



Aztec News:



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10% Back to School Program

Starting on August 6th, if you shop at VONS and purchase products with the big yellow school bus next to it...you will earn money for AB! If you are already registered in the eScrip program, you're done! The money you earn will automatically be deposited into the eScrip account and sent to Adobe Bluffs. If you are not registered, go to www.escrip.com and register! We're missing out on FREE money for AB all summer and year long!

Looking for Volunteers

Interested in getting more involved next year? Your Foundation is looking for more people to get involved along with someone interested in taking on the role of Vice President. Contact Paige Schaefer at paige.schaefer@itron.com if you are interested.

Principal's Message: Reflections on my first year at Adobe Bluffs

On the first day of school I was excited, optimistic, and a little nervous about returning to Elementary school after so many years on the high school and middle school levels. As a former Elementary school teacher, I felt that this would be the best place for me, and where I could have the most impact on student achievement. I felt fortunate to be placed here as Principal because of what I had heard about the school. I soon found out that the fantastic things I had been told about the staff, students, and families at Adobe Bluffs were true.

This year has been everything that I hoped it would be. When I met the staff I told them that I thought it was important to find ways to connect the students to the school and the lessons to their lives. Our staff, PTA, and Foundation have worked in conjunction to provide many opportunities for students to make those connections. Some of the events that really stand out to me as special for kids are the Winter Jamboree, Celebrate Diversity Day, Character Counts Night, AB Olympics, Science Day, and the Sacramento field trip. After each event I walked away feeling good about the experiences our students had, and the level of dedication and support our school community provides.

How do we make a great school even better? This year we continued high expectations for student achievement, streamlined some processes and paperwork. We also promoted college awareness by introducing "college shirt day". I'm sure many of us will always remember this year's big event as our Jonas Brothers concert, but for me it was just one of the many great things that happened this year. I look forward to more great years ahead.

With Aztec Pride,

Mark Atkins

Announcing Adobe Bluffs 2008-09 PTA Board

Congratulations to the following people who were elected to serve on the 2008-09 Adobe Bluffs PTA Executive Board:

PRESIDENT:	Ron Cole
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT:	Penni Matsueda
1 ST VICE PRESIDENT-MEMBERSHIP:	Jaime Kaesbauer
2 ND VICE PRESIDENT-PROGRAMS:	Ed Gerstin
3 RD VICE PRESIDENT-VOLUNTEERS:	Corrinne Cousar
4 TH VICE PRESIDENT-LEGISLATION:	Gemma Ripperton
SECRETARY:	Shannon Henwood
TREASURER:	Laura Nagro
FINANCIAL SECRETARY:	Cheri Rice
AUDITOR:	Laura Dibsie
HISTORIAN:	Cindy Schunk

Although the 2007-08 school year is winding down, we are in the process of planning for the 2008-09 school year. As most of you know, because of California's struggling economy, one of the areas that has been hardest hit financially is education spending. Next year it will be even more important for all of us to pitch in and help out wherever we can; whether it is in the classroom, for a PTA sponsored program or event, with the Educational Foundation, and/or by means of a financial donation. I am very much looking forward to working with Mr. Atkins, the teachers and staff, and all of you to ensure that our children have as rewarding an educational experience as possible. Please feel free to contact me with any suggestions, comments, and questions at (858) 538-1699 or rcole4@san.rr.com.

Thanks very much!

Ron Cole
PTA President Elect

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PTA President's Message: Thank you and Farewell

I can't believe a year has passed! How time flew by when you're having fun. Yes, it was a fun year. Adobe Bluffs PTA had sponsored over 45 programs with countless volunteer hours, in addition to a significant financial contribution to our school. Your generous contributions made all this happened. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers, especial thank you to our chairs, staff and teachers and importantly to Mr. Mark Atkins for a fabulous year. I have the privilege of getting to know Mr. Atkins this year and I have to say he's wonderful and amazing person and of course a great principal.

It has been an honor getting to know our Adobe Bluffs community and I will miss all of you.

Have an enjoyable summer!

Zoom Duong

YEARBOOK - PRINTER MISPRINT IS YOUR GAIN

The yearbook has received some yearbooks with minor misprints. These books will be available to purchase for \$10 and they will be sold at the Yearbook Signing Party, on Friday, June 6th from 6:30 to 8:00 in the MPR. Additionally, they will be available for purchase after school in front of the school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 10th, 11th and 12th.

WANTED:

PTA Chairpersons for the year 2008/2009 at Black Mountain Middle School. BMMS PTSA is looking for a chair for Reflections, Career Day, Character Counts, and more. If you are interested in helping with the PTA next year, please email Barb Doyle at bad79@san.rr.com or call her at 858-775-5099.

Get Your Pictures off snapfish!



The yearbook committee used Snapfish to store the digital pictures of Adobe Bluffs' events and classroom activities that were taken over this school year. Adobe Bluffs' families are welcome to view, print and or download pictures of your child(ren) from [Snapfish](#) if you would like to. The links and passwords for the two rooms are:

Yearbook Events

Website Link: <http://0708abyearbook.snapfish.com/snapfish>

Password: aztec

Classroom Activities

Website Link: <http://roompicturesadobebluffs.snapfish.com/snapfish>

Password: classy

DANGER!

Many of the programs that your children currently enjoy need new volunteers for next year. Many current Program Chairs are being promoted to the sixth grade with their children or moving to Willow Grove and others just need your help. If no one volunteers, these programs are in danger of disappearing...DON'T LET IT HAPPEN! Contact Ron Cole at rcole4@san.rr.com

AZTEC AMBASSADORS

BALL ROOM

BOX TOPS

COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

CONSERVATION/ENVIRONMENT

DADS LUNCH

GROCERY STORE PROGRAMS

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

PERFORMING ARTS

ROOM PARENT ADVISOR

SCHOOL SAVINGS

STAFF APPRECIATION COORDINATOR

TILES

WINTER JAMBOREE

YEARBOOK

Did you know your PTA membership can get you a discount on your summer vacation?

Southwest Airlines Vacations has teamed up with National PTA to offer PTA members an exclusive discount on vacation packages. Members can save five percent on vacation packages to more than 40 exciting destinations, in addition to everyday low rates and ongoing special offers. Click on the logo to book your next vacation today! For even more benefits check out the National PTA website benefits section at http://www.pta.org/jp_membership_benefits.html





Full Day Kindergarten at Adobe Bluffs



Adobe Bluffs elementary school will implement full day kindergarten beginning in the August 08. Your student will have the same daily schedule as all other students. That is 7:45-2:05 each day, with the exception of our early release Thursday, when the school day ends at 12:25.

Academic expectations have increased over the years and caused more of the traditional first grade curriculum to be added to the kindergarten year. The extended day, will allow students more time to develop academic skills as well as the social, emotional, and physical skills needed for developing young people. We are excited about this opportunity and as a school district we believe adding a full-day kindergarten program will further enhance your young student's preparation for long-term success in school

PUSD Online Registration for Continuing Students

Poway Unified is pleased to announce that parents of students continuing at PUSD for the 2008-09 school year will be able to update registration forms online, beginning in early July. A Connect-Ed email message will be sent to parents as to when they will be able to access the registration forms. Each parent will be able to update and submit the forms online through an individual password. Information about the passwords will be sent to parents with the July message. There will also be updated information on the PUSD website and on school site websites.

For security purposes, parents will use individual passwords. The online forms do not include Social Security numbers.

Parents will still need to fill in and sign the Signature Verification Form and Student Health Information form (grades 4, 7, and 10) and return these forms to the school site on a school-site designated packet return date.

It's getting hot out there...Deadline to order extended!

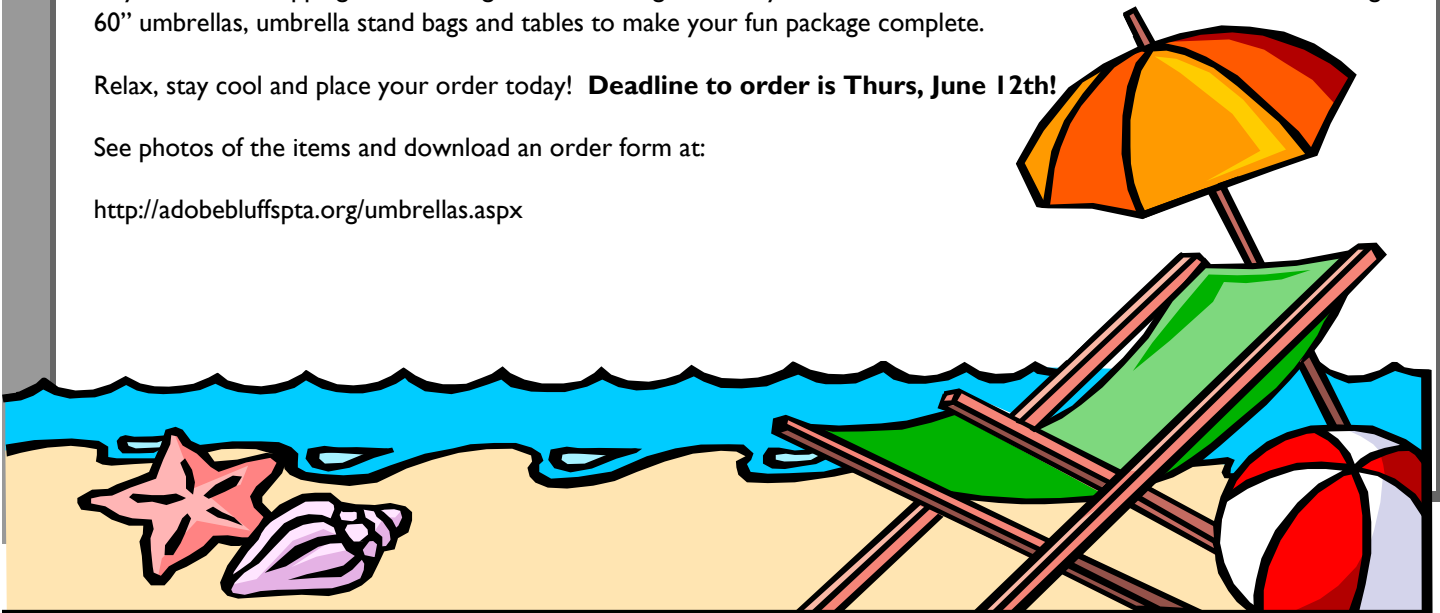
If you've got soccer, baseball or softball games to go to, have fun summer days planned or just tired of trying to jam your umbrella into the dirt, you need an Original Umbrella Stand! They work great even in the PQ dirt plus you'll be helping next year's fifth graders get a head start on their fundraising.

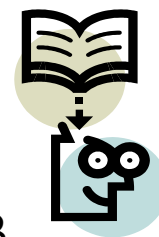
We know you've seen them and you want one, you need one...you just don't know where to get one. Let us deliver it to you with no shipping costs. Plus get some extra gifts for anyone that likes to have fun in the sun! We're also selling 60" umbrellas, umbrella stand bags and tables to make your fun package complete.

Relax, stay cool and place your order today! **Deadline to order is Thurs, June 12th!**

See photos of the items and download an order form at:

<http://adobebluffspta.org/umbrellas.aspx>





ADOBE BLUFF'S PTA SUMMER BOOK CLUB

Go on a reading adventure and join your friends this summer for Adobe Bluff's second annual Summer Book Club. This year, our book club will be reading 3 exciting books and will meet three times over the summer break (you don't have to attend all the meetings). During our fun 40 minute meetings, (a parent or guardian must attend), we will talk about the book we read, play a game and/or make an art project and end with a snack.

We are offering the Summer Book Club to incoming 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. After reading each book, you can, earn a "book worm" token, prizes from our local library, credit towards a new book from Barnes & Noble's and coupons to local restaurants.

Each book club meeting will be held at Adobe Bluffs and will be lead by a parent volunteer. We have purchased four copies of each book for each grade level for our book club members to share and all the books are also available at the local public library.

Please complete the information below and return to your student's teacher by 6/6 if you would like to join the fun.

If you have any questions please contact Kelly Smith at kelljane@aol.com or Nicole Sanseverino at nsansev@san.rr.com

Student's first and last name: _____--_____

Parent's Name: _____

Email: _____-- Phone #: _____

Current teacher: _____ Current grade: _____

I would like to volunteer to help: ___ Sorry, I can't help this year: ___

Adobe Bluffs PTA and Educational Foundation Present:

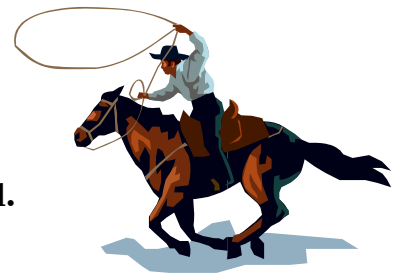
"THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY"

The Good - no more pink slips, PUSD teachers have jobs!

The Bad - there is still currently a \$10 million short-fall for our district...

The Ugly - AB will have a 30% reduction in general funding for school supplies, translating into approximately a \$13 per student loss.

Yippee Ki Yay More Funds?! What can we do? Well, giddy-up! We're gonna have ourselves an ole fashion "Supply Drive". When ya'll find yourself out on the trail this summer, when the school supplies are all on the cheap, lasso yourself some of them there items listed below to be used not only in your class but school-wide and herd 'em all back to the ole AB Corral in the fall.



#2 pencils
Antibacterial wipes
Colored pencils
Crayons
Erasers, large
Glue sticks and liquid glue
Hand sanitizer
Markers, washable
Sharpies, black
Scissors
Tissues
White board markers
Ziploc Bags (sandwich size)
Paper, paper, paper!!!
both copy (white and colored)
and lined, wide-rule

WANTED: BOX TOPS

Yee Haw, become a Box-Top Bounty Hunter! Earnings goes toward ballroom and teacher supplies.

Gold in Them There Hills

Mmmm...what's cookin'? Before ya'll shop for all y'er fixins at Vons, Albertsons or Ralphs, be sure to sign up for their loyalty programs, designate your donations to go toward AB and earn us free "gold"! Yippee! More info in stores or online. Stock up on grub at Vons this summer and buy them products with the big yellow bus (10% Back to School Program) for even more free "gold"!

Save the Wild West

We don't want the range covered in rubbish, now do we?! Wrangle up those plastic shopping bags and bring 'em in the fall. Ya'll did a great job last year...let's do it again!



Hey did you fellas know that each child uses over 4 reams of paper all by themselves during a school year? That over 2,800 reams this year or 280 cases! So, don't be shy...lasso up a bunch of them supplies...

AUGUST 18 2008

BLACK
MOUNTAIN
MIDDLE
SCHOOL



CHARACTER IS...

UNDER CONSTRUCTION @ BLACK MOUNTAIN

2:00 - 5:30 p.m.

WELCOME! New Black Mountain Students & Parents

Starting at 2:00 p.m. incoming students can join leaders from Black Mountain's diverse student body and explore their new school. Students from the ASB (Associated Student Body), Natural Helpers, Peer Mediators and a number of other groups lead tours and discuss what middle school is all about.

During the day students will have the opportunity to meet other incoming students and have their questions answered by current 7th & 8th graders.

Representatives from different departments such as Food Service, Attendance, as well as, 6th grade will explain what can be expected the next day as school begins.

After the orientation, approximately

4:45 p.m. parents and students are invited to join the Staff, PTSA and the Foundation for an inexpensive pizza dinner on the new lunch court. It is at this time that you can ask questions of the principal and learn how you can become part of the Black Mountain Family.

After the meal, you and your child may join our team for a presentation on 6th grade camp.



Mark Your Calendar

Aug. 13th

6th Grade Registration

A--M 8 am -- 10 am

L --Z 10 am --12 p.m.

Aug. 18th

Survivor Black Mountain

New Student & Parent

Orientation

2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

6th Grade Camp Presentation

Camp Fox and Cuyamaca



2008

Starting at 5:15 there will be a short meeting about 6th grade camp.

During the meeting students and parents will learn about the fun learning opportunities available at camp. During the meeting there will be a short film (If facilities are available due to remodel) and a breakdown of the weeks events, cost and expectations. It's 20 minutes you don't want to miss.

If you have questions pertaining to this event please email ccurrian@powayusd.com