



# Panda Press

College Park School Newsletter  
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## Calendar

### October

- 18th DELAC Meeting 6:00 pm @District Office
- 24<sup>th</sup> - 28th INTERSESSION NO SCHOOL
- 31 No School (Teacher Professional Development Day)

### November

- **1st 8:15a PTA Meeting (in Gym)**
  - Also **Spirit Day: Wacky Day** (see article)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Panda Party sign-ups: close
- 6<sup>th</sup> Campus Clean Up
- 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day – no school
- 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Fall Workshops and Scholastic Book Fair
- 18<sup>th</sup> ELAC Meeting 6:00 pm @ Gym, College Park

## SPIRIT DAYS

Student Council has brainstormed and planned our Spirit Days for this school year! Spirit Days are a wonderful and fun way to show school spirit and build community. We are providing the dates in advance, so you can begin to plan how to participate! (See attachment.)

Students are encouraged to participate through Panda Pride. Classes in each grade level with the most participation will be awarded a bamboo leaf. Three bamboo leaves will earn them 15 minutes of extra recess, and six bamboo leaves will award them with a free dress day! Show your Panda Pride!

### Wacky Day: Tuesday, November 1 –

Students wear a costume, wacky clothes, wacky hair, or uniform. No gore, masks, weapons, violence, or clowns. Tennis shoes required.



**Panda Parties** are still available for sign up until November 2<sup>nd</sup>! Please sign up for these FUN events that also raise money for the PTA! See Quick Link: at <http://www.collegeparkpta.com/>



PURCHASE AND PERSONALIZE your TreeRing College Park Elementary YEARBOOK here:

[CP Treering Yearbook](#)

Your personalized yearbook only costs \$15.99

**10% Discount if you order in October!**

**Student lunches** prepay at

[www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) or in the office.

**Crossing guards:** sign up to volunteer to keep kids safe at [CrossingGuard sign up](#)



## California PTA Supported Ballot Measures

- **PROPOSITION 51 -- SUPPORT School Bonds. Funding for K-12 School and Community College Facilities. Initiative Statutory Amendment.** PTA supports safe and up to-date schools. The \$9 billion in bond money will go for new construction and modernization of K-12 public schools, charter schools, vocational-education facilities and California community colleges. [More information.](#)
- **PROPOSITION 55 -- SUPPORT Tax Extension to Fund Education and Healthcare.** Initiative Constitutional Amendment. This initiative extends the temporary personal-income tax increases on high-income earners. Money will go to schools and community colleges, budget reserves/debt payments and health programs. About half of the estimated tax money would go to schools (about \$4 billion). If these taxes disappear, it would hurt our already underfunded education system. [More information.](#)
- **PROPOSITION 56 -- SUPPORT Cigarette Tax to Fund Healthcare, Tobacco Use Prevention, Research, and Law Enforcement. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.** We know that education and smoking cessation programs work to save lives by preventing teens --who have been shown to be sensitive to the price of tobacco products -- from choosing to smoke in the first place. This increases the cigarette tax by \$2 per pack, with equivalent increase on other tobacco products and electronic cigarettes containing nicotine. The money would go to increase funding for existing health-care programs, tobacco-use prevention/control programs, tobacco-related disease research and law enforcement, physician training, dental-disease prevention programs and administration. [More information.](#)
- **PROPOSITION 58 -- SUPPORT SB 1174 (Chapter 753, Statutes of 2014), Lara. The California Education for a Global Economy Initiative (California EdGE).** In 1998, voters approved Proposition 227 requiring that all students be taught in English, and that English learners be taught in sheltered English courses. PTA opposed Proposition 227 because it forced English Language Learners (ELLs) to take English-only classes regardless of students' individual needs. In addition, it took away parents' right to choose what is best for their children. This initiative deletes the sheltered English provisions. It requires students be taught in programs with access to core academic standards, and that school districts provide effective and appropriate methods for language acquisition. Parents and guardians may choose language-acquisition programs that best meet the needs of their children. [More inform...](#)
- **PROPOSITION 63 -- SUPPORT Firearms. Initiative Statute.** We believe that limiting : kinds of guns and ammunition that can kill large ar **Yearbook** people in a short amount of time is common sense. We must fight gun violence by limiting the types and number of guns and ammunition available to those who would use them to do harm to others. Reasonable, common-sense gun laws reduce gun deaths and injuries, keep guns away from criminals and fight illegal gun trafficking. [More information.](#)



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