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Adobe Bluffs Elementary



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Spring Food Drive

March 3-14, 2008

Many of our PUSD families struggle to provide 3 meals a day during school breaks. In order to help our neighbors in need, the AB PTA & The Palomar Council PTA are sponsoring a Spring Food Drive.

We need the following:

- Peanut Butter
- Cereal
- Healthy Snack Food
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Rice
- Canned Fruits, Vegetables, Soups, Beans
- Pasta

All food must be collected by March 14 so it can be delivered before Spring Break. Collection bins will be in front of the office. If you have any questions, please call Kim Lincoln at (858) 756-5818.



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Principal's Message

The purpose of this letter is to provide up-to-date information on where we are with the opening of Willow Grove and the downsizing of Adobe Bluffs. The Leadership Teams for both the Willow Grove and Del Sur elementary schools have been selected. The purpose of a Leadership Team is to begin the process of establishing a school culture, norms and procedures, an academic focus, and a sense of community. Leadership teams are comprised of teachers, staff members, and parents. From our school, Amy Huff 5th grade and Mandy Reyes 4/5, were selected to be on the Willow Grove Leadership Team. Nancy Nowak, K/1 was selected for the Del Sur Leadership team. All three teachers will remain at Adobe Bluffs for the remainder of this year and will be assuming their new positions in the fall of next year. These outstanding teachers will continue to provide our students with the high level of academic support they currently enjoy!

Families who currently live in the Willow Grove attendance area, but wish to remain at Adobe Bluffs have been offered an opportunity to complete an Intra-District Transfer Request. That information was included in a letter sent to the Willow Grove families in early January. Parents residing in the Willow Grove attendance areas who have a 4th grader at Adobe Bluffs were given the option to remain here for the completion of the student's 5th grade year.

March 1st is the deadline for turning in the IDT. The process for approving/declining IDTs is estimated to take between one to two weeks. When we have identified the number of Adobe Bluffs students who will be attending Willow Grove in the fall and which ones will be remaining, we will have a better understanding of the number of teachers we will be able to maintain as part of our staff. When that number has been established, a process will be put into place for making thoughtful, appropriate decisions. At this point, we do not have any definitive information on which teachers or which grade levels will be affected by this part of the downsizing process.

Here are the numbers of students at each grade level who reside in the Willow Grove attendance area: Kindergarten – 29, 1st Grade – 46, 2nd Grade – 44, 3rd Grade – 77, 4th Grade – 54, Total = 250

The District is working very hard to make decisions in a timely manner in an effort to relieve some of the angst some of our families may be feeling. I will share information as it comes to me, but in the meantime, if you have questions or concerns regarding this process, please feel free to contact our office or go to the PUSD District website for more information at <http://powayusd.sdcoe.k12.ca.us/PUSDWGES/>. As I have shared before, our goal is to provide all of our school community with the information needed to stay informed and to make the best decisions possible for "our" children!

Thank you,

Mark Atkins

FAMILY PORTRAIT NIGHT

Thank you to all the 'beautiful' Adobe Bluffs Families that attended the Family Portrait Night on Friday 15th February. Our own Principal, Mr. Atkins and family, wearing their college sweatshirts, were in attendance that night. Together, the fami-

lies raised over \$600 for the Adobe Bluffs school and PTA. These funds will be used to fund the many PTA programs that Adobe Bluffs is fortunate to have.



Adobe Bluffs Calendar

March 2008

A Look Ahead ...

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3	4	5	6 AB Run 2 Play Fundraiser	7	8
10	11	12	13	14 Progress Reports go Home	15

3/20:
YMCA Volleyball
Clinic

3/28:
Science Day

Spirit Day/
Backwards Day

3/31-4/3
Scholastic Book Fair

4/7-11:
Spring Break

Year Book Deadline Extended!

The deadline to order a yearbook at \$23.00/each, love lines at \$3.00/each or sponsor a page at \$10.00/each has been extended one week to **Friday, March 7th**. Please note that orders for yearbooks are on a pre-order basis only so once the yearbooks arrive in June we cannot order additional copies. Order forms can be downloaded from the Adobe Bluffs' PTA website at www.adobebluffspta.org and click on the Yearbook tab. Can't remember if you have ordered already? Just select "2007/2008 Yearbook Orders Received" on the same web page and look for your child's first name by teacher.

We need your classroom event pictures! If you have taken pictures of classroom events we would love to have copies of them. Digital pictures on a CD are preferred but hardcopies are fine as well. Please ensure they are labeled with the teacher's name and turned into the Office or to your son/daughter's teacher by March 5th. If you have any questions, please contact Penni Matsueda at 858-484-9358 or matsueda@san.rr.com.

AB Run 2 Play

Adobe Bluffs will be celebrating physical activity by holding a fun run on **Thursday, March 6th**. The **AB Run 2 Play** fun run is a fund-raising event sponsored by the Adobe Bluffs Educational Foundation (there will not be a *Jump Rope for Heart* event this year). All funds raised will be put directly back into the school for technology enhancements and other areas affected by the budget freeze.

We will be running on the newly completed track, partially funded by last year's event. All students will be participating (with parent permission) in the run/walk and will receive a Finishers Ribbon. The top 1st - 5th place division winners will be awarded medals and 6th - 10th place division winners will be awarded special ribbons.

All students will receive an official AB Run 2 Play t-shirt to wear on the day of the event! We ask that you please consider making a minimum sponsorship donation of \$5.00 or more. We encourage everyone to participate in the fundraising portion but it is optional. All donations are tax deductible.

We will be honoring students' fundraising participation by awarding prizes for different levels of monies earned. Prizes range from the AB Run 2 Play t-shirt to a flip video recorder.



Sizonomics Assembly



How much is a million? How about a hundred thousand? Your child may have a better idea of numbers after the assembly "Sizonomics" brought to the school by P.T.A. on Thursday, February 28. Dr. B taught the students how numbers build and grow. Math relationships and estimation were presented in a fun way that gives students confidence and increases their enjoyment of math.

Our final assembly for the year will be given as part of Science Day on March 28th. "Einstein" will teach and entertain us with two programs: *Einstein Rides a Light Beam* for K-2, and *Einstein and the Black Fabric of Space* for grades 3-5. Our students will learn about gravity, volume, bending of space, and black holes. They learn to stretch their perspective and imaginations and learn new ways of thinking. Students will also learn stories and ideas of Albert Einstein.

Performing arts is supported by our P.T.A. and designed to expand and build on the curriculum to help our students grow.

Urgent Budget Alert – Your IMMEDIATE Action is Needed

To address the state's estimated \$14 billion deficit, Governor Schwarzenegger has proposed the largest reduction to education funding in California history. For 2008-09, the Governor has proposed that the Legislature suspend Proposition 98 (the minimum funding guarantee for schools) and cut \$4.4 billion (more than 9%) in education funds. The Governor has also proposed \$400 million in education funding reductions in the current 2007-08 budget year.

When spread across the 6 million students enrolled in California's public schools, \$4.8 billion in cuts equates to **\$800** per student or:

- ✦ **\$24,000** for a classroom of 30 students (\$16,000 for a classroom of 20)
- ✦ **\$500,000** for an elementary school of 625 students (AB's size for next year)

If these cuts go through as proposed, we can expect:

- ✦ class sizes to increase by as much as a third
- ✦ the loss of reading specialists and other interventions
- ✦ fewer counselors and class selections for middle and high school students the likely elimination of transportation, music and art programs

WE MUST ACT QUICKLY!

As PTA members, we have tremendous credibility with our legislators because we are driven solely by what is best for children and we know first-hand how these cuts will impact our children's classrooms. If Sacramento hears us, we will have a powerful impact.

Log onto the Ninth District PTA website: www.NinthDistrictPTA.org

Click on the link to find out who your state representatives are;

Download the letters for your legislators and fax or mail (do not email, it is not as effective) them today;

Pass on this information to everyone and ask that they do the same.



It's time to register for Spring Soccer! The Penasquitos Youth Soccer Association is now accepting registration for the Spring Recreational season. Games will be on Sundays, March 30 through May 18th. No previous experience necessary - no practices! Open to all boys and girls ages 5 through 19. Go to www.pqsoccer.com for more info and registration forms. Registration deadline is March 14, 2008.