

Saturday, August 25, 2012

Dear CDM Family,

Welcome back! Here's hoping you all had a great, relaxing summer and that your children are looking forward to a great year.

Drive or walk carefully to school; thanks to a few dedicated community members (CDM parents, of course!), new stop signs and crosswalks have been installed in nearby streets.

THIS WEEK (August 27 - 31)

Monday, 8am - Back-to-School Coffee - Front patio

Snap your pictures, drop them off, then enjoy coffee and pastries with fellow parents.

Thursday, 6pm - 7:30pm - Back-to-School Night, Amphitheatre

Parents, this may be the most important event you attend all year. All parents first gather at the amphitheatre (as you're facing the school, left gate, then theatre is on right side) for a presentation by Principal Delaney. Then you are invited to visit your child's classroom to learn about the academic year, classroom schedule, rules, etc. - Parents only on this evening, please.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lunch orders may now be completed online! They can be done last minute! They take plastic! There are more menu choices!

Simply click on this link to [Chicelunch](#). If you have not yet created an account, click on "New Account" in the orange box on your right. The next window will ask for your registration code, which is DMUSD. The rest is easily followed.

School supply lists may be found [here](#).

Drop-off and pick-up, main driveway: Please do not leave your vehicle parked along the curb in front of school or on the driveway approaching school. And if there is space ahead of you, please fill that gap so that the line can move quickly.

Questions or Comments?

Please feel free to contact us by [clicking here](#).

And check our website frequently: www.carmeldelmarpta.com.

YOU ARE NEEDED!

Lunchtime volunteers are needed to distribute lunches this year. There is a perk with this volunteer job, too. Please sign up at the front office. And while you're there, say hello to Katie Gomez, CDM's new Office Assistant.

The Ice Cream Social

is fast approaching - Thursday, September 13. It is a fun, delicious event that needs a few more helpers. Chairs Robin Phaneuf and Mary Lambson have done the planning and organizing - They just need a chunk of your time! Spend a half an hour selling pizza, then relax with your kids.

Sign-up has gone modern, but is easy! Just [click here](#).

Monday, September 3, 2012

Dear CDM Family,

Hope you all enjoyed the 3-day weekend. Before you review the calendar for next week, please read a message from our new DMSEF reps, Dave Wojtkowski and Ying Yang.

It was great to see all of you at Back to School night. We're very proud that CDM's participation rate to the Foundation was among the highest in the District last year, and look forward to another great year. It's great to have our art teacher, Nicole Nelson, full-time this year.

The ESC program at Del Mar is one of the key things that sets Del Mar apart from other school districts in the State. Can you imagine all your child would lose without these great hours of science, music, art, technology and PE? I know ESC is some of my child's favorite time at the school.

We are still looking for grade level ambassadors for Kindergarten and 5th grade. If you'd like to help with this great program please contact Dave Wojtkowski or Ying Yang Huang.

THIS WEEK (September 3 - 7)

Monday, Sept. 3

Labor Day - no school

Friday, Sept. 7

8am - PTA Executive Board Meeting

Last day to sign up for After School Enrichment

Information was sent home with students last week. More can be obtained by going to the district website: www.dmusd.org.

NEXT WEEK (September 10 - 14)

Tuesday, Sept. 11

8:00am - Coffee with Principal Eileen - location tba

8:30am - Volunteer Orientation - location tba

This is for anyone who will spend any amount of time at CDM, whether it's your first year volunteering in the classroom (welcome!) or you've put in serious hours (thank you!). This presentation is organized by school personnel.

Thursday, Sept. 13

8am - Chair/Room Parent Meeting - location tba

If you are chairing a PTA program or if you are a room parent, please attend this brief, lightly entertaining meeting organized by the PTA.

5pm - 7pm - ICE CREAM SOCIAL - CDM Amphitheatre

Free ice cream sundaes! Pizza for sale! Rob the DJ spinning tunes!

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MISCELLANEA

Choielunch is the new hotline for hot lunch.

New this year is online ordering! There are more entree choices, too. Click [here](#) to start.

Have a bit of extra time this school year? Want to feel more connected to this great community? CDM's PTA has many jobs, big and small! We have fun working together, and the kids notice that you care about their education. Please email us by clicking [here](#) and we will find you a job that is the perfect fit.

Monday, September 9, 2012

Dear CDM Family,

There is much to talk about, but let's start with eScrip because it's one of things that's almost too good to be true. Last year, CDM made over \$10,000, or one quarter of our budget from eScrip. Think of how much gift wrap our families would have to sell to generate \$10K!

This is how you sign up: Get a form from the front office to fill out, or go to: www.escrip.com. You will need your Vons club number. If you haven't seen that number in years (it is not your phone number), call 1-877-723-3929 and they will provide it to you.

Thank you, Deanna Bruckman, for managing this important program for CDM!

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Friday, Sept. 14

Spirit Wear orders are due.

Ordering is quick and easy! Just click [here](#).

NEXT WEEK (September 17 - 21)

Thursday, 6pm - MUR

PTA Association Meeting/Parent Education

This is your chance to inform yourselves about the November ballot initiatives that affect your child's education. They are Prop CC (the one affecting DMUSD and thus CDM), the Technology and 21st Century Learning Initiative; and Prop AA, San Dieguito Union High School's (where your child will probably attend middle and high school) bond. We as a PTA expect to vote on our consensus for these measures.

LOOKING AHEAD

Carmel Valley Fun Run to Benefit DMSEF - Dec. 8

We as a District will come together to support our ESC programs on December 8, 2012.

Here are the details:

1st Annual Carmel Valley 5K & Kids Fun Run

Planning is underway for the 1st annual Carmel Valley 5K & Kids Fun Run taking place the morning of Saturday, December 8th, 2012. This is sure to be a morning of fun and activity for runners, walkers and families throughout our community! Proceeds from the race will go towards the Del Mar Schools Education Foundation (DMSEF). The Foundation supports the science, music, art, technology, and P.E. programs for all eight DMUSD schools. The 5K course is a challenging and unique course that begins at Carmel Del Mar Elementary and will include the beautiful tree-lined bike path parallel to Hwy 56. The event also includes a non-competitive one-mile Kids Fun Run course around Carmel Del Mar Elementary School. This is a great way to involve your children in a healthy lifestyle and benefit DMSEF at the same time.

Save the date and register by clicking on this link. Early bird pricing is available before November 1st. We are capping the number of registrants, so get your registration in! There will also be a booth at the Ice Cream Social this Thursday, September 13, where you can register for the race and obtain further information. The race website is currently under construction, but check back periodically for updates at www.carmelvalley5k.com. Like us on Facebook by clicking [here](#). We hope to see you on December 8th!

Sunday, September 16, 2012

Dear CDM Family,

Were your kids as tired as mine Friday morning after Ice Cream Social? It was a seriously good time. This week is calm from the PTA side, as we just have a Parent Education Night/PTA Association Meeting on Thursday at 6pm in the MUR. For the longer term, however, there are 3 things to keep in mind: the DMSEF fundraiser with Amazon; the photography event with Mark Frapwell; and a Reflections update. Read on for details. Have a great week!

THIS WEEK (September 17 - 21)

Thursday, Sept. 20, 6pm, MUR

PTA Association Meeting/Parent Education Night

This is your chance to be informed about the November ballot initiatives that affect education. There are two:

- 1) Prop CC (affecting DMUSD), named the "Technology and 21st Century Learning Initiative"; and
- 2) Prop AA, San Dieguito Union High School's bond.

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Remember - All CDM parents are welcome to attend this PTA Association Meeting/Parent Education Night. To vote during the Association meeting, though, you must be a PTA member. But if you can't vote, you can still hang out!

NEXT WEEK (September 24 - 28)

Monday, Sept. 24

School Picture Day. Take extra time grooming your child.

LOOKING AHEAD

Easiest Way Ever to Support DMSEF!

Do you ever use www.amazon.com to shop online? If you just remember to access that webpage in a slightly different way, 4%- 8% of your purchase price will go to DMSEF. There are no extra fees, no new usernames/passwords, and the Amazon Prime program is unchanged. All you do is access Amazon via the Foundation website. When you think "Amazon," think www.DMSEF.org. The link is at the top of the website.

October 13 & 14 - 9am-5pm Photography Fundraiser

Reserve your spot now for a photography session with Mark Frapwell. The \$70 session (normally \$300) includes one free digital 4X6 image. Think holiday cards, taken in Mark's beautiful garden here in Carmel Valley. Proofs will be available to view online for 2 weeks only, and there will be a 15% discount for all orders made during that first week of viewing.

To book your appointment, email Jen Raysman.

October 16 - 7:30am REFLECTIONS entries due in front of CDM MUR... so start creating now!

What Reflections is:

Reflections is a national PTA-sponsored arts contest that includes the following 6 categories: dance choreography, photography, film production, literature, visual arts, and musical composition. Children submit their work first to their grade schools to be judged; if chosen, the works move on to the District level to be judged; if chosen there, they move on to the California level to be judged, then the National PTA. The format is based on a competition, but the goal is participation and a deepened appreciation for the arts. There is a different theme each year, and this year's theme is: "The Magic of a Moment."

How to Enter:

In this week's Wednesday folder, your child will receive detailed instructions for how to prepare and submit his work. For more information, [click here](#) (and know that the due date on the top of that website does NOT apply to CDM).

December 8 - Carmel Valley 5K Run to Benefit DMSEF

We as a District will sweat together to support our ESC programs on December 8, 2012. Register by clicking on this link. Early bird pricing is available before November 1st.

Sunday, September 23, 2012

THIS WEEK (September 24 - 28)

Monday, Sept. 24 -

School Picture Day

Saturday, Sept. 29 - 10am - 2pm (6th grade families only) -

6th Grade Camp Open House - Cuyamaca Rancho State Park

NEXT WEEK (Oct. 1 - 5)

Wednesday, Oct. 3 -

Walk to School Day - More information, such as routes, times, coming next week.

LOOKING AHEAD

DMSEF

Please mark your calendar for the only three DMSEF events the entire year:

CDM Jog-a-thon (October 17)

Carmel Valley 5K and Kids Fun Run (December 8)

Hearts Campaign (February)

The CDM Jog-a-thon run jointly by the DMSEF and PTA is one of the most popular events in the school. CDM students and teachers jog around the track to raise important funds for the ESC program. Don't be surprised if your child runs over 20 laps that day. Kids can earn special prizes and best participating classes will win pizza parties. Stay tuned for more information in future Wednesday folders.

The December 5K Run is our first district-wide event and is expected to build community spirit and recruit corporate sponsors. To register or to learn more about this event, please [click here](#).

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prop CC

is a ballot measure that directly affects your child's education. Specific information is coming very soon, but until then, excellent information is available on the district website. [Click here](#) to learn more.