



Aztec News

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Lunch with Dad

All Dads are invited to school on **Friday, January 18th** for our second "Lunch with Dad" (1st through 5th graders) and "Picnic with Dad" (Kindergarteners).

If Dad is unable to attend, then another family member may join the fun. Fliers will be sent home January 11th requesting that you let us know if you will be coming so that we may properly plan for the number of people expected to attend this event.

If after receiving the flier, you have any questions or comments, please contact Ron Cole at rcole4@san.rr.com.

Thanks for your cooperation and we look forward to seeing you.



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Principal's Message

4 Steps to Support Student Success

Happy New Year Aztec families! Adobe Bluffs has high hopes for a great 2008. As we move forward with our New Year's resolutions, let's also plan to encourage student success all year.

I recently read an article that listed four things parents can do at home to bolster student success. The first suggestion is to create a safe space to communicate. Remind your children that you are there for them to talk about their concerns and feelings. Second, create an environment at home that models a love of learning. As you know, children see what their parents are doing and often take on those behaviors. It is important to role-model the behaviors we want them to have. Kids who have parents that read, are more likely to read themselves. Students who grow up in homes where books and current events are discussed are likely to develop a love of discussion and learning. Third, provide your child with all the tools needed to stay organized. A planner, day calendar or a bulletin board that is hung in your home where your child can post their upcoming assignments, and projects can help provide organizational support. Last, provide academic support. Check in with your child daily and try to be available to assist them with homework and projects. One-on-one academic support from you or a tutor can go a long way in helping your child do well in school. (See PUSD website for a list of private tutors) www.powayusd.com/pusdaltprogs/tutors/private_tutors.asp

I believe that good parent/teacher communication is also essential for student success. If you have any concerns about your students academic, social or emotional progress, please email, call or meet with the teacher. Our staff is dedicated, responsive and prepared to assist you. Together we can help our students reach their full potential and be successful all year long.

Mark Atkins, Principal

Willow Grove Elementary School PTA Information Meeting

We are beginning the process of forming a PTA at Willow Grove Elementary School and we need your help. For those families that will be attending Willow Grove, we need volunteers in the following capacities to help:

Bylaws Committee: (3 to 5 persons) With the assistance of the Parliamentarian from Ninth District PTA/Palomar Council PTA, this committee will complete a set of PTA Bylaws by making decisions relating to Membership Fees, number and types of officers, etc., using the provided template.

Nominating Committee: (3 to 5 persons) After the number and types of officers have been determined by the Bylaws Committee, this committee will be responsible for finding qualified candidates to nominate for these board positions (the election will take place at the Organization Meeting approximately 2 months after the Information Meeting).

The details for the Information Meeting are as follows:

Date: January 23, 2008
Time: 7:00pm
Location: Sunset Hills Elementary School
9291 Oviedo St., San Diego, CA, 92129

ALL PARENTS ARE INVITED to participate in this exciting process and help shape the identity of Willow Grove Elementary. If you have any questions please contact Ron Cole at rcole4@san.rr.com or 538-1699.

Adobe Bluffs Calendar

January 2008

A Look Ahead ...

January 21st:
Martin Luther King Jr. Day, No School

January 23rd:
Willow Grove PTA meeting

January 24th:
YMCA Clinic Baseball

January 25th:
Primary Sing
Crazy Hair Day!

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
7	8	9	10 College Day "Wear your college shirts"	11 Spirit Day "Wear ABES shirt or Red and Black"	12 Winter Jamboree! 11:00-3:00 at AB
14	15	16	17 College Day "Wear your college shirts"	18 Lunch with Dad Spirit Day "Wear ABES shirt or Red and Black"	19

YMCA Sports Clinic January 24th: Basketball

The next scheduled YMCA Sports Clinic will be held on Thursday, January 24th. During this clinic the students will be learning the fundamentals of Basketball. We will begin at 12:30pm and end at 2:00pm and will be on the blacktop near the lunch tables. Also, we are currently looking for volunteers to assist the YMCA staff members and they lead the activities. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

Thanks!

Ron Cole

rcole4@san.rr.com or (858) 538 - 1699

Go Green and Earn Some Green for AB

Through the Wal-Mart Recycle Bag Program

Donate your plastic bags and earn money for our school. The program will end March 31st so bring your bags in before time runs out. All plastic bags *except* for black bags, frozen food bags and ziplock bags can be donated. Drop off your donations at the green bins located on the backside of the MPR room near the office entrance inside the school.

To date, 43 60-gallon bags have been turned in. We receive \$5 for each gallon for a grand total of \$215 for our school. The school with the most bags turned in can earn up to \$3,000 so please keep the bags coming! Thanks to all those who have been contributing. If you have any questions e-mail Joann at jobray88@yahoo.com.

Money Does Not Grow on Trees!

FREE Parent Education Opportunity: Teaching Children About Money

Do your kids think the ATM makes money?
Help your children become financially responsible!

Children need to learn how to manage their money! Guest speaker MERRILEE BOYACK will share practical how-to tips for everything from allowances to jobs to saving for college. Don't miss this dynamic speaker's Deer Canyon premier! Mrs. Boyack is an attorney and a member of Poway City Council. As a professional lecturer, she has given talks throughout the country, combining humor with an informative style. Her books include *The Parenting Breakthrough* and *Strangling Your Husband Is NOT An Option*. Mrs. Boyack is also the mother of four boys and is Vice-President of the local chapter of Mothers Without Borders.

Details: January 17th, at 6:30pm, in the MPR at Deer Canyon Elementary.

FREE! Sponsored by Deer Canyon PTA



WANTED – Board Games for Ball Room!

Do you have any gently used board games complete with all the pieces? Why not donate them to the AB ball room? The ball room is open to all students during lunch recess on Tuesdays and Thursdays and provides board games as an alternate activity.

Games may be dropped off at the school office.
The kids thank you!!

Laura Nagro

Ball Room Chair

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We need you to Celebrate Diversity Day!

Adobe Bluffs PTA will sponsor its 4th *Celebrate Diversity Day* on Friday, February 1, 2008 from 6 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. It promises to be a night of fun and education as we come together to experience cultures and customs from all over the world. However, **we need your help to make this happen.**

Please:

- check all items in which you would like to participate
- complete applicable contact information below
- return to school, or email Patty Verhage Pjiv@sbcglobal.net or Zoom Duong zoomduong@yahoo.com by January 11th

___ Reserve a table to display items from my native country (including USA) Country: _____.

___ Exhibit clothing/costumes: My child will participate in the Fashion Show. Country _____.
(Dress Rehearsal Thursday January 31st @ 6pm in the MPR)

___ Bring food from my native country to share as samples.

___ Share my multi-cultural talent by participating in the Cultural Performance.

Circle One: play musical instrument, dance, sing, cultural demonstration such as Karate, other....

___ Set up tables on the day of the event starting at 4 pm

___ Contact local restaurants for food donation

___ Assist with various stations including arts and crafts, contest table or assisting table participants/country representatives.

___ Clean Up 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Parent's name: _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Child's name _____ Teacher _____.

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For additional information, please contact Patty Verhage Pjiv@sbcglobal.net or Zoom Duong at zoomduong@yahoo.com

Additional information can also be found at www.adobebluffspta.org