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CHARACTER COUNTS!

Trustworthiness

(Aug. & Sept. Focus)

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 PTA sponsored programs and events. Students who are caught demonstrating a character trait receive a character card and are recognized by having their names read by Mr. Atkins during Monday announcements.

Important Dates:

Friday, Sept 26

Reflections Deadline

Monday, Sept 29

No school -

Staff Development Day

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Is homework time taking longer than you expected? Here are tips for having a quick and productive homework time compiled from The National Education Association.



- ◆ Elementary school is the perfect time for kids to begin building their study skills and homework habits. By doing homework, kids are learning how to read and follow directions independently, manage and budget their time, and complete work neatly and to the best of their ability. However, there will be some occasions where your child will get stuck and need your assistance. Parents can give kids a lot of homework help, primarily by making homework a household priority and by developing good study habits.
- ◆ Finding a well-lit and comfortable area near you will help establish a favorable learning environment. This will not only make your child feel more at ease, but you will also be able to provide encouragement and assistance to your child. When it comes to homework, be there to answer questions, offer assistance or support, and help interpret assignment directions. Still, try to resist the urge to provide the correct answers or complete assignments. By allowing your child to uncover the answer, you are giving them the opportunity to develop their problem solving skills that they will need to get through this assignment and many others. Encourage them as they work through problems, this will build their confidence for doing it themselves.
- ◆ In order to ensure that homework time is productive and efficient, it is important to establish a routine. Send the message that schoolwork is a top priority by setting ground rules. Establish a regular time and a specific place for homework to be completed. Ensure that you make it clear that there will be no TV, phone calls or video games until their homework is completed and checked.
- ◆ One of the most important organizational techniques involves creating a homework plan or checklist. Help your child create a strategy for how they are going to tackle their homework. Some kids will prefer to get the larger and more challenging assignments out of the way first, while others like to begin with the quicker tasks. By helping them to create a strategy to approaching homework, you'll be teaching your child how they will one day tackle their homework independently. Teaching your child organizational skills and time management techniques will prepare them for middle school where these skills will be essential to their educational success.



Getting Ready to Run for Student Council?

Completed Student Council applications are due to the box in front of Room 21 by Wednesday, September 24th. On Friday, September 26, the names of all the students who submitted a completed application and have met the criteria for their particular office will be posted outside of Room 21 after 12:00.

Campaign Days at Adobe Bluffs will begin on Tuesday, September 30th. Students will be practicing their speeches with Mr. Atkins on this day. Elections will take place on Thursday, October 2nd. Officers will be announced at the end of the day on Friday, October 3rd.

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 free google account: Search for Adobe Bluffs.


September/October 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
21	22	23	24 Student Council Applications Due	25 College Shirt Day Thursday Sing 12:30-2pm YMCA sports clinic 6-7pm Room Parent Orientation / Volunteers Meeting	26 AB Spirit Day Reflections Deadline	27
28	29 Professional Growth Day no school & ESS closed	30	1	2 College Shirt Day Student Council Elections	3 AB Spirit Day	4 8am-12noon Deer Canyon Rummage Sale

Just a Reminder....PTA REFLECTIONS
Deadline is Friday, Sept 26th!

Got "WOW"? This year's Reflections theme is "WOW". Now is your chance to: show your **WOW** in your art-work, a photo, or a video; tell about **WOW** in a story or poem, or engage us with **WOW** in a musical or dance composition. We are eagerly awaiting your entries! Remember completed entry forms need to be signed by both the student and parent. Turn entries into the Reflections Box/Folder in the office in the PTA area.

If you have questions, contact Jennifer Wright, Reflections Chair at (858) 484-1496 or wrijensd@yahoo.com

 **Friday Sing** September 25th
Thursday 7:45am in the AB MPR

Join us once a month as we fill the MPR with songs, jokes and a lot of school spirit. This is school event, open to all grade levels and feature different volunteer classes each month. This month the 4th grade is performing.

Formally know as "Friday Sing", the day was changed due to school spacing conflicts with other activities.

Parents and guests are asked to enter through the side door of the MPR. No office sign-in is required **unless** you are staying on campus after the event.



Your PTA Membership Supports AB Students

Downloadable membership form http://adobebluffspta.org/Documents/FirstDayPacket_OrderForm_Volunteer0809.pdf

Looking for a New Home...

for your unused **working** computer, printer, scanner, copier or electronics of any sort? Want to put that electronic equipment to good use? Our teachers would LOVE to take it off your (or your company's) hands! We also will take any office supplies (paper, pens, envelops, files, cabinets, anything!). Before you head to the land-fill, please contact April MacKinnon, maincajm@san.rr.com so I can help you help our teachers!



The Adobe Bluffs PTA would like to thank the parents, teachers and staff members that have joined PTA. If you haven't sent in your form don't worry, it is not too late to join! We offer two levels of membership. Please consider joining at the Gold level (\$25). Each member will receive a Legoland "2 for 1" voucher. This year's contributions will go towards reimbursing teachers for

classroom supplies. With the budget cuts, only \$13 per student goes towards supplies. It is hardly enough to keep the classrooms supplied throughout the whole year! Memberships are individual (not per family) and are specific to each school. Please take a moment to join today! If you have any questions, email Jaime Kaesbauer at jaime_kaesbauer@hotmail.com.

Ball Room Desperately Needs Your Help!

The AB PTA is looking for volunteers in the Ball Room during lunch recess on Tues. and Thurs. (except when raining.) **Right now we have only one volunteer.** Do you have about an hour on the first Tues., every other Thurs., you decide. The choice is yours, the job is EASY and the reward is the smiles on our wonderful Adobe Bluffs kids' faces. The students really get excited to use the equipment, especially the non-sports kids who love the board games! Please contact Jaime Kaesbauer at jaime_kaesbauer@hotmail.com for more details.

