

Cougar Connection

December 2021

School Office 928-505-6020



A Message from Mrs. Mersing

Dear Parents,

SOME SIMPLE SAFETY TIPS:

First and foremost Supervision is the Key!
 Check privacy settings on your computer and browsers.
 When possible, tell the kids what to do vs. what NOT to do.
 Computers located in common home areas.
 Have younger students use kid safe browsers (example: Kiddle.com).

Kids:

If you are not sure about something, easiest rule is STOP and ask your grown-up .
 Keep passwords private from everyone except your parents.
 Get grown ups permission for ANY new program that you want to try or use.
 Always log out of a program or account. Do not assume just because you close the browser you are logged out.
 Only say or write nice things online (message, emails, while playing a game etc...).
 My personal rule with my kids has always been “if grandma cannot hear it or read it, don’t say it or write it!”
 Plug your devices in at night outside of your bedrooms, to allow you a good night sleep. Rest will improve your mood and ability to focus on learning.

Your Partner in Education,
 Mrs. Mersing Principal

The Bookshelf...

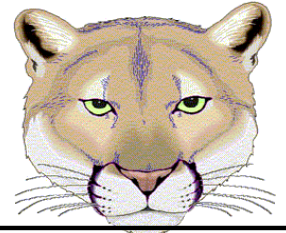
I would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays and a wonderful winter break. I hope you take advantage of the season and curl up with some hot chocolate and a good book!!

Mrs. Thomas
 Smoketree Librarian



Important Dates

- Candy Gram Sales start Nov 29 to Dec 3rd.
- Spelling Bee Dec. 9th
- Holiday Store Dec. 6-10th
- Spirit Week is Dec. 13-16th (See Calendar)



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Flu season is here! Please watch for these symptoms and keep student's home that are sick.

A few tips to staying healthy-

- Wash your hands and use hand sanitizer
- Get plenty of sleep
- Eat healthy!!!- Fruits, veggies, and proteins. A healthy breakfast is the perfect way to start the day!
- Take a multivitamin
- Flu shot
- Keep your area clean at home and school
- Clean your phones and remote controls
- Exercise
- Drink plenty of water and stay hydrated!!

Symptoms of the Flu can include

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| RUNNY NOSE | SORE THROAT | BODY ACHES |
| FEVER | | COUGH |
| CHILLS | | FATIGUE |
| STUFFY NOSE | | HEADACHES |



Smoketree Elementary Second Quarter Awards Ceremony will be **Wednesday, December 15, 2021.**

At that time, we will be recognizing our Smoketree Cougars for their Academic Achievement. Awards will be given for the Principal's Honor Roll, Honor Roll and Positive Attitude Award.

We are looking forward to celebrating and recognizing our students. Parents welcome.

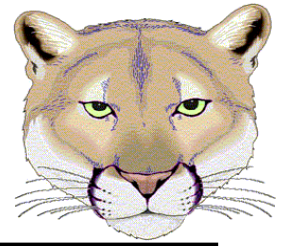
Thank you.

Grade 1-2 @ 8:10 am
 Grade 3-4 @ 9:10 am
 Grade 5-6 @ 10:10 am
 In the Gym

Just a reminder...



Monday, Jan. 4, 2021- School Resumes
Monday, Jan. 18, 2021 - No School/Martin Luther King's Day
Wednesday Jan 20, 2021 - 100th Day Celebration



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PTSO News






Smoketree PTSO will be offering a Family Craft night on Wednesday, Dec. 1st, 2021, from 5:30 to 7 pm in the gym. Crafts may be purchased for \$1 to \$5 and made by the students. Cookies and milk will also be available to purchase. Entertainment will be provided.



Our Holiday Store will be open Dec. 6th– 10th in the library from 7:30 am to 3 pm. Students will be allowed to purchase Christmas gifts at this time. A list of items to purchase will be sent home prior to this event.

Parents interested in volunteering for these events can contact our school or contact Sherry Kortan at
928-727-4959

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Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
	<i>Candy Gram Sales begin Nov. 29th-Dec 3rd</i>		<i>1 PTSO Family Craft Night 5:30 to 7pm</i>	<i>2</i> 	<i>3 Last day for Candy Gram Sales</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>6 Holiday Store Student Council 2:30-3:30 Foreign Language 2:45-3:45 STEM 2:45-3:45</i>	<i>7 Holiday Store</i>	<i>8 Holiday Store</i> *Tutoring* 2:45 to 3:45pm Last day this quarter is 12/8/21	<i>9 Holiday Store Spelling Bee @ 3:00pm in the gym</i> 	<i>10 Holiday Store Last day</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>12</i>	<i>13 Spirit Day: Holiday Sock Day Foreign Language 2:45-3:45 STEM 2:45-3:45</i>	<i>14 Spirit Day: Holiday Sweater Day</i>	<i>15 Spirit Day: Red & Green Day</i>	<i>16 Spirit Day: Pajama Day (no slippers)</i> 	<i>17 No School for Students</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>
Winter Break - No School						
<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>	
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Daily School Hours: 7:55-2:30

Thursday Early Release Hours:
7:55-1:00