



TRACKS OF THE CAT

Don Gaspar de Portola Elementary



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Character Pillar for the Month RESPONSIBILITY

What's New!

- Report cards sent home
November 9th
- PTA Community Tag Sale
November 10
- Veterans' Day - NO SCHOOL
November 12
- Fundraiser packets/payments due
November 13
- Picture retakes
November 14
- PTA meeting
November 15, 7:00-9:00pm, Library
- Thanksgiving recess - NO SCHOOL
November 19-23
- School Site Council
November 27, 3:30pm, Library

Upcoming Events

- PTA meeting
December 12, 7:00-9:00pm, Library

Please obey signs posted in drop-off areas and parking lots. Do not leave cars or children unattended in vehicles.

PLEASE JOIN YOUR PTA!
YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

**Congratulations to Jim George,
Ph.D., on his election as a School
Site Council Community
Representative!**

Dear Portola Families,

It is a busy time of year as we conclude the first quarter and teachers anxiously look ahead at all there is to teach. In the next several weeks, School Site Council, the staff and I will meet to finalize our academic goals for the 2007-2008 Single Plan for Student Achievement. If you have any input or are interested in hearing more about the goals, please come to our School Site Council meetings. Your input is valuable.

Report Cards were sent home with your child in their Friday Folder, today, 11/9. Please check your child's folder, review the report card, sign, and return it to school right away. Kindergarten parents were invited to come to their child's classroom to review and sign the report cards.

Tom Dozier, parenting skills trainer, gave two excellent presentations to parents in September and October on Eliminating Homework Wars, Improving School Behavior for the ADHD and Strong Willed Child, and a presentation for teachers on Creating Positive Classroom Environments. All the attendees to the parenting classes indicated on the evaluation that they would definitely recommend these classes to a friend. If you were not able to attend, watch for announcements of future programs.

The staff and I want to thank you for your active participation in Goal Setting Conferences. We know that we can count on your support and follow-through with the activities delineated in your child's plan. It is our goal that, together, we can ensure each child's success.

Attendance Update (9/24-10/19/07)

Enrollment:	354 students
Days Absent:	201 days
Funding Lost:	\$7,638.00

Perfect Attendance Awards for October

For the month of October, there were 164 Portola students with no tardies and no absences. Congratulations to the students on the attached list for their dedication to being on time and coming to school every day.

Wishing you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving,

María Ramírez, Principal

