

# Aztec News

## Adobe Bluffs Elementary



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### Principal's Message

Greetings Aztecs and Happy New Year! In 2009 Adobe Bluffs continues to be a wonderful place for students to learn and grow. We are a California Distinguished School and our teachers and students have received numerous awards. As I visit classrooms each day, I see the incredible commitment of our dedicated volunteers, outstanding teachers, and skilled support staff. Educational research on child development states that there are tremendous benefits for each child when parents work hand in hand with schools to support learning. I am happy that Adobe Bluffs has such tremendous parental support and community involvement. We have also started a new volunteer program that connects kids to school by providing "Mentors" from Westview high school. They meet each week and play games and talk. Our students really look forward to meeting with their mentors.



As you all know we began this school year with limited funds due to tremendous cuts to education in the state budget. I would like to thank the Foundation and PTA for all of their hard work this year raising funds to help us through this tough economic time. I encourage all parents to continue to support the ongoing fundraising efforts such as Box Tops for Education, E-script, and Ralph's. Through these programs PTA has been able to offset some of the budgetary constraints imposed on our school and district. I also want to thank the Foundation for helping us retain our PE aid, Impact teacher and other valuable resources that we would have lost without their support. Thank you all for being a supportive partner in your child's education.

You don't want to miss this year's variety show on Friday, January 30th from 7-9pm. Do you like music, jokes and magic? Perhaps a jazz dancing Brownie troop or a baton twirling act is more to your liking? You might even see your teacher on stage!

All the performers have worked hard to prepare for this special night. Your applause will make all their efforts worth while.

Refreshments will be available for purchase, proceeds will go towards 5th grade camp. Come join us as we "Twist and Shout" the night away!



### Your Old Working Printer is New to Us!

Did you get a new printer for the holidays this year or are you getting one? The Foundation would like you to remind you to remember your school. In particular, we are currently helping to find good working-condition printers and scanners for some of the classrooms vs. spending precious funds to purchase these items. The most coveted are the combination printer/scanner/copiers types but we are happy to find homes with delighted staff members for any good working-condition equipment. While we are currently concentrating our efforts looking for printers and scanners, please always think about

Adobe Bluffs before tossing out items as budgets are very slim and seem to be shrinking everyday, so many things end up coming out of their own pockets. Please be proactive and consider asking your teachers if they need things (they often don't like to ask) and if you have items that your teacher doesn't need, please feel free to email me and I would be happy to see if someone else is interested.



Thank you for all that you do for our school and our children.

Paige Schaefer, President  
Adobe Bluffs Educational Foundation

### 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

### Adobe Bluffs Annual Winter Jamboree Tomorrow Saturday, Jan. 24th 11-3pm

on the Adobe Bluffs playground



**Note:** children must be accompanied by an adult.

### Important Dates:

**Jan 30** - "Pajama Day"  
Box tops and yearbook order deadlines  
Variety Show 7pm

**Feb 6** - Bruce Coville book drop off & 5th grade T-shirt order deadlines

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# Adobe Bluffs Calendar

## Looking Ahead

Feb 11 Author's Faire Feb 13 Celebrate Diversity Game Night

Feb 16-20 no school, district recess

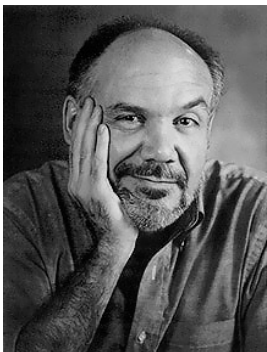
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online <http://adobebluffspta.org/calendar.aspx>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
25	26 Mileage Club	27	28 Mileage Club	29 Thursday Sing College Shirt Day Early Release 12:25 Variety show mandatory rehearsal 12:30-3pm	30 Student Council Spirit Day "Pajama Day" Mileage Club Box Tops Deadline <b>Variety Show 7pm MPR</b> Yearbook order \$25 deadline	31
1	2 Mileage Club	3 Foundation Mtg 6-7:30 @ Vollrath's	4 Mileage Club	5 College Shirt Early Release 12:25	6 AB Spirit Day Mileage Club Bruce Coville book signing drop-off deadline 5th grade T-shirt order deadline	7

### 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*.

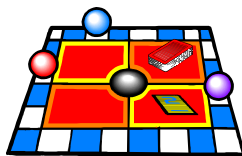


Bruce will be speaking to all of our students on the process of publishing a book and becoming a writer. The assemblies will be from 10:40-11:10 for grades K-2 and

from 12:45-1:45 for grades 3-5. Parents are welcome to attend either assembly.

### Save this date - Friday, February 13th for our next Celebrate Diversity Night "Love to Play Games"

We'll be learning about and playing games from around the world in the MPR. Your fellow students will be the teachers for this event.



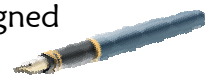
We had more than 200 people at our last Celebrate Diversity night in November. Don't miss this one!

More details in the next newsletter and watch for a flyer in your red folder.

If you have questions or have a board game from your country that you would like to share contact: Patty Verhage at [pjjv@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pjjv@sbcglobal.net)



### Get Your Bruce Coville Books Signed Deadline is Friday, February 6!



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, room number, grade and the dedication wanted. Put the bagged books in the box in the office by Friday February 6th. You will get them back after the Author's Faire. Those of you who placed a book order should receive your book on the day of the Faire.

Questions? Contact Donna Nasielski, Author's Faire Chairperson at [donnanas@gmail.com](mailto:donnanas@gmail.com)

Go to [www.brucecoville.com](http://www.brucecoville.com) for information on the books, the author, and writing tips for children.

### 5th Grade Signature T-Shirts

For the third year, these t-shirts are on sale to graduating students to celebrate their memorable years of school together. The red, short-sleeve shirts will showcase all the signatures of the 5th grade class in white lettering. Prior fundraising will subsidize the cost so each shirt is only \$5. Order forms will be sent home in the red folders and are also available in the front office. The deadline to order is Friday, February 6th. Questions? contact Annette Horton at [1mom42@sbcglobal.net](mailto:1mom42@sbcglobal.net)



Photo for illustration purposes only. actual shirt maybe different.

**Congratulations December Winners!** Mrs. Belong's class and Mrs. Baird's and Mrs. Shank's class won otter pop parties for bringing the most box tops. In Dec., AB earned over \$150. Next deadline is Jan 30th.