

Aztec News

Adobe Bluffs Elementary



CHARACTER COUNTS!

Caring

(April Focus)

- ◆ Be kind
- ◆ Be compassionate and show you care
- ◆ Express gratitude
- ◆ Forgive others
- ◆ Help people in

Student Council

Message: Adobe Bluffs raised \$1,887.82 for Pasta for Pennies. Way to go Aztecs! This money helps people with blood related cancers. The classroom that raised the most money was Room 6, Mrs. Bennett's class, which raised over \$300. They will receive their pasta party shortly; courtesy of Olive Garden restaurant.



Important Dates:

- April 20-24**
book collection
- April 21-May 1**
STAR testing
- April 29-May 1**
Book exchange

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PTA President's Message: California's Current Education Reality

For the first time, and unique among large states, California will soon spend more on its prisons than on its public universities. By the 2012-2013 fiscal year, \$15.4 billion will be spent on incarcerating Californians, as compared to \$15.3 billion spent on educating them. California's most significant difference from other states is on education spending. Other states spend an average of 24% of the total state and local budgets on K-12 schooling, compared to California's 20.4%. California is also dropping in the rankings of per-pupil funding, now ranking 47th in the nation. Currently California spends \$7,571 per student, compared to \$9,963 per student nationally. What does this mean for PUSD and our kids? It means approximately \$20 million in cuts for the current school year and approximately an additional \$20 million in cuts for the 2009-2010 school year.

At this point, hopefully you're frustrated and asking yourself, "What can I do?" What we need to do is get involved – all of us! If there is any hope in reversing the trend of under-funding education in California, now is the time to step up and be heard and let our legislators know that we will no longer accept anything less than making education a priority in California. To find your California State legislators go to <http://192.234.213.69/smasearch/framepage.asp>.

The legislators that most, if not all of us, will contact are:

Nathan Fletcher Assembly Member (D-75) 9909 Mira Mesa Blvd. Suite 103 San Diego, CA 92131 Ph: 858-689-6290 Fax: 858-689-6296	Mark Wyland Senator (R-38) 1910 Palomar Pt. Way #105 Carlsbad, CA 92008 Ph: 760-931-2455 Fax: 760-2477
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Please write to your legislators or use the sample letters that are available at www.adobebluffspta.org. In addition, we are encouraging all of our community members to call their legislators on May 6th and May 13th between 9:00am and 3:00pm (a sample script is available if needed at the above website as well).

Now is the time to advocate for our kids in their time of need. There is power in numbers and I hope you will take the time to stand up and be counted!

Sincerely,
Ron Cole, PTA President

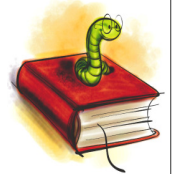
Parents of English Language Learners Meeting

11:45-12:25 Thurs., May 28, 2009
Adobe Bluffs School Room 19

Help prepare your child for next year by coming to this meeting! You will receive reading lists, and information for reading, writing and math practice over the summer. We hope you will join us to learn more about your child's English Language Learner program at Adobe Bluffs and suggestions for how you can help at home. The last meeting of this year is Thursday, May 28th at 11:45-12:25 at AB, Room 19. If you have any questions please call: 538-8403 your child's teacher or Jill Mulligan or Nancy Reddell ELL Coordinators.



Adobe Bluffs PTA Book Exchange & Sale April 29 – May 1



You can exchange your gently used books for "new" books. It's easy! Bring in your books (grade level K-5) on **collection days, April 20-24**, outside the MPR before or after school. All books should be in resalable condition! You will get one credit for each book. Each credit is worth one book on exchange days.

Exchange days are April 29 – May 1. Wednesday, April 29, is a credit only day with a limit of 10 books on this day. Students can buy books with credits or for \$0.25 on April 30 and May 1. All proceeds will go towards new books for the library or classrooms. Any unused books will be donated. Questions? contact Jaime Kaesbauer (858)538-5897.



Adobe Bluffs Calendar

Looking Ahead May 8—AB Movie Night
 May 9—Recycling Day for 3-Day Walk
 May 13—Kindergarten Registration



April/May 2009

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
19	20 Mileage Club Book collection all week	21 STAR testing begins	22 Mileage Club	23 College Shirt Early Release 12:25 YMCA sports clinic	24 Dress Like a Celebrity Day Mileage Club	25
26	27 Mileage Club	28	29 Mileage Club Book exchange Wed-Fri	30 College Shirt Early Release 12:25 Thursday Sing	1 AB Spirit Day Mileage Club STAR testing ends	2 Willow Grove rummage sale Black Mountain Middle School International Faire 3-6pm

For Parents: Update Student Information

Do you need to change or update the emergency contact information for your child?

Do you have a new cell phone, work number or address change to update?

If so, you will need to make the changes by accessing the online student information website.

First, you need to activate your parent account -- do you still have the letter mailed to you in July 2008? If not, contact the help desk at LPTHelp@powayusd.com or call 858-748-0010 x 2854 to receive your user name and password.

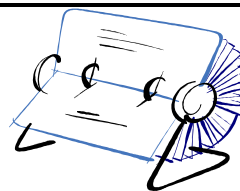
Once you have this information go to <http://onlinereg.powayusd.com>

1. Click on the link "Account Activation". Type in Parent Username and Password. Click login.
2. Create a password of your choosing. Scroll down, and answer the four challenge questions. Activate your account by answering these challenge questions, this will allow you to reset your own password in the event you ever forget your password.
3. Important, when you complete these steps you need to close the browser window by clicking on the X in the upper corner, this will close the window. If you do not close the window you will be back at our welcome page.
4. Click on the link titled "Update Student Information". It is important you read each of the prompts and documents linked on the Online Registration Site.
5. Enter Parent Username as the Novel Username and your new Password in the Novel Password field. Go through the series of questions to update your student's information (guardians, and emergency contacts, etc.).
6. When complete, click the submit button and your information will be submitted to the school district.

If you have more than one student, you will need to follow the steps above for each student.



Lemonade & Popcorn Fridays! Support 5th grade class events.



Thank you to Brownie Troop 8223 for picking up trash in the parking circle and kindergarten area on Monday April 13th.

They did this good deed in honor of Earth Day, April 22. They all had a hand in making Adobe Bluffs a "Trash Free-Zone".



Adobe Bluffs Recycling Day Benefitting Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk Team Saturday, May 9th from 8-12 noon

Drop off your empty soda cans and plastic water bottles in front of the school and support your local team BOOBALICIOUS! for the Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk.

Why is Breakfast So Important?



For children, eating breakfast dramatically affects their abilities with regards to concentration, problem solving skills, better focus, creativity, and their immune system. Imagine being a teacher and dealing with the possibility that 1 in 2 children sitting in a classroom come to school without having eaten breakfast, and are therefore being ill-prepared to learn. Excerpt from <http://talkingscience.org/blogs/2009/02/why-is-breakfast-so-important/>