also request physical materials for contactless pickup using our Library to Go curbside service. More details are on the ESPL <u>website</u>.

ESUSD Fall Lunch Application Letter: Please take a moment to review this information regarding our district's lunch program:

ESUSD Fall Lunch Application Letter

Fall TLC Enrollment Application: The Learning Connection (TLC) child care program is open. The child care program began on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 and the times will be 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday at a cost of \$1,200 a month per child. This is the only option being offered for child care this fall semester. Unfortunately we can not offer half days of care or partial weekday attendance. This application is open to families whether you chose the full distant learning model or in-person hybrid learning model. Fall Child Care participants can expect to be notified of acceptance and SmartCare billing within the next week.

We want to thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate how to best support our elementary school site families' needs in this coming school year. As our school situation changes so will the support that TLC offers for your child care needs.

Fall 2020 TLC Child Care Enrollment Application

Join the PTA (\$10): Please support <u>CSS PTA</u>! Become a member today.

Your support will help us to continue to provide for teacher training, and support for our students, the Reflections contest (and other PTA programs), and materials/ supplies that will be needed when on-campus classes resume and more! It takes less than two minutes to join CSS PTA and it will make a huge difference in your child's school. Be a part of an organization that is dedicated to improving the well being of all children.

For any additional questions or information, please check our school's website: www.centerstreetschool.org. Follow us on Twitter: @CenterStreetSc1 and on Instagram: center_street_school.

Sincerely,

Martha Monahan, Ed.D. Principal

Important dates:

- 10/23: PTA Reflections Art Submissions Due
- 10/25: Skechers Friendship Walk
- 10/26-30: Red Ribbon Week
- 10/27: ESUSD School Board Meeting (5 pm)
- 10/28: Blake Brandes Assemblies and Parent Ed Night
 - 4th-5th Grade Virtual Assembly from 8:30-9:15am
 - 2nd-3rd Grade Virtual Assembly from 9:30-10:15am
 - TK-1st Grade Virtual Assembly from 10:30-11:00am
 - Virtual Parent Night Presentation from 6:00-7:00pm
- 10/29: Zoom Fatigue Workshop for Parents 5-6 pm
- 11/6: Faculty/Staff Inservice (pupil free day)
- 11/11: Veterans Day Holiday
- 11/23-27: Thanksgiving Break





Join PTA Now!

Stay Linked Together!

Join PTA and help us build a stronger, more inclusive school community. This school year, we strive to keep the momentum for PTA even though we're all virtual

Why PTA?

Center Street Schools PTA brings together volunteer energy and effort to create special experiences like family education nights, playground equipment, field trips, assemblies, family bonding events, & community celebrations like the long-standing lce Cream Social. That's on top of all the support we give to on-going classroom and campus programs including the Cougar Run, Grades of Green and Character Counts...& of course there's all the supplies for PE, reading, music, art, technology & STEM!

