

Aztec News

Adobe Bluffs Elementary

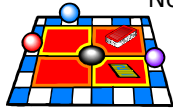


Fairness

(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

"Game Night"



Celebrate diversity and paint a tile on Friday, February 13th, 6:30-8:30 in the MPR. Free fun and refreshments. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Questions? Contact Patty Verhage at 858-484-5743 or pjjv@sbcglobal.net OR Yennie Garnica for tiles at 858-538-1162

Important Dates:

Feb 11 - Author's Faire with Bruce Coville

Feb 13 - Celebrate Diversity "Game Night" 6:30-8:30 MPR

Feb 16-20 No School District Recess

ADOBE BLUFFS PTA

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Counselor's Corner contributed by: Katie MacLeod, MSW
(attributed to Charles Schultz)

Take this quiz:

1. Name the three wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last three Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last three Miss Americas.
4. Name three people who have won the Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last 6 year's worth of World Series winners.
6. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor.



How did you do?

The point is, we don't remember yesterday's headlines. Applause dies, awards tarnish.

Now take this quiz:

1. Name three teachers who helped you through your journey in school.
2. Name three friends who you love.
3. Name three people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Name three people who have made you feel loved and appreciated.
5. Name a half dozen people whose company you enjoy.
6. Name a half dozen heroes whose stories have inspired you.

Easier?

People who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the best credentials, the most money, or the most awards.

How can YOU make the world a better place for those closest to you?

Thank you all for another wonderful year at Adobe Bluffs. It is a pleasure and a privilege to work with you and your precious children.

A Winter Jamboree Thanks!

Thank you to the over 100 AB students, AB alumni, parents, grandparents, teachers and staff members along with over 50 students from Mt. Carmel and Westview who worked hard to make it such an awesome day of fun for everyone! A very special thank you for donations from:

Scott Butler, San Diego's Favorite DJ
Kahoots Pet Store
Pelly's Golf
Bread Bites

Finally, thank you to all of you who attended! We hope that you had a fantastic time and we hope to see you next year! If you have any feedback please let us know.

KC Hellenkamp, Paige Schaefer, Bill Forster,
Jamboree Co-Chairs



2008-2009 GATE Testing Information

Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) involves services for students whose cognitive needs may require modified classroom curriculum and instruction to accommodate their learning differences and ensure their achievement. Parents may request GATE testing for students in grades 2-7.

Districtwide Testing: Sat, March 28, 2009 @ Morning Creek Elementary

Request Window: December 15, 2008-February 23, 2009

To request GATE testing for your child, complete a *GATE Parent Questionnaire/ Test Consent* form online through the PUSD GATE webpage (<http://www.powayusd.com/teaching/learning/gate/>) or in your child's school office. *Requests for GATE Testing will only be taken during the request submission window dates.*

There will be no other tests given this year. If your child was tested in May of 2008, he or she is not eligible for re-testing until the fall of 2009.

I Want Your Bags Please drop off your clean plastic bags from department or grocery stores in the green recycle bins behind the MPR. Just NO BLACK bags. Program ends March 31. Thanks for your plastic bags. - The Bag Lady



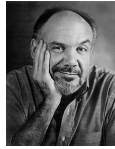

Adobe Bluffs Calendar

Looking Ahead

Mar 5 College Adventure Day, Mar 6 progress reports
Mar 19 Run 2 Play, Mar 20 Science Day

February 2009

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
8	9 Mileage Club	10	11 Mileage Club Author's Faire Bruce Coville 	12 College Shirt Day Early Release 12:25 PTA mtg 6:30-8pm MPR	13 AB Spirit Day Mileage Club Celebrate Diversity "Love to Play Games Night" 6:30-8:30 MPR	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 Washington Day NO SCHOOL	17	18 NO SCHOOL—District Recess	19	20 Lincoln Day NO SCHOOL	21
22	23 Mileage Club	24	25 Mileage Club	26 College Shirt Day Thursday Sing Early Release 12:25	27 AB Spirit Day Mileage Club Box Tops Deadline 2nd Reporting Period ends 	28

ADOBE BLUFFS PTA NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Although the school year is only half over, it is already time to begin the process of electing next year's PTA Board. We are looking for PTA members and new parents who are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is responsible for finding qualified candidates for PTA Board positions upon which the Association will vote in May. We are also looking for parents who would like to submit their names to serve on the PTA Executive Board. You must be a PTA member to serve in either capacity. It's not too late to become a PTA member now!

The 11 elected positions are as follows:

President, Executive Vice President, Membership (1st VP), Programs (2nd VP), Volunteers (3rd VP), Legislation (4th VP), Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Auditor, and Historian

Interested in the nominating committee and/or a board position? Contact April MacKinnon, Parliamentarian, at maincajm@san.rr.com or (858)780-0577. Also, please join the PTA for our next Association Meeting on Feb 12th at the Adobe Bluffs MPR at 6:30pm.



January Contest Winners

Congratulations to Mrs. Shank and Mrs. Baird's class (again!!!) and Mrs. Bollish's class. The school raised \$75 last month and over \$1,100 so far this school year!!! **February is the last month through box tops to earn money for Adobe Bluffs.**

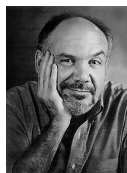
So...for February we're having a new contest. **Every class can win** an otter pop party. In order to win, your class has to bring in 10 box tops per student (that have not expired!). Each student doesn't have to bring 10 box tops, but the class average must be 10!

AB Author's Faire with Bruce Coville Wed. Feb 11, 2009

Assembly times: 10:40-11:10 for grades K-2 and 12:45-1:45 for grades 3-5. Parents are welcome to attend either assembly.

"Talent is only part of what it takes to be a writer. Luck and courage and mostly just plain old sticking to it are just as important." - B.C.

Visit www.brucecoville.com for more great Bruce Coville writing tips for kids.



Are You Ready to Get Involved?

BMMS PTSA has put together this year's nominating committee. We are looking for anyone interested in getting involved on the 2009/2010 PTSA Executive Board. If you would like to be considered for a board position please send an email to Barb Doyle, PTSA President at bad79@san.rr.com

AB Student Council Message



Pasta for Pennies charity fundraiser is coming March 2-20th. Donations will help find a cure for blood related cancers. The class that donates the most money will win a catered lunch from Olive Garden restaurant at school. Last year we raised approximately \$2,600. This year's goal is \$1,000, since we 250 less students.

Update Student Info Online

Parents you can now make the following updates on behalf of your child online:

- ◆ home phone number and address changes
- ◆ employer information
- ◆ emergency contact names and phone numbers



Go to the District website at www.powayusd.com and follow the steps for "Online Student information Update" or go directly to <http://onlinereg.powayusd.com>