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WANTED

Your PTA is looking for parents interested in chairing the following programs this school year ~

- Ball Room
- Barnes & Noble Fundraiser
- Hospitality
- Reflections
- School Savings
- Tiles
- Wal-Mart Bags
- Winter Jamboree

For more information, please contact ~ Paige Schaefer
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**Volunteers Make a
Difference**

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Principal's Message

Welcome Back
Adobe Bluffs families,

The school year has begun, and we are off to a great start! We had a very smooth opening week and our students and teachers are getting settled into their daily routines. We welcome two new staff members to our school, Ms. Jessica Louie in 4th grade and Ms. Lauren Garrison joins the 1st grade team. They come highly regarded and we are glad to have them at Adobe Bluffs.

The students are enjoying upgrades to the facility including new flooring in the classrooms and new playground equipment outside. We continue to be supported by our amazing PTA

who has planned many events for this school year. They have already coordinated a staff breakfast and "Coffee with the Principal" on the first day of school, which many of you attended.

We anxiously await the completion of the upper grade playground and the flooring in the multipurpose room. We are hopeful that they both will be finished this week. Our staff looks forward to seeing parents at Back to School Night this Thursday, starting at 6pm. Remember this is parents only, and they have lots of information to share with you about their classrooms. Again, welcome to the new school year!

Mark Atkins, Principal

PTA & Foundation Welcome Back Celebration

**Thursday, September 20th
6:00pm—7:30pm**

Bring your Mission Impossible accomplishments and join us for an evening of fun with snacks and prizes! Catch up with families you didn't see over the summer and meet some of your children's new friends. This is also the perfect chance to find out more about the PTA and Foundation and how to get involved through volunteering. Prior to the celebration, the first PTA Association Meeting will be held in the MPR at 6:00pm with light snacks— Celebration follows.

PTA Hassle Free Raffle

All families donating \$200 will be acknowledged as an AB PTA Family Circle member and be entered into a drawing for a one week stay in the gated community of Villa Italiano, just south of Rosarito, Mexico. With an easy one hour drive from Penasquitos in the gated community of Villa Italiano the house has a view of the ocean and steps from a sandy beach. It is fully furnished with two bedrooms, two baths, kitchen amenities and fireplace. It can sleep 7 comfortably and has an outside BBQ and fire pit. No pool. The lucky family will be notified by October 31st at which time, directions and instructions will be given along with details on how to check on availability. You will have from November 07 to August 08 to use the week. This prize was a generous gift from the Kaesbauer Family.

Unless notified otherwise, your family name will be published in the PTA Newsletter as the lucky winner of the AB PTA Family Circle Winner.

If you have any questions please contact Zoom Duong at zoomduong@yahoo.com or Corrinne Cousar at ccousar@san.rr.com.

Volunteer & Room Parent Meeting

**Thursday, September 6th at 6:30pm
in the Multi Purpose Room (MPR) —**

At this meeting we will explain the many different ways you can be involved in your child's life here at Adobe Bluffs. By volunteering you can have a positive impact on our students and be part of their life at school.

Please join us to hear about the different ways you can volunteer at Adobe Bluffs. We will explain what is required in order to volunteer (Tb test, background check, etc.).

Room parents will also receive our "room parent folder" which contains helpful ideas and information about the position of a room parent.

Please Contact Gabi Pantfoerder (3rd Vice President Volunteers) at gabi@san.rr.com or Kathy Carleton (Room Parent Advisor) at Carleton@san.rr.com with any questions.

We hope to see many of you on Thursday, September 6th!

Adobe Bluffs Calendar

September 2007

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3 Labor Day - NO SCHOOL	4	5	6 Volunteer & Room Parent Meeting (6:30pm)	7	8
10				14	15



A Look Ahead ...

SEP 20th - PTA Association Mtg. & PTA / Foundation Celebration

SEP 28th - Prof. Growth Day
NO SCHOOL

SEP 21st - K-3 Friday Sing

OCT 4th & 9th - School Pictures

OCT 11th - PTA Executive Board

OCT 31st - Early Release

NOV 1st & 2nd - Conferences

TRAFFIC SAFETY RULES

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.
- Follow the directions of our volunteers and safety patrol.
- 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 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. Never cross or walk in the traffic circle.
- Check your blind spot after you drop off your child, buses have the right of way.
- Our traffic volunteers love when you smile and say "Thank You" or "Good Morning"!



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

"Traffic circle is in need of a few volunteers and it offers many perks. I personally have doubled the salaries of every individual who is on the team. (winter bonuses as well) Getting up a little early, smiling and saying good morning to other parents and students, and of course opening door to expedite traffic, what an adventure! So don't miss out on another day of this wonderful experience!"

Please contact Kevin Elliott at kelliott@san.rr.com to help.

BALL ROOM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Do you want to bring a smile to a child's face? Do you want to promote healthy exercise for a child? Please consider volunteering in our ball room. We are also in need of balls, hula hoops and gently used games. If you can donate items, drop them by the school office. The ball room is open with games and equipment for 1st thru 5th grades during all lunch hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays (11am to 12:30pm). Contact Laura Nagro, lnagro@san.rr.com or 484-4756. **The kids thank you!!**

GATE

Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) involves instruction for students whose cognitive needs may require a modified classroom program to accommodate their learning differences and ensure their achievement. Teachers and/or parents may make requests, in grades 2-7.

If you believe that your child may require GATE services, there are three opportunities for your child to be evaluated. You will

find general information about GATE services and GATE test information from the GATE link on the PUSD Website (<http://www.powayusd.com/teaching/learning/gate/>). New this year! Parents may make requests for GATE testing by completing the parent questionnaire, online. Forms will be available through our website beginning September 14, 2007! If you prefer to make your request for GATE testing by using a non-electronic parent questionnaire, please complete

one in the school office.

2007-2008 testing dates and submission windows for Parent Questionnaire/Test Consent:

District GATE Test Date:

Sat., Nov. 3, 2007 @ BHMS (8:30AM - 12PM)

Sat., Feb. 2, 2008 @ SCES (8:30AM - 12PM)

Thurs., May 1, 2008 @ MCES (4:30 - 8:00PM)

Request Submission Window:

Sept. 4, 2007 – October 5, 2007

Nov. 5, 2007 – Jan. 7, 2008

Feb. 4, 2008 – March 28, 2008

NOTE: There are no make-up GATE testing sessions, therefore please select testing date carefully. The San Diego County Science Olympiad Competition is February 2, 2008. Please keep this in mind when selecting a test date.

If you have questions, please contact your child's classroom teacher or the school site GATE Coordinators, Karen O'Connor or Lisa Collins via email at kconnor@powayusd.com or llcollins@powayusd.com.