

Aztec News

Adobe Bluffs Elementary



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PTA President's Message

Happy New Year! Hopefully this issue of our newsletter finds you and your family healthy and well rested after the winter break. Traditionally, January is the month spent reflecting on the past year and resolving to make changes for the new year. These resolutions vary in about every way imaginable, but they all have one thing in common: The result of our accomplishing them is to improve the quality of our lives and possibly those around us as well.

At Adobe Bluffs, the PTA has been striving to achieve the goals we established at the beginning of the school year. During our January meeting, our executive board will review these goals and determine what we need still to do to accomplish them. Here is what they are:

- ◆ Implement two membership drives to grow PTA membership (August & January).
- ◆ Support math and science curriculum, enhance humanities education (Arts Attack, music, assemblies, etc.), and promote physical fitness.
- ◆ Embrace the AB *family* (students Pre-school through 5th grade; ESS; Staff; and Parents) by welcoming and encouraging participation for our school.
- ◆ Utilize a variety of methods (Connect Ed, e-mail, AB & PTA websites, newsletter, flyers, legislative updates, and various meetings) to ensure communication between home and school.
- ◆ Encourage and promote conservation and recycling by 1) Utilizing electronic communications and 2) Supporting student recycling efforts.



We appreciate all of the support that families have given to the PTA either through volunteering, hassle free donations, membership, and/or any number of ways you have helped us to advocate for all of our children.

Best wishes to each and everyone in the upcoming year!
May you all have good health and happiness always!

Go Aztecs!

Ron Cole, PTA President rcole4@san.rr.com

Winter Jamboree
Saturday, January 24



Fairness

(January/February Focus)

- ◆ Play by the rules
- ◆ Take turns and share
- ◆ Be open-minded; listen to others
- ◆ Don't take advantage of others
- ◆ Don't blame others

AB Student Council Message



Student Council Spirit Days will be on the last Friday of the month.

January 30th will be "Pajama Day". All other Fridays will continue to be Aztec Pride Spirit Days, wear red or black.

Important Dates:

- Jan 16** - Dad's Lunch
- Jan 19** - No School
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan 20** - No School
Professional Growth Day

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Adobe Bluffs Annual Winter Jamboree

11:00-3:00pm on the Adobe Bluffs playground

This wonderful neighborhood carnival event is sponsored by your PTA on Saturday, January 24th (rain back up date is Feb 7th). There are bunches of fun games like *Feed a Polar Bear*, *Ice Fishing*, *Snowball Free Throw* and more! Win a yummy cake at the cake walk; decorate a cookie or win a goldfish! Get your pictures taken with your friends, test your character counts knowledge with your favorite teacher, have lunch and win cool prizes! Save the date and we'll see you soon!

Save even more by pre-ordering your game and food tickets! Pre-ordered tickets will be available for pick up at the gate on the day of the Jamboree. Note, this is a family event in which parents need to attend with their child(ren).

The presales order form is located at the end of the newsletter or available on the PTA website adobebluffspta.org/default.aspx. Send in your form with your check or cash back to school by FRIDAY, January 16th to get the best savings!

Help Needed: We can keep this as a low cost event because so many wonderful parents, students, alumni, teachers, and local high school students volunteer. It's fun to work in the booths! Contact one of the co-chairs below to find out how you can get involved!

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Adobe Bluffs Calendar

Looking Ahead

Jan 29 Talent show rehearsal Jan 30-Talent Show



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online <http://adobebluffspta.org/calendar.aspx>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
11	12 Mileage Club	13	14 Mileage Club	15 College Shirt Early Release 12:25 Talent show rehearsal 12:30-3pm	16 AB Spirit Day Mileage Club Dad's Lunch Jamboree presale ticket orders deadline	17
18	19 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day - no school	20 Professional growth day - no school	21 Mileage Club	22 College Shirt Early Release 12:25 YMCA sports clinic basketball	23 AB Spirit Day Mileage Club	24 Winter Jamboree 11am-3pm Adobe Bluffs playground



Adobe Bluff Author's Faire

Bruce Coville is coming to Adobe Bluffs on Wednesday, February 11th for our annual Author's Faire. Bruce is the author of 100 fantasy and science fiction books for children and young adults. He is best known for *My Teacher is an Alien*, *The Unicorn Chronicles*, and *Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher*.

Bruce will be speaking to all of our students on the process of publishing a book and becoming a writer. The assemblies will be from 10:40-11:10 for grades K-2 and from 12:45-1:45 for grades 3-5. Parents are welcome to attend either assemblies.

If you own any of Bruce Coville's books and would like to have them signed, put them in a gallon sized zip top bag with a paper listing your child's full name, class, and grade and the dedication wanted. There will be a box in the office for the books, they need to be in by February 6th. You will get them back after the Author's Faire - so read them again first!! Those of you who placed a book order should receive your book on the day of the Faire.

Contact Donna Nasielski, Author's Faire Chairperson at donnanas@gmail.com with any questions. www.brucecoville.com has more information on the books, the author, and writing tips for children.

Squat from the Space Brat series by Bruce Coville



AB Variety Show Friday, Jan. 30, 7-9pm

Come "Twist and Shout" along with your fellow Adobe Bluffers. With more than 25 acts on the schedule there is something for everyone to get excited about. Mandatory rehearsals: Thursdays January 15 & 29 12:30-3pm



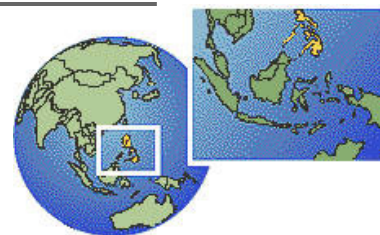
Lunch/Picnic with Dad

All Dads are invited to school on Friday, January 16th for our next "Lunch with Dad". If Dad is unable to attend, then another family member may join the fun. Flyers are going to be sent home January 9th requesting that you let us know if you will be coming so that we may properly plan for the number of people expected to attend this event. If after receiving the flyer, you have any questions or comments, please contact Ron Cole at rcole4@san.rr.com. Thanks for your cooperation and we look forward to seeing you.



Salamat - Thank you

The monetary donations collected by the Student Council sponsored Toys for Tots drive went towards purchasing a water buffalo for a struggling family in the Philippines. This valuable gift will lead a hungry family out of poverty.



"Carabaos (a species of water buffalo) are typically associated with farmers, being the farm animal of choice for pulling the plow and the cart used to haul farm produce to the market. ...Water buffalo have been domesticated in the Philippines

as far back as pre-Hispanic times and are often used by farmers in the Philippines to plow the fields and as a means of transportation. The carabao is one of the most important animals in the country, especially in agriculture." - source: Wikipedia