



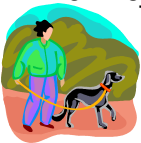
CHARACTER COUNTS!

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.

Dogs on Campus

Please leave your dogs at home while dropping off or picking up your students from school. While the walk is good for the dog, we have many students with dog allergies and fears.



Thank you for your support in making our drop-off and dismissal safe.

Important Dates:



School Picture Day
Tuesday, September 16th

Reflections Deadline
Friday, Sept 26th

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Principal's Message "College Readiness for All"

Adobe Bluffs has a vision that all students who leave our school will be college ready. You've seen the college banners, and you know about our college shirt Thursdays that promote college awareness. What does college readiness mean? How does it happen at the elementary level? PUSD Superintendent Dr. Phillips stated, "We do not define college ready as the anticipation that all students will attend college, but instead, as preparing all students to have a full range of postsecondary education and training options available to them after high school." On the high school level it means completing the A-G requirements in order to be eligible for the Cal State University and University of California systems. On the elementary level it means having students on track to meet the A-G requirements, by being proficient or advanced on the California Standards Tests. It also includes learning "habits of mind", critical thinking skills and good study habits. Through the course of the year, I will share more information on how we will help our students become college ready. -Mark Atkins

PTA Meeting AND Free Parent Education Class

Thursday, September 11th
Adobe Bluffs Multi Purpose Room

5:45 - 6:25pm PTA Meeting

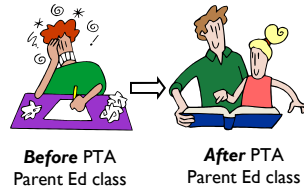
All parents are warmly invited and encouraged to attend our first Adobe Bluffs PTA Association Meeting of the school year. During this meeting, we will be sharing our goals, programs, and budget information for the 2008-09 school year.

In addition, this is your opportunity to come and learn about the many different ways the PTA works together with the Adobe Bluffs staff and community to further enrich your children's educational experience. Also, this is your chance to ask questions and give us constructive feedback regarding any aspect of the PTA.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or just want to talk - my e-mail door is always open. Finally, you are welcome to stay afterward for a Free Parent Education class sponsored by the AB PTA. This class will be facilitated by Susie Koske and is entitled "Ending the Homework Hassle". It will begin at approximately 6:30pm and end at 8:30pm.

I hope you can make it and I look forward to seeing you there!

Ron Cole,
PTA President,
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6:30 - 8:30 PTA Sponsored
Parent Ed Class
"Ending the
Homework Hassle"

What is our responsibility
as parents in helping
our children
with their schoolwork?

Adobe Bluffs Elementary PTA is inviting you to participate in a **FREE** class facilitated by Susie Koske, who is an expert in child rearing issues. Susie uses humor and down to earth solutions to help parents improve their child rearing skills. She has over 20 years experience as a teacher, as a parent and as a parent education speaker.

This is a **"PARENT ONLY"** event sponsored by the Adobe Bluffs PTA. No childcare will be available. Sorry. Also, feel free to come early to attend the PTA Meeting beginning at 5:45pm. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ron Cole at (858) 538-1699 or rcole4@san.rr.com.

Back to School Math You + Groceries = \$\$\$ for Adobe Bluffs

Have you been shopping at VONS during their 10% back to school days? If you purchase the items with the big yellow bus next to it through September 9th, 10% of your purchases can come back to Adobe Bluffs. Look at the bottom of your receipt to see how much you have earned!

Be sure to register your VONS club card in the eScrip program to earn free money for Adobe Bluffs all year long. Last year, AB earned over \$9,000 from eScrip! We also earned over \$6,000 from Albertsons and over \$1,000 from Ralphs...over \$16,000 at no cost to you while you're doing your regular shopping. Register all your grocery cards to keep those funds flowing!

eScrip (VONS, Safeway, Macy's and even restaurants) - www.escrip.com

Albertsons Community Partners - www.albertsons.com/cp

Ralphs - <http://ralphs.com/ccprogram.htm>



Adobe Bluffs Calendar

Can't remember all the important school dates? Let your PTA help keep your calendar up-to-date by adding its public google calendar to yours! You just need a google account: Search for Adobe Bluffs.

September 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7	8	9 AB Foundation mtg 6pm @ Schaefer house	10	11 College Shirt Day 5:45 PTA mtg & 6:30 Parent Ed class @ AB MPR	12 AB Spirit Day	13
14	15	16 School Pictures	17	18 College Shirt Day	19 AB Spirit Day	20



How do you say "WOW"?

2008-2009 National PTA Reflections Program

Reflections is an arts recognition and achievement program in which students from preschool - grade 12 participate in the arts areas of literature, musical composition, photography, visual arts, dance choreography, and film/video production. Although the program follows a "contest" format; participation, not winning is the goal. Reflections can give children who have never tried creating a work of art a chance to experiment and feel good about their work. All participants will be recognized and presented a certificate at a reception at the Adobe Bluffs PTA meeting in November.

Last year over 50 AB Aztecs participated in the Reflections. Twenty-four Aztecs went on to participate at the Palomar PTA Council Level. Of those 24, two students went on to compete as Ninth District level finalists in photography and literature, two others received Awards of Merit in the literature category and one other also received an Honorable Mention in literature. National PTA Reflections winners can be viewed online at www.capta.org, click on Reflections.

This is a great opportunity for students to explore and learn about various art forms as well as challenging them to use their critical thinking skills and creative talents to create art that supports this year's theme of "WOW". Look for a packet to be sent home with the Official Entry Form and General Rules Packet in the beginning of September. For more information, guidelines, and entry forms go to the office or the AB PTA website under Reflections (www.adobebluffspta.org). Students may submit more than one entry in any of the six areas. Please read and adhere to all guidelines and rules. *The Official Entry Form must be completely filled out and signed by the student and parents/guardians.* Entries **deadline** is **September 26th** in the Reflections portfolio/box in the AB office.

I encourage you to support your budding artist through the Reflections Program! If you have any questions you may reach me at wrijensd@yahoo.com or at 858-484-1496.

Thank you,
Jennifer Wright, Reflections Chair

COME JOIN THE FUN...JOIN CUB SCOUTS!

ALL BOYS grades 1 through 4 and their parents are invited to attend a fun and exciting informational and sign-up meeting for Pack 648 at Adobe Bluffs Elementary School in the MPR, **Friday, September 5, 2008** at 6:00pm. RSVP if possible to Cindy Sandback, 858-335-1500 or email at cscandback@san.rr.com.



Rancho Family YMCA and Adobe Bluffs present "Monthly Sports Clinics"

Adobe Bluffs is teaming up with the Rancho Family YMCA again to offer Monthly Sports Clinics to all of our students. Each clinic will focus on a different sport, cover skill development through activities and skill-based games, and conclude with a scrimmage to enhance the use of those skills. Students will be grouped by age and skill level. The clinics were developed to give AB students an introduction into the sport as well as an understanding of teamwork and good sportsmanship. Rancho Family YMCA certified instructors will lead these fun and exciting sports clinics on either the blacktop area or the grass field from 12:30 - 2:00pm.



For a one time fee of \$17 per student, your child(ren) can enjoy all of these sports clinics. If interested, please fill out and return the registration form by September 19th (you should have received one in your child(ren)'s red folder or you can pick one up in the office on the spin-

ner rack by the door); also make sure the fee is included. If you are paying by check, please make it out to **Adobe Bluffs PTA**. Also, if your child is an ESS student, please notify ESS that your child will be participating in the sports clinics on the days listed below and that he/she will arrive at ESS when the clinic is completed. Finally, we are also looking for parents interested in volunteering to help the Rancho Family YMCA instructors. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Ron Cole at rcole4@san.rr.com or 538-1699.

Clinic Dates and Sports (all Thursdays)

September 25 th :	Floor Hockey
October 23 rd :	Soccer
November 20 th :	Volleyball
January 22 nd :	Basketball
March 19 th :	T-ball (softball/baseball skills)

