

Aztec News

Adobe Bluffs Elementary



CHARACTER COUNTS!

Citizenship

(May/June Focus)

- ◆ Do your share to make your school and community better
- ◆ Cooperate
- ◆ Get involved in community affairs
- ◆ Stay informed; vote
- ◆ Be a good neighbor
- ◆ Obey laws and rules
- ◆ Respect authority
- ◆ Protect the environment

AB PTA Book Exchange & Sale



Thank you to everyone that participated in the book exchange this year. Keep reading over the summer and don't forget to save those books for next year!

Important Dates:

May 6 & 13 - Off the hook, 'round the clock

May 8 - Movie night 6pm @ MPR

May 13 - Kindergarten registration starts

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Principal's Message

Congratulations to Amanda Nobles, who has been selected as the Adobe Bluffs Teacher of the Year by her colleagues. Mrs. Nobles has also been selected as the Elementary Teacher of the year for the Poway Unified School District. Some of her accomplishments



include organizing the Take a Veteran to School Day program for our school and consistently improving scores of her students on the STAR test. She excels at the incorporation of technology and media in the classroom as well as the use of project based learning. Her students created award winning public service announcements with a focus on protecting the environment.

In 2008, Amanda received the Time Warner Cable National Teacher Award and Honorable Mention in Classroom of the Future Foundation Innovative Educator Awards in the "Inspire" category. This year she received a Sony Environmental Teaching grant. She used the

\$1000 grant to buy our school computer equipment for video editing. She is a National Co-Finalist in the 2009 Cable's Leaders in Learning Awards.

Spring is the time of year that parents often inquire about how we create balanced classes for the next school year. As you know, building classes for K-5 is a huge task involving 450 special children. When we create our classes we must balance class sizes, gender ratios, ability levels and behaviors. Other factors include clustering GATE, ELL and RSP (resource) students and consideration of each child in terms of need for structure, routine and learning style. Therefore all class placement decisions are made at grade level team meetings, with the involvement of the school principal.

We cannot honor requests for specific teachers, but we do welcome the valuable input that parents can provide us. If you feel there are extenuating circumstances that should be taken into account when placement is made, you will have an opportunity to share that information with us. On May 1st you will be receiving a Parent Feedback Form, and a letter giving you more details on our class placement process. Please return your Parent Feedback form by May 15th. The information you provide will be taken into account when the class placements are made. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Sincerely,
Mark Atkins



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. This is our last meeting of the year. If you have any questions please call: 538-8403 your child's teacher or Jill Mulligan or Nancy Reddell ELL Coordinators.

"Off the hook, 'round the clock"

A PTA State Budget Advocacy Activity



PTA's throughout California are encouraging all community members to call their legislators and encourage them to put children first when working to revise the current state budget. We have been assigned Wednesdays, May 6th and 13th from 9am-3pm to call. Please mark your calendars, make the calls and urge all of your friends, family members, and everyone you know to do the same. Together we can make a difference in the lives of our children. Go to adobebluffspta.org to see a sample script.

These are our local legislators:

Nathan Fletcher
Assemblyman(D-75)
Ph: 858-689-6290

Mark Wyland
Senator (R-38)
Ph: 760-931-2455

Adobe Bluffs Calendar





Looking Ahead

May 21— 5th Grade Band Performance, 6:30 MPR

May 22—Dad's Lunch

May 2009

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
3	4 Mileage Club	5	6 Mileage Club Off the hook, 'round the clock 9-3pm 	7 College Shirt Early Release 12:25	8 AB Spirit Day Mileage Club AB Movie Night 6pm 	9  Recycling Day postponed
10	11 Mileage Club	12 Staff Appreciation Week Foundation mtg 6pm @ MacKinnon House	13 Staff Appreciation Week Mileage Club Kindergarten Registration Begins Off the hook, 'round the clock 9-3pm 	14 College Shirt Early Release 12:25	15 AB Spirit Day Mileage Club	16



Aztec Summer Adventure Book Club

Adobe Bluffs PTA will once again offer its **free** Summer Book Club to incoming 1st thru 5th graders. When you participate in the Aztec Summer book club you will, stay in touch with your friends, go on imaginary adventures, experience creative projects, enjoy a refreshing snack, earn reading tokens, and keep your brain in shape!

The Aztec Summer Book Club will provide all the supplies you need including the books we will be reading. Each grade will have four books to read during summer and will meet four times on the Adobe Bluffs' campus. Members do not have to attend each meeting and are encouraged to invite their friends and siblings to join also. ESS kids are also encouraged to join with a signed release form from their parents.

If you are interested in joining the Aztec Summer Adventure Book Club and/or would like to volunteer to help, please contact Kelly Smith at kelljane@aol.com or if you have questions please contact Nicole Sanseverino at nsansev@san.rr.com. An Aztec Summer Book Club flyer will be sent home in your students' Friday folder in a couple of weeks.

Attention fifth grade boys!

Do you like to go camping, rock climbing, canoeing, fishing, and hiking outdoors? Then you should join Boy Scouts! Boy Scouting will teach you how to do these activities well, in a safe and controlled environment, while enjoying fun time together with other boys your age.

Boys who are completing the fifth grade or are at least 10 years old may join. Boy Scout Troop 667 is based in Rancho Penasquitos and has a great outdoor program. Last year Troop 667 went white water river rafting on the Kern River and rock climbing at Joshua Tree National Park. In the next few months the troop will camp for a

week in the Angeles National Forest and also take a bicycle tour along the Northern CA coast. Soon we will be planning events for next year and we would love to hear your suggestions.

Visit us on the web at www.troop667.info or visit a troop meeting at 7PM on Mondays at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 10125 Azuaga Street. Boys of all faiths are welcomed. Please contact us before you visit because sometimes we're away doing other activities. Contact: Scoutmaster Kyle Cook, kyle.r.cook@saic.com, 858.414.7961.



Summer Camps in Poway

Poway Adult School is offering 53 summer camps this third summer of our Youth Enrichment Program. Camps consists of four days, Mon-Thurs, 9AM-noon. The Gateway Academy meets Mon-Fri, 9AM-3:30PM. The three populations served are: post K- grade 2, grades 3-5 and middle school. Camp season begins the week of June 15th and ends July 9th.

Look for flyers in your child's Friday folder. Online registration and information: www.powayadultschool.com

Adobe Bluffs is Participating in the Governor's Challenge



We are encouraging each family to sign up, log your daily fitness activities and help us win.

1. Log onto www.calgovcouncil.org
2. Click on Governor's Challenge
3. Scroll down and click on Teacher/Parent sign-up.
4. Complete the information and choose Adobe Bluffs as represented school.
5. Click on "start now".
6. Log on every week to click on each active day. An active day consists of 30-60 minutes of activity which could be but not limited to: walking, running, swimming, exercising at the gym, housework, hiking, biking etc.

After you sign up, you can download and print a 30 day pass for 24 Hour Fitness. The more people that sign up and complete the challenge the better chance we have to be in the finals.