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September 2, 2020

Dear Cougar Families,

You have all made it through a full week of distance learning! There has been a steep learning curve for students, teachers, administrators, staff and families and I appreciate patience as we all have been learning alongside our children. We continue to focus on building resilience, facilitating relationships and establishing routine in our classes this week. As our students become accustomed to the routine of group Zoom instruction and learn to complete their asynchronous assignments they will build resilience as learners. This resilience should allow them to do more and more each week with less and less adult support. Keep up the great work!

I, typically, send out our Communiqué every other week during the weekend. However, we have some time sensitive information to share this week and you are receiving this mid-week. For new parents (or as a reminder) I put the most pressing news at the top of the letter and leave news at the end that may have appeared in previous newsletters but still may be helpful to families.



**Run for Education:** The 2020 PTA Run for Education is here!! Our in-person Run was unfortunately cancelled in April but we are persistent in supporting our schools, so we have GONE VIRTUAL. What does this mean for you? It means you can register for the Run and support CSS so much more easily. Register now, print out your race bib, choose your own course and do your Run anytime between August 28th & September 7th. Because you choose the location and time to do your event you can now Run, Jog, Walk, Skate, or even Meander with your dog... The possibilities are endless. There are 5K, 10K and Kids Fun Run options. The Fun Run entries are only \$20. Share information about the run with friends and family far and wide because they can also support your school from wherever they are and we will ship them a cool T-shirt. All registrants will get a newly designed 2020 Virtual Run t-shirt and local participants will receive a goodie bag.

\*\* Help your school win the coveted Run for Education School Participation Award Plaque. Who will win it this year, CSS or RSS? The Elementary School with the highest percentage of participants will receive the Plaque to proudly display at their school until the next Run.

The Run helps to fund important programs at CSS and all of our schools, so Sign Up Today to lend your support.

<http://www.esrun4education.com>

**Back to School Night:** CSS will be hosting our first virtual Back to School Night on Thursday, September 10th. More information will be coming from your classroom teacher. Mixed grade level classes will be letting you know which meeting to attend and all teachers will send out individual Zoom links. Here is the schedule:

5:00-5:30: Principal's Welcome/Specialists

5:30-6:00: TK/Kinder/1st

6:00-6:30: 2nd/3rd

6:30-7:00: 4th/5th

**Parent Workshops:** In an effort to provide support, understanding, and continue the home-school communication, we will be hosting **four 30-minute** workshops for families in the following content areas: Maintaining Sanity at Home; Readers and Writers Workshop; CGI/Math; and RULER. We hope you can join us!

**Zoom Link:** <https://elsegundousd.zoom.us/j/86135139168> (password: workshop)

<p><u>Thursday, Sept. 3,</u> 4:30pm - 5:00pm</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>How to Maintain Sanity at Home, Pt. 1</u></a> <i>With Kristen Carmi, MA, BCBA   RSS Parent</i></p>
<p><u>Wednesday, Sept. 9,</u> 4:30pm - 5:00pm</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>What is CGI/Math and RULER (Social Emotional Wellness)</u></a> <i>With Lisa Hong, Leah Figone, and Poonam Leonard, RSS Teachers</i></p>
<p><u>Wednesday, Sept. 9,</u> 5:30pm - 6:30pm</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Altitude Overview for Parents, Grades 3-8</u></a> <a href="https://esUSD-k12-ca-us.webex.com/esUSD-k12-ca-us/onstage/g.php?MTID=e08ec2816a4172db0398476ccc68e83e8"><u>https://esUSD-k12-ca-us.webex.com/esUSD-k12-ca-us/onstage/g.php?MTID=e08ec2816a4172db0398476ccc68e83e8</u></a> <i>With Poonam Leonard and Sean Brandlin, ESUSD Technology Coaches</i></p>
<p><u>Monday, Sept. 14,</u> 4:30pm - 5:00pm</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>What is Readers and Writers Workshop</u></a> <i>With Val Voboral and Poonam Leonard, RSS Teachers</i></p>
<p><u>Thursday, Sept. 17,</u> 4:30pm - 5:00pm</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>How to Maintain Sanity at Home, Pt. 2</u></a> <i>With Kristen Carmi, MA, BCBA   RSS Parent</i></p>

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## [Recording Link: How to Maintain Sanity Pt.1](#)

**Altitude Parent Ed Night:** 3rd-5th grade parents should plan to join us on *Wednesday, September 9th at 5:30 pm* to learn about the Altitude platform and how to support your children to become more independent learners.

<https://esUSD-k12-ca-us.webex.com/esUSD-k12-ca-us/onstage/g.php?MTID=e08ec2816a4172db0398476ccc68e83e8>

US Toll: +1-415-655-0001

[Show all global call-in numbers](#)

Access code: 133 928 5935

**Virtual Family Literacy Events:** Pages Book Store in Manhattan Beach is sponsoring two author events this September. **Gale Galligan** (9/22/20) has a new book coming out this month and was part of Dav Pilkey's show last year and she was delightful! **Max Brallier's** (9/16/20) series is devoured by many children and this will be the 7th in the series. These events are being held after school hours to encourage "family" virtual events. Please visit the website for more information [www.pagesabookstore.com](http://www.pagesabookstore.com)

**A Great Family Event!**  
An Epic National Virtual Tour Event For  
**The Last Kids on Earth and the Skeleton Road**  
Author Max Brallier  
And Illustrator Doug Holgate  
Wednesday, September 16 at 5:00pm PST  
Purchase your book and receive a Zoom link for the event, a signed bookplate, and a branded slime promo item  
Click here to read more event details and purchase your book

**A Great Family Event!**  
A Fun Virtual Event with  
**Gale Galligan**  
Illustrator of the newest  
Baby-Sitters Club book  
Tuesday, September 22 at 4pm PST  
Click here to purchase your book with the Zoom link for this event

**Fall Picture Day Save the date:** September 21st will be our drive-through picture day. More information will be provided in our next newsletter and from your child's teacher.

**Student Emails:** All ESUSD students will need access to the student district email for all Zoom meetings and logins for learning platforms. There is a link to the email portal from the homepage of the El Segundo Unified School District website <https://www.elsegundousd.net/>.

1. Go to ESUSD home page at [ESUSD Home Page](#)
2. Click on the bottom text "Student Email Login"
3. Type your username\*\*\* (ex. mmonahan\_30)
4. Enter your Password\*\*\* (ex. EsUSD----!)
5. Click on the 9 dots to open Google Classroom

More information will be sent out prior to the first day of school.

**Food Services Update:** Under a new waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), **any child ages 1 - 18** can receive meals every day of the week under the National School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch Program **at no cost** through December

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2020. There are no eligibility requirements to access this service. The Food Services Department has adjusted the Meal Distribution Schedule to allow for this new waiver.

<b>Center Street School</b>	7:30 am - 9:00 am	Tuesday	Breakfast and lunch for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
	12:30 pm -1:30 pm	<b>Friday</b>	Breakfast and lunch Friday, <b>Saturday, Sunday</b> , Monday
<b>Circular Drive</b>	7:30 am - 9:00 am	Tuesday	Breakfast and lunch for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
	12:30 pm -1:30 pm	<b>Friday</b>	Breakfast and lunch Friday, <b>Saturday, Sunday</b> , Monday
<b>El Segundo High School</b>	7:30 am - 9:00 am	Tuesday	Breakfast and lunch for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
	12:30 pm -1:30 pm	<b>Friday</b>	Breakfast and lunch Friday, <b>Saturday, Sunday</b> , Monday
<b>Oak Street Entrance</b>	7:30 am - 9:00 am	Tuesday	Breakfast and lunch for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
	12:30 pm -1:30 pm	<b>Friday</b>	Breakfast and lunch Friday, <b>Saturday, Sunday</b> , Monday

Adults may still pick up meals for students without the student present. The adult will need to show a photo i.d. and identify the names of the children who will receive the meals.

The Food Services Department still recommends any family who qualifies for the Free or Reduced Price Meal Program (FRPM) submit the application for approval. This is important in accessing other benefits provided to qualifying families and will ensure a seamless transition once this waiver expires in January. Information on the FRPM program is located [here](#).

We look forward to serving even more El Segundo families each day!

**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: [SeeSaw Tutorial Link](#)

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

**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 [apply online](#) and submit your current picture ID and proof of residence, via separate email to: [circdesk@elsegundo.org](mailto:circdesk@elsegundo.org).

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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 [website](#).

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If you have any questions, you may still reach our office staff at 310-615-2676 and/or through email:

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- Dr. Martha Monahan, Principal, [mmonahan@esud.net](mailto:mmonahan@esud.net)
- Mr. Luke Olesiuk, Assistant Principal, [lolesiuk@esud.net](mailto:lolesiuk@esud.net)

**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 opening up its Fall 2020 Enrollment Application to elementary families who need child care. The child care program will begin 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.

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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 [CSS PTA](#)! 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.

**Reflections Art Contest:** Reflections Art Program. 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 [information on the rules for each category](#). Entries will be due in October 2020..

For any additional questions or information, please check our school's website: [www.centerstreetschool.org](http://www.centerstreetschool.org). Follow us on Twitter: @CenterStreetSc1 and on Instagram: center\_street\_school.

Sincerely,

Martha Monahan, Ed.D.  
Principal

Important dates:

- September 7: Labor Day/No School
- September 10: Back to School Night
- September 21: Picture Day

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