



Cougars CARE: Community * Authenticity * Resilience * Excellence

September 30, 2020

Dear Cougar Community,

It is hard to believe that it is the last day of September already! If you are new to CSS you may not know that each year our student council's major philanthropy is the Trick or Treat for UNICEF drive. This program was established after WWII to support children around the world who are not as fortunate as we are in El Segundo. The primary goal of UNICEF's Trick or Treat program is to raise awareness of childhood poverty in our children and to let them know that their action can improve the life of another child.

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. *Beginning October 1st, teachers, parents and children can register for their digital, orange box at <https://www.unicefusa.org/trick-or-treat> 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.



SeeSaw Parent Support Q&A Session: Two of our amazing teachers, Mrs. Leonard and Mrs. Plotkin, are offering an upcoming opportunity for all TK-2nd grade parents to further support parents with our learning platform, SeeSaw. Below you will find a link to review some information that has been sent out regarding SeeSaw and on the 2nd slide there is a link to submit questions ahead of time.

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Time: Oct 1, 2020 05:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting - Please use your students login for Zoom

<https://elsegundousd.zoom.us/j/88351408203?pwd=cUR1cHhXSENkejNyTXY1RU9qZkdZz09>

Meeting ID: 883 5140 8203

Passcode: seesaw

One tap mobile

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Meeting ID: 883 5140 8203

Passcode: 084830

Find your local number: <https://elsegundousd.zoom.us/j/kdUfPjzoK>

Annual Jogathon in October: The 2020 CSS PTA Jog-a-Thon will kick off next week! 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. There will be a teacher parade and gift bags for all students to pick up on Thursday, October 15th at the school between 1:45-2:45 pm. For any questions, please email jogathon@csspta.com.

Fall Picture Day Make-ups: If you missed picture day, please come to CSS on Monday, October 12th between 10 am-12 pm. Our photographers take quality photos for purchase but there is no obligation to buy your child's photo. Whether or not you choose to buy photos, the school uses the photos for your child's cumulative file and for a class composite.



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 [Friendship Walk Registration](#). For more information: <http://www.friendshipfoundation.com/skechers-walk/>

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. <http://www.blakebrandes.com/>

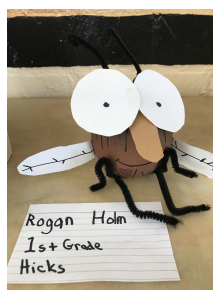
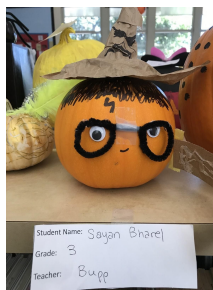
- 4th-5th Grade Virtual Assembly from 8:30-9:15am
- 2nd-3rd Grade Virtual Assembly from 9:30-10:15am
- TK-1st Grade Virtual Assembly from 10:30-11:00am
- Virtual Parent Night Presentation from 6:00-7:00pm



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



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creator! [Literacy Lanterns](#) Padlet (password is: cougars). Here is some inspiration from last year! The padlet will be open the entire month of October. Have fun!

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.



School Site Council Parent Representative Nominations: Are you looking for an after-school volunteer opportunity that focuses on improving Center Street School? Do you want to help shape Center Street School's priorities and direction? Become a parent representative on the Center Street School Site Council (SSC)!

If you are interested in running for the parent representative position, please complete this [form](#) by noon on **Friday, October 9th** with a short autobiographical statement, which may include: grade levels of your ESUSD students, reason(s) that you would like to be a member of our board and any skills or personal qualities that you think may be beneficial to the SSC team. Ballots will be distributed to parents **The week of October 12**. Ballots will be counted on **Monday, October 19th** and new council members will be notified to join us at our first meeting on Thursday, October 29th.

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 [information on the rules for each category](#). Entries will be due October 23rd.

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.

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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. 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](#).

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.

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.

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.

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Sincerely,

Martha Monahan, Ed.D.

Principal

Important dates:

- 10/1: Seesaw Parent Workshop (see link above)
- 10/12: Make-up Picture Day (8-11 am)
- 10/13: ESUSD School Board Meeting (5 pm)
- 10/15: Great Shake Out earthquake drill (10:15 am)
- 10/15: Jogathon Reverse Parade
- 10/15: ESUSD School Board Candidates Forum 4:30 pm
- 10/21: CSS PTA Meeting (6:30 pm)
- 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
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- 11/6: Faculty/Staff Inservice (pupil free day)
- 11/11: Veterans Day Holiday
- 11/23-27: Thanksgiving Break

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**JOIN US SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020
AT OUR FIRST-EVER VIRTUAL WALK!**

**STARRING
AGT SUPERSTAR
KODI LEE**



**WATCH OUR
EVENT ONLINE
AT 10AM PST**

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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 Ice 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!



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EL SEGUNDO HIGH SCHOOL &
RICHMOND STREET SCHOOL.**

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**El Segundo
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Candidates
Forum**

**Rilling-Grant!
Wagner!
Wheaton!**

**Meet the
Candidates!**

2 VIRTUAL FORUMS:
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH:
6:00 TO 7:30 PM &
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15TH:
4:30 TO 6:00 PM

Submit your questions:
via the QR Code
or forum@csspta.com



(log in information will be published the
week of September 20th)

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