



PRINCIPAL'S PRESS

Dear Pueblo Families,

What a great beginning to the school year it has been! On behalf of the Pueblo Staff, thank you for your commitment to your child's success each and every day. We appreciate you sharing the high expectations we have for students, parents and ourselves.

The SUSD K-3 Override is due for renewal in November 2009. The State statute requires renewal every five years and the renewing of the Override means no new taxes. The budget increase supports the needs of kindergarten through 3rd grade students but also impacts students at every grade level. The override also provides free full day kindergarten as a first priority if the State budget reduces the funding for this at anytime during the period of this override. If the Override should not pass, there will be a reduction of 58 teachers and \$3.1 million from the annual budget. Dr. Catalani is providing factual information about the K-3 Override on October 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the Saguaro High School Media Center and all are welcome.

Let's continue our amazing success throughout this school year and here is to a high achieving second quarter of the school year!

Thank you for being a partner with us in the education of your child.

Jerri Kellen
Principal

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 25th

Cookie Dough Sales End

October 2nd

School Picture Day

October 7th

PTO Meeting

6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

October 23rd

Pumpkin Patch Festival

4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

November 4th

PTO Meeting

6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

November 16th through 20th

Used Book Sale

November 17th

Cookie Dough Delivery

November 19th

Thanksgiving Luncheon

December 2nd

PTO Meeting

6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

January 6th

PTO Meeting

6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

January 11th

Box Top Competition Begins

January 22nd

Box Top Competition Ends



Pumpkin Patch Festival

Our annual Fall Carnival, the Pumpkin Patch Festival is scheduled for Friday, October 23rd from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. It is held in the north field.

We are accepting donations of individually wrapped candies or small items to be used as prizes for the carnival games. Donation boxes are in the front office.

Mrs. Ellis' class also has a stuffed animal adoption booth and they are looking for donations of clean, gently used stuffed animals. A donation box is in the office.

A ticket pre-order form will be sent home with your child in a few weeks. Tickets are 4/\$1.00 during pre-sales at 3/\$1.00 at the gate.

PTO is looking for muscles to help with set up on Thursday evening and tear down on Friday after the event. If you are willing to help, please e-mail Jane Roybal at homerom 3-6@pueblopto.org.

PTO MEMBERSHIP

Please consider making a donation to PTO through PayPal via the link on the PTO website at www.pueblopto.org. For the 2009-2010, PTO has waived the membership fee, however, we encourage all families to support the PTO, which supports your children and their teachers.

If you can't afford to donate, please donate some of your time. Join us for the PTO Meeting on Wednesday, October 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the Library to find out about opportunities to support Pueblo.



USED BOOK SALE

The 3rd Annual Used Book Sale is coming in November. Please start saving your used books, DVDs, CDs, VHS tapes to donate. We accept everything from children's books through grown-up books.

Donation week begins November 9th!



2009-2010 PTO BOARD

The 2009-2010 PTO Board is:

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We welcome your suggestions and support, please visit www.pueblopto.org for e-mail addresses.

Pueblo PTO...Are you involved?



Fire Fighter Rob's Fire Safety Tip of the Month

The City of Scottsdale Fire Department is glad to be involved with Pueblo Elementary School for another great year. Pueblo's own Fire Pal, Deputy Fire Marshal Rob Clark, really enjoys working with the Pueblo family of educators to provide Fire and Life Safety Training to the students. He already has started scheduling time both in the classrooms and library throughout the year.

Last year, Fire Pal Rob was able to work with every K-3 class and looks forward to being more involved with the older grades this year. He is planning to attend every Spirit Assembly and Fire Drill. You will also see Fire Pal Rob at the Pumpkin Patch Fall Festival with a fire crew and truck.

It is important to have this link between the fire department and your students. Children are naturally curious about fire; some studies suggest that interest in fire develops even before age 3. However, whether a child actually sets fires depends on a variety of factors, including their exposure to fire and the availability of fire supplies. The safety community has also seen a correlation of fire safety education with the decrease of curiosity firesetting. In other words, when children are taught the consequences of firesetting, they are less likely to play with fire. This why the Scottsdale Fire Department is glad to be an active part of the education process at Pueblo.

This year, we are offering a fire safety program that is centered on *No Dragons for Tea*, a story about a little girl who invites a dragon over for tea and then he accidentally sets the table ablaze. There's no need to panic, though. The little girl knows just what to do in case of a fire. The story features a poem (below) that we will practice with the students. For information about the book check out <http://www.kidscanpress.com/US/Product.aspx?productId=2525>.

As always Fire Prevention Education is most effective if it is provided to the students and then reinforced at home by the parents. Please ask your children about fire safety and go over your Home Evacuation Plan and Meeting place with your children.

If anyone of the Pueblo Community has any questions or concerns feel free to contact either the Pueblo School Staff or the Scottsdale Fire Department.

The Dragon's Fire-Safety Rhyme

When your smoke alarm sounds, here's what you should do:
Leave your toys all behind, 'cause there's only one you.

Get down and stay low, crawling under the smoke,
Because breathing those fumes might make you choke.

If your clothes catch on fire, don't run about,
"Stop, drop and roll" till the flames are all out.

Don't open a door if the handle feels hot.
Find another way out to your planned meeting spot.

Even when scared, you must never hide,
And once you are out, don't go back inside!

