



PRINCIPAL'S PRESS

Dear Pueblo Families,

As of October 9 we have completed the first quarter of our school year. By now our expectation is for each student to have regular study habits and consistent communication between home and school. Are you looking at your child's reading log? Homework folder? Agenda Book? These are all tools to keep your child on track and create successful partnership between home and school. Parent/teacher/student conferences will be held October 28th – 30th. Look for detailed information from your child's teacher.

DON'T FORGET! SUSD K-3 Override is due for renewal on November 3, 2009. The budget increase supports the needs of students attending Kindergarten through Third Grade. 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 override period. If the Override should not pass, there will be a district-wide reduction of 58 teachers and \$3.1 million from the annual budget – these impacts will affect every grade level, not just K-3.

I appreciate each of you taking the time and being role models for your children during pick up and drop off. It is a time when everyone is in a hurry so please continue to follow procedures and do the right thing at all times during these hectic few minutes.

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

Jerri Kellen
Principal

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

February 3

PTO Meeting
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

February 26

Spring Picture Day

March 3

PTO Meeting
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.



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 was emailed out on Saturday, October 17th. Tickets are 4/\$1.00 during pre-sales or 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 homeroom_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, November 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the Library to find out about opportunities to support Pueblo.

Thanks to the following families, we are more than half-way to our donation goal:

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| Abby Daugherty | Jennifer Musegades |
| Amy Strefling | Jennifer Serlin |
| Anthony Berg | Jim Shearl |
| Kristi Bigelow | Jon Vasquez |
| Anthony Maestas | Joseph Ortiz |
| Becky Youman | Kathryn Kelly |
| Bridget Webster | Margaret Roach |
| Bryan Wilking | Mari Beresford |
| Carl Roberts | Mary Sands-Quiram |
| Carol Berg | Megan & Sara McCartan |
| Carolyn Crook | Michelle Gilmore |
| Chad Lutz | Mitchell Von Gnechten |
| DA Kross | Robert D. Williams |
| Dr. Ruben Lara | Sarah Shepard |
| Edward Yeager | Stacey Lynn York |
| Erin Dahl | Steven Brenden |
| Jacqueline Fleming | Terri Kellen |
| Jane Perrin Roybal | Timothy Ashby |

Grand Canyon Trekkers

Nurse Hahn is looking for volunteers to track students who walk a set course during their lunch breaks. Last year, there were many students who participated in the Trekker program, which is sponsored by Scottsdale Healthcare.

The program lasts for about 6 weeks.

If you are willing to volunteer, please call Nurse Hahn know at 480-484-3111.

Managing Children's Anger

Please join us for a workshop on **Managing Children's Anger**

Presented by:

Menaj Shamsaee, MA
Pueblo's SPI Specialist

Wednesday, October 21, 2009
6:00 – 7:00 P.M.

Pueblo Elementary School
Cafeteria



3RD ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE

Clean out your shelves...the PTO is accepting donations of gently used books (all ages, all subjects) magazines, CDs, DVDs, audio books, games, puzzles, software, etc.



Used Book Donation Week:
Mon, Nov 9 – Fri, Nov 13

Used Book Sale Week:
Mon, Nov 16 – Fri, Nov 20
7:30 am – 2:30 pm
Pueblo Cafeteria Stage

Send books with your students or donations bins will be available during donation week at the following locations:

Drop Off Lane from 7:20 – 7:40 AM
Front Office
Cafeteria
Library

(We need lots of children's books!)

For information please contact Sandi Rodrigues @
(480) 607-3024

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



Box Tops for Education is giving
1,000,000 Box Tops to America's Schools

One Grand Prize: 500,000 Bonus Box Tops (a
\$50,000 value!)

Two First Prizes: 250,000 Bonus Box Tops (a
\$25,000 value!)

Enter the Big Clip for a chance to win Bonus Box
Tops for Pueblo!

Enter your e-mail address now by going to
<http://thebigclip.com/index.tbapp>. You may enter
every day until the end of the promotion.

School Lunch: Good for Kids & Your Wallet

As the cost of everything increases, there is one meal that is still a great value - both nutritionally and economically! School lunch is still an incredible bargain at \$2.25 at Elementary Schools.

Every School Lunch Includes Five Great Choices:

- Milk* - Low fat flavored or regular
- Vegetables* - From fresh salads to Carrotteenies
- Fruit* - A plethora of seasonal and fresh choices
- Grains* - More whole grain items like breads, cereal and pizza crusts
- Meat or meat alternate* - Reduced fat cheese, beans and lean chicken and beef

Save Money: Eat School Lunch

On average it costs less to buy a school lunch than to bring a lunch from home. The estimated national average cost of a school lunch from home was \$3.43 last school year.¹

There is Such a Thing as a Free Lunch (and a Reduced Price One Too)

- All children attending SUSD schools may purchase meals through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).
- Families with incomes at or below 130 percent of the poverty level are eligible for free meals.
- Families with incomes between 130 percent and 185 percent of the poverty level are eligible for reduced meals.

Applications can be found on-line at www.susd.org or at your school café.



K-3 Override Benefits All SUSD Students

I am a mother of a 2nd grader at Pueblo. As I reflect on the positive experience my family has enjoyed at Pueblo, I am compelled to write and urge voters to renew the K-3 Override in SUSD.

The K-3 Override is not just about children in Kindergarten -3rd grade. Certainly, the funds from the override will be directed to our youngest students, but children of all ages in all classrooms will benefit. Were it not for the override, our district would likely be seeking funds in other areas to support the research-based benefits of all day Kindergarten and smaller, lower-grade class sizes.

Where might they look? They might look at middle or high school offerings. Alternatively, they might reduce the number of specialized programs - Language Immersion, International Baccalaureate, Traditional Education, Comprehensive Gifted Program, Multi-Age Classroom Learning, and more. Over 26,000 children in all grades across our district could be equally negatively impacted.

I am well aware of the dedicated parents in the Pueblo PTO who help our schools. However, none of the work we do as volunteers has the same bearing in the classroom as renewing this override. The cost per average household to keep this override in place is about \$18.96 per year. Remember, this is simply a renewal, not a tax-rate increase. We have been paying this override for the past four years, and SUSD is simply asking voters to allow it to continue.

Renewing the K-3 Override is an immediate opportunity at the local level to make our priorities known. Now is not the time for complacency. Please join me in voting YES on the SUSD K-3 Override. All of our children are counting on us.

Pam Kirby
Pueblo K-3 Override Ambassador

Principal's List & Honor Roll

Congratulations to the students listed below who made wither the Principal's List or the Honor Roll for the first quarter.

Principal's List:

Addy Kazemi
Caitlin Lazo
Chad Lutz
Daniel Hanson
Dillon Hinkle
Grant Kelly
Greg Hahne
Jarod Aber
Jessica Roach
Kayla Glover
Kendra Ellner
Konrad Ashby
Lauren Clevenger
Mackenzie Shane
Simon Ortiz
Thomas Billings
Tina Guiliano
Yoni Araya

Honor Roll:

Alex Garza
Ashleigh Edwards
Chase Frederickson
Jesse Hodges
Kandis Moran-Jimenez
Kasandra Haywood
Lauren Newkirk
Mack Schroeder
Matthew Fleming
Nic Schlip

Cookie Dough Pickup

Cookie Dough pickup is Tuesday, November 17th from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria. We do not have facilities to store the dough, so please pick your order up that afternoon.

Thanks to all of our families, we raised \$8,800!



Pueblo Elementary Continues Reading Interventions

The Pueblo Elementary School first, second and third grade teachers are participating in the state of Arizona's Response to Intervention (RTI) model in reading. RTI is a service delivery model where students who demonstrate a need for extra help can obtain it immediately. These are students who are at-risk for developing reading problems but the experience of other schools in the Scottsdale Unified School District has proven that early intervention helps these students gain valuable basic reading skills in the general education program. The staff at Pueblo Elementary School is working together to help students improve their reading skills. This is the second year that Pueblo has participated in the RTI program. The students in grades 1 through 6 have been given individual letter sound and oral reading assessments that will help us identify which students will need extra support in this area. Research has demonstrated that oral reading fluency is linked with comprehension and word decoding skills. Children falling below the grade level state benchmark criteria based assessments are being offered additional reading support.

Many of the first and second grade students who need additional support in reading will be working with an online reading program called Headsprout (www.headsprout.com). Scientific research has shown that the Headsprout program helps the students with phonemic awareness, phonics, decoding of words, building sight words, reading fluency, and comprehension strategies which are essential skills needed for success in reading. It is a fun program with characters that the children enjoy. Parents of identified children with access to the Internet will be able to work through the program at home for additional practice as well as at school. To arrange for this, permission forms that ask for a home email address are being sent to first and second grader's parents who would benefit from this program.

The children in this intervention program's classroom teachers and the school psychologist will be assessing the students that are in the RTI program on a bi-weekly basis. These assessments will obtain the amount of words or letter sounds a child can read in one minute or how many letter sounds can be identified in order to monitor their progress in the program.

If you have any questions about Pueblo's RTI (Response to Intervention) program or you would like to volunteer to help with small groups of students who are engaged in the Headsprout activities, please call me, Pueblo school psychologist Kathleen Rahn at 484-3104. This is my first year at Pueblo Elementary. Previously I have worked on implementing reading interventions and consultation with teachers and parents at Aztec Elementary, the ANLC and Tonalea Elementary. She also welcomes any questions from parents about learning and mental health issues.