



# COUGAR TRACKS

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## MONTHLY HAPPENINGS



### OCTOBER & MORE!!!

- 10/27 School Site Council Mtg., 3:15 p.m. Library
- 10/28 NO SCHOOL
- 10/30 Spirit Rally at 10:15 a.m.
- 11/03 Parent-Teacher Conferences thru 11/6  
(mini days for students 8:15-11:35)
- 11/06 Founders Day nominations due
- 11/11 Veterans Day - NO SCHOOL
- 11/13 LCFEF Jog-A-Thon
- 11/16 Limo Lunch Ride
- 11/17 PTA Meeting. - 9:15 a.m. - Cafeteria
- 11/19 PTA Reflections entries due
- 11/19 Gift wrap & frozen food distribution
- 11/20 Spirit Rally - 10:15 a.m.
- 11/23 Thanksgiving Break thru 11/27

## Thank you to everyone who participated in the gift wrap fundraiser!

GIFT WRAP & COOKIE DOUGH DISTRIBUTION WILL BE **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> ONLY!!!**

Congratulations to the following classes who qualified for the Great Wilbur Pig Race & Fashion Show to be held at the October Spirit Rally:

**Miss Apffel   Mrs. Budde**  
**Mr. Hajek   Mrs. Kazak**  
**Mrs. Newman**

We will have the raffle for those students who sold 20 items or more at the rally!

The **Limo Lunch Ride** is scheduled for Monday, November 16th. A list of students who qualified (sold 35 items / 50 items per family) is posted in the office window.

If your student qualified and their name is not listed, please contact Lisa Fungo at 952-0201 / [lfungo@att.net](mailto:lfungo@att.net) or Camilla Hartman at 731-7850 / [cbhartman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cbhartman@sbcglobal.net). More info and permission slips will be sent home soon.

## Cougar Tracks is Going Green!!!



### This is the final issue!!!

**Weekly news blasts filled with important PCY PTA information and exciting upcoming events at will be sent via email, to those on our mailing list, through the Constant Contact System.**

If you are already receiving bi-monthly emails from our PTA President you are all set to read everything you need to know about PCY PTA. If you are not you **MUST** visit [www.pcypta.org](http://www.pcypta.org) and "Join Our Mailing List." It's that simple!!

**Now ALL the news you need to know will be sent to you weekly in a complete and concise email.**

Best news is that we are saving money too!

## Attention PCY Parents:

We are carefully monitoring health issues here at PCY.

**PLEASE call the absence hotline 818-949-4881 and leave detailed information regarding your child's illness.**



- **State specific reason**
- **Tell us if your child has any of the following symptoms**
  - Fever of 100 degrees or higher**
  - sore throat**
  - runny nose**
  - body aches**
  - cough**
  - vomiting**
  - diarrhea**

## Show Your School Spirit and Buy Cougar Wear!!!

PCY Shirts, jackets, baseball hats, visors, and key chains are still on sale. **November 6th will be the last day to order Cougar Wear.** Order forms are in the office or contact Sandy Ahn at [ahn\\_sandy@yahoo.com](mailto:ahn_sandy@yahoo.com) or Nancy Erickson@ [njberickson@aol.com](mailto:njberickson@aol.com).

## RUN - JOG – RUN TO THE FINISH LINE



The Jog –A –Thon is 2 week away – so get those last minute pledges together and get ready Run-Jog-Run. With great incentives and prizes this years Jog-A-Thon will be something to remember so don't be left out. The Jog-A-Thon envelopes are due by Friday, November 6. Please return them to your classroom by this date. All pledges and pre-paid donations need to be gathered by then. If sponsors are paying "by the lap," you will be asked to collect contributions after the Jog-A-Thon takes place on Friday, November 13.

The Jog-A-Thon is one of the LCF Educational Foundation's most popular fundraisers so parents you are more than welcome to come out and support your children as they support their schools. For more information, call the LCF Educational Foundation office at 952-4268, or visit [www.lcfef.org](http://www.lcfef.org).

## PTA Membership...It Has It's Benefits:

Because of the size of our organization, PTA is able to negotiate special discounts and other valuable benefits exclusively for PTA members. To find out more: log on to the website at [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org) and click onto membership benefits. The username and password are on your PTA membership card in the PCY office.

## Box Tops for Education Deadline

Please drop the Box Tops for Education coupons in the basket in the PCY office by **Friday, Oct. 30**, our first submission deadline for the school year. Each coupon is worth cash for our school and can be found on hundreds of products, including General Mills cereals, Betty Crocker mixes, Avery office products, Kleenex and Ziploc. Thank you to all the PCY families, teachers and staff who regularly contribute. This is an ongoing program, so please don't throw them away. There will be another submission deadline in February. For more information, call Lori Moody at 952-5645.

## PTA Founders Day Awards

Founders Day provides us an opportunity to recognize and appreciate those whom, through their efforts and achievements, prove themselves true advocates for our children. Their ongoing dedication and hard work seek no reward, which is the most compelling reason to show them our gratitude. Each year, the PCY PTA honors five such people. These honorees are teachers, school staff members, parents or other volunteers who have truly given extraordinarily to benefit PCY and its students.

If you know someone deserving, please take a moment to fill out the nomination form.

Additional forms are available in the PCY front office or at [www.pcypta.org](http://www.pcypta.org).

Please place your completed form in the box labeled "Founders Day Nominations" located in the office beginning Thursday, October 2nd. All nominations are confidential.

**The deadline for nominations is Friday, Nov. 6th. Remember, no one can be honored if they are not nominated!!**

After the deadline, a committee will review the nominations and decide upon the recipients. The honorees will be notified sometime in the early part of 2010, and will be honored at a special event on March 10, 2010.

This is truly a meaningful acknowledgement of hard work and dedication. Please take the time to nominate someone you feel has gone above and beyond for our children. Questions contact Paige Hulsey at 790-2775 or [hulzbunch@yahoo.com](mailto:hulzbunch@yahoo.com).

## PTA National Reflections Contest Let your talent shine...

The 2009-2010 PTA Fine Arts Reflection Program has begun!

This year's theme is "Beauty is..." All works must reflect this theme in some way. Students can submit multiple entries in multiple categories.

**Reflections is an opportunity for creative students to create original works in:**

**Literature, Visual Arts, Photography, Music Composition, Video Production, and Dance Choreography**

You can then submit your works for judging and prizes. Entries will be judged at the school level and the winners will be sent along for further competition at the PTA District (San Gabriel Valley) and State Levels. All PCY participants will be eligible for a pizza party.

Entry forms and rules specific to each category are available in the office and will be in this week's Thursday folder. They are also available at [www.capta.org](http://www.capta.org). Have fun and be creative! Just remember the theme and carefully follow the rules. Have your parents check your work and sign your entry form. **Submit your creation to the PCY office no later than 3:00 pm on Thursday, NOVEMBER 19th.** Qus? Christine Chant 818-790-0655 or [christinechant@aol.com](mailto:christinechant@aol.com)