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PUSD Fire Relief Fund

A special thank you to everyone that made a donation to help the fire victims through the PUSD Fire Relief Fund. Children brought in their change through both our Kids Care group and the ESS Coins 'Cause We Care collections. All those coins add up quickly...almost \$1,300. Combine that with generous parent donations, we collected a total amount of \$4,483.

One of our parent's employers (Itron, Inc.) is also generously providing a matching donation bringing the grand total to \$8,966!

To AB Families:

We wish you a Joyous holiday season and a Wonderful New Year!



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AB PTA Chairperson's Message

What is "CHARACTER COUNTS!"?

CHARACTER COUNTS!sm (CC!) is a national grassroots initiative and is the nation's most widely used character development framework. CC! is used in schools (including all PUSD schools), youth sports, and civic organizations. It is based on shared beliefs and consensus values known as the "Six Pillars of Character."

What are the Six Pillars of Character?

Trustworthiness: 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.
Respect: Treat others with respect; follow the golden rule - Be tolerant of differences - Use good manners, not bad language - Be considerate of the feelings of others - Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone - Deal peacefully with anger, insults and disagreements.

Responsibility: Do what you are supposed to do - Persevere: keep on trying! - Always do your best - Use self-control - Be self-disciplined - Think before you act-consider the consequences - Be accountable for your choices.

Fairness: Play by the rules - Take turns and share - Be open-minded; listen to others - Don't take advantage of others - Don't blame others carelessly.

Caring: Be kind - Be compassionate and show you care - Express gratitude - Forgive others - Help people in need.

Citizenship: Do your share to make your school and community better - Cooperate - Get involved in community affairs - Stay informed: vote - Be a good neighbor - Obey laws and rules - Respect authority - Protect the environment.

Who is Behind It on a National Level?

The Joseph & Edna Josephson Institute of Ethics, a non-profit and nonpartisan teaching organization based in Los Angeles, helped organize the CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition in 1993. Many of the country's leading educational and youth-serving institutions belong to the coalition.

Whose Job Is Character Education?

First and foremost, it is a parent's job but there are also critical supporting roles to be played in a community, from teachers, youth leaders and professional athletes to businessmen and clergy. Coalition members build consensus around the need for character education in schools and organizations that serve youth.

Whose Values?

Everyone's values - trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. Over 40 states and almost 1,000 cities, counties, school districts and chambers of commerce, as well as the President, the U.S. Senate, and House of Representatives have endorsed the CHARACTER COUNTS! framework and its "Six Pillars" approach to community-wide character education.

At Adobe Bluffs, CHARACTER COUNTS! is used in the classroom and woven into all of the programs and events that the PTA sponsors. In addition, students who are caught demonstrating any of the character traits are given a character card and they are recognized by having their names read by Mr. Atkins during Monday morning announcements.

If you would like to learn more about CHARACTER COUNTS!, please visit www.charactercounts.org.

Ron Cole
Adobe Bluffs PTA

Adobe Bluffs Calendar

December 2007

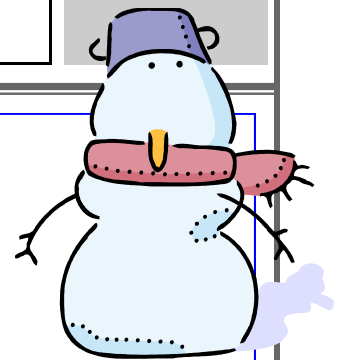
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
17	18 Holiday Gift Shop Opens	19	20	21 Spirit Day: Twin Day	22
24 No School	25 No School Christmas Day	26 No School Kwanzaa Begins	27 No School	28 No School	29 No School

A Look Ahead ...

Dec 18-21:
Holiday Gift shop
open for business

Dec 24-Jan 4:
Winter Break
No School

Jan 5: 5th Grade
Panoramic Photo



A Message from our Principal:

Our wonderful Adobe Bluffs students showed our neighbors how much they care by raising money for the PUSD fire victims through the "Kids Care in Action" fundraiser. ABES student council sponsored this effort, where students raised funds over a two week period by doing extra chores to earn money. Some families also made donations that helped our school raise \$1000! The proceeds were presented to Westwood Elementary school on November 30th at their Friday assembly. Student council president Quentin Oribello made the presentation to principal, Mike Mosgrove after delivering a wonderful speech. Westwood School will use the money to purchase various fifty dollar gift cards for gas, groceries, etc. for their families that were impacted by the wildfires. The funds raised by "Kids Care in Action" were counted in the PUSD fire victims fund and matched by Itron, a company where one of our parents works. All of the students who participated in this event really epitomize the character trait "Caring". Congratulations to all of our students. I am proud to be the principal of such a caring student body!



Thank you,
Mr. Atkins

Winter Jamboree 2007

Saturday, January 12th
11:00-3:00
On the Adobe Bluffs
playground

Coming this January is the **Adobe Bluffs Annual Winter Jamboree!** This is a wonderful neighborhood carnival event sponsored by your PTA on Saturday, January 12th (with a rain back up date of January 26th). There are bunches of fun games like feed a polar bear, mini golf, ice fishing, snowball freethrow and more! Win a yummy cake at the cake walk; decorate a cookie or win a goldfish! Get your pictures taken with your friends, test your character counts knowledge with your favorite teacher, have lunch and win cool prizes! Save the date and we'll see you soon!

Parents:

It's a fun-filled day that won't break the bank! Save even more by pre-ordering your game and food tickets. Look in your child's red folders for a presales flyer. Note, this is a family event in which parents need to attend with their child(ren).

Help Needed:

We can keep this as a low cost event because so many wonderful parents, students, alumni, teachers, and local high school student volunteer. It's fun to work in the booths!

Contact Paige Schaefer at paige.schaefer@itron.com
858-538-2337 to find out how you can get involved!

2007 - 2008 Reflections Winners

Congratulations to everyone that made an entry in the Reflections Program. They were all great entries! Each and everyone should be very proud! We would like to thank Washington Mutual Bank for hosting the reception and awards ceremony as well as all the prizes they gave each entrant. The following students will have work that was selected to go on to the Palomar Council level:

Literature – Rachel Blumenthal, Jessica Perlman, May Yang, Alexis Cole, Kayleigh Cousar, Andrew Rueter, Mattie Sanseverino, and Daniel Torre

Video/ Film Production – Mariah Schauder

Photography – Nishanth Krishnan and Jacob Schunk

Visual Arts – Gabriel Ming, Samantha Yoo, Emily Kim, Mark Nasielski, Julia Pene, Matthew Maceda, Alexandria Sun, Daniel Lang, Jennifer St. John, Hannah Gong, Alexia Alyeshmerni, Sarah Henwood, and Angelica Santos

These students will be honored again in the spring at the Palomar Council level. Congratulation for a job well done! Adobe Bluffs will be well represented.