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CHARACTER COUNTS!

The CHARACTER COUNTS! trait focus for the months of August and September is **Trustworthiness**.

Trustworthiness means: Be honest - Don't deceive, cheat or steal - Be reliable-Do what you say you'll do - Have the courage to do the right thing - Build a good reputation - Be loyal-stand by your family, friends and country.

At Adobe Bluffs, CHARACTER COUNTS! is used in the classroom and woven into all of the programs and events that the PTA sponsors. In addition, students who are caught demonstrating any of the character traits are given a character card and they are recognized by having their names read by Mr. Atkins during Monday morning announcements.

Reminder:
Back to School Night
August 28, 2008
6:00-7:30pm
Parents Only Please

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President's Message

Welcome Back!

My name is Ron Cole and I am the PTA President for the 2008-2009 school year. I hope everyone had a restful, relaxing, and safe summer and, on behalf of the Adobe Bluffs PTA, I want to welcome you back for another fun and exciting year!

I'd like to begin by thanking all of the families and teachers who took the time to thoughtfully fill out and return the program surveys we distributed at the end of last year. The information we received was an invaluable resource that we used during our

planning meetings for this school year.

The PTA will sponsor more than 40 different programs, events, and services during the year and this is made possible by the support we receive from our families. You can help by reviewing the PTA information inside the First Day Packet and becoming a PTA Member, contributing to our Hassle Free Fundraising drive, and by filling out and returning the volunteer opportunity form.

I encourage everyone to volunteer some time for our school this year. Whether you help in your

child's classroom, assist the Adobe Bluffs Educational Foundation, and/or help with any number of PTA sponsored programs, events, and services, your assistance is needed and greatly appreciated.

To learn more about the PTA feel free to contact me or visit www.adobebluffspta.org.

Have a wonderful year!
Go Aztecs!

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PTA Membership

Why Should I Join?

The number one reason to join the PTA is to benefit your child. In addition, you are helping Adobe Bluffs and all the children that attend our school. The PTA can also provide a forum for parent education, exchanging ideas along with opportunities to meet other parents & teachers.

This year again, our PTA offers a couple different membership options. Our Basic membership is \$10 where more than half of this fee stays at Adobe Bluffs and the balance goes to the local, state, and national PTA's. Our Gold Membership is \$25 where an additional \$15 stays here at the school and is earmarked for helping our teachers with classroom supplies. We welcome your support in joining the PTA.

Jaime Kaesbauer, VP Membership
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Hassle Free Donations

Thanks to the overwhelming preference for Hassle Free Fundraising (as indicated on the Family Surveys distributed at the end of the last school year), we are again offering this as an option for our main method of raising money.

Hassle Free is an exciting approach to fundraising and your easy, ONE TIME contribution make many of the wonderful PTA programs at Adobe Bluffs possible. Information pertaining to hassle free donations was placed in your child's first day packets and will also be available in the office.

Thank you for supporting the Adobe Bluffs PTA!

Cheri Rice, Financial Secretary
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Arts Attack

What is Arts Attack? Arts Attack is a teacher and parent volunteer driven program that relies heavily on the parent volunteers. No art experience is required; just an hour or so of your time once a month. Recognizing that many teachers and parents do not have the background to teach art, detailed lessons and instructional videos are used. We will also have hands on training for some of the lessons. We are looking for docents to help in your child's class. If you are interested, please contact **Darlene Hart** at pqharts@sbcglobal.net.

Adobe Bluffs Calendar

August—September 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24	25	26	27	28 Back to School Night 6:00-7:30pm	29	30
31	1 Labor Day No School	2	3	4	5	6

PTA Reflections Program

Show us your "WOW"!

The ABES PTA wants to invite Adobe Bluff Aztecs to tap into their natural creativity by participating in Reflections. Reflections is a wonderful arts recognition program sponsored by the National PTA and California PTA. Students can choose to create an original piece of art, music, photography, writing, video, or choreography to express their interpretation of the theme, "WOW".

Official entry forms and rules sheets for the categories your student participates in will be sent home and will also be available in the office beginning in September. All of the student works must be submitted by September 26th. It is essential that each piece have

a completed Official Entry Form, signed by student and a parent/guardian. The Reflections program is sponsored by the national PTA, and the top entries from ABES will be sent to the 9th District level to represent our school. Potentially, an Adobe Bluffs entry could reach the state or national level!

The goal of Reflections is participation, not winning. Every child who enters will receive a certificate and ribbon and be invited to a Reflections Art Reception in November. So parents, please encourage your children to channel their creativity, for their own satisfaction, and for others to enjoy- Have them "WOW" us with their creativity!

Jennifer Wright, Reflections Chair
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PTA Programs in Need

Your PTA has been hard at work this summer planning this year's activities. Many of the programs that your children enjoyed last year need new volunteers for this year. Program Chairs were promoted to the sixth grade with their children or moved to Willow Grove or Del Sur and others just need your help. If no one volunteers, these programs are in danger of disappearing...DON'T LET IT HAPPEN! Please let us know if you are interested in chairing any of the programs below:

AZTEC AMBASSADORS
BALL ROOM
BOX TOPS

COMMUNITY CONCERNS
CONSERVATION/
ENVIRONMENT
DADS LUNCH
GROCERY STORE PRO-
GRAMS
NEWSLETTER EDITOR
PERFORMING ARTS
ROOM PARENT ADVISOR
SCHOOL SAVINGS
STAFF APPRECIATION CO-
ORDINATOR
WINTER JAMBOREE

Ed Gerstin, VP Programs
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Traffic Circle Safety

As the new school year begins, our top priority is the safety of our children. Many parents drop off their children in the morning and pick them up after school using the traffic circle.

- *Reduce speed through AB neighborhood.
- *When using the traffic circle, follow the directions of our parent & staff volunteers.
- *Do not leave your car unattended in the traffic circle.
- *Park only in legal spaces on the street. The parking lot is reserved for staff members in the morning. Do not park in or block driveways.
- *We encourage you to cross

ONLY in the safety patrol crosswalk.

- *Use the sidewalk when walking your child to school and never cross or walk into the traffic circle or the parking lot.
- *Check your blind spot after you drop off your child, buses have the right of way.

By following these few rules, we can help keep our children safe. Together, we can set an example of good citizenship for our students.

Kevin Elliot,
Traffic Circle Commander
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