



PRINCIPAL'S PRESS

Dear Pueblo Families,

Thank you for your continued support of school and home communication. Your child(ren) deserves the best we can give so they can give their best on a daily basis.

An article in the Arizona Republic (November 5, 2009) detailed ideas on how to talk with your children during family time, i.e. dinner time. The article gave several suggestions to maintain healthy families with one of them being talking on a daily basis over a meal. Examples of conversation starters include:

- "Where is your favorite place in the world? Why?"
- If you could choose a super power, what would it be?
- What is good about having brothers and sisters? What is good about being an only child?
- Is there somebody you know who could use some help?
- Is there a way you could help him or her?"

These are just a few ideas on how to make the most out of sitting down together as a family. The more engaged your child is the more success your child will have socially and academically. "Families who eat together grow strong together."

It's almost the end of another calendar year and time to think about tax credit! Did you know state law allows you to get a tax credit up to \$200 for single filers and \$400 for married filers for contributions to Pueblo designated for extracurricular activities? This means taxpayers may help Pueblo and reduce their state tax bill at the same time. Please visit www.susd.org for more information or consult your tax advisor. Pueblo depends on tax credit for after school tutoring, all field trips, guest authors and speakers. You may donate online at the above site or drop of your check made out to Pueblo Elementary or mail it to Pueblo no later than December 31, 2009. Please consider giving your tax credit to Pueblo!

Jerri Kellen
Principal

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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.

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

April 19 – 23
Book Fair

April 22
Spaghetti Dinner
5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
Classrooms open 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

May 3 – 7
Teacher Appreciation Week



1st Quarter Principal's List

Jarod Aber	Stephen Kistler
Yoni Araya	Ashara Klinghagen
Konrad Ashby	Anna Larson
Elle Baker	Caitlin Lazo
Julia Ballor	Andrew Lenz
Brandon Bassett	Marie Leonard
Thomas Billings	Chad Lutz
Hillary Clara	Garrett Maeshiro
Lauren Clevenger	Jackson Martin
Tanner Cooper	Caterina Mazzotta
Joey Corte	Faith Miller
Kendra Ellner	Riley Nelson
Megan Falls	Simon Ortiz
Fernanda Garcia	Haley Peterson
McKayla Garcia	Joey Raupp
Kayla Glover	Jessica Roach
Tina Guiliano	Monique Roberts-Marrufo
Greg Hahne	Jacob Rodriguez
Daniel Hanson	Henry Schreiber
Dillon Hinkle	Mackenzie Shane
Selena Hulgan	Melissa Shepherd
Tyler Johnson	Kyle Skillman
Thomas June	Grace Smith
Addy Kazemi	Samantha Tuazon
Grant Kelly	Nickolas Von Gnechten
Kamerynn Kipilli	

1st Quarter Honor Roll

Chris Armstrong
Madyson Carpenter
Jackie Chen
Jesse Cooper
Ashleigh Edwards
Matthew Fleming
Chase Frederickson
Alex Garza
Tamara Hahne
Kasandra Haywood
Jesse Hodges
Katie Jackson
Derrek Marispini
Jacob Marrufo
Jacob Miller
Kandis Moran-Jimenez
Lauren Newkirk
Sean Scalise
Nic Schlip
Mack Schroeder
Abigail Strand
Nikole Waggle

Eyeglasses for the Lions Club

If you have old eyeglasses that you are not using, please turn them in to the Health Office. A parent will pick them up for the Lions Club.



Candy Cane Grams are Coming

Wish a friend or teacher Happy Holidays with a Candy Cane Gram! From December 7th through the 11th, Student Council will be selling Candy Cane Grams before school and during lunch. Candy Cane Grams will be sold for 50 cents each and delivery is scheduled for December 18th.

We Give Thanks

There are numerous people in our lives to give thanks for just being in our lives.
There are numerous people we haven't even met, to give thanks for touching our lives.
There are numerous people we'll never know, to give thanks for providing the freedom we have in our lives.
To all of the above people we give thanks!
For all the Veterans who we know, may know, and will never know; we give thanks!

A special thanks to any Veteran who visited Pueblo and gave of their time and story. Their presentations were a meaningful glimpse of their service that provides us with our freedom!

Vickie Martel



Box Tops & Other Label Information

Pueblo has done a terrific job of collecting Box Tops & Labels this year! Our December check from General Mills Box Tops for Education will be nearly \$1,000. Our next competition begins January 11th. Box Tops Bingo sheets can be submitted to the office all year long and each filled sheet earns the student a life skills pencil or an eraser. Submit as many as you like! The Box Tops Bingo sheets are available in the office may be printed directly from our website www.pueblopto.org on the Forms page. For more information or a list of participating products, please visit www.boxtopsforeducation.com.

Campbell's UPCs are redeemed for playground equipment such as balls and jump ropes. Neatly trimmed Campbell's UPCs can be turned into the office anytime or submitted during one of our competitions. For more information on participating products please visit the websites: www.labelsforeducation.com or www.tyson.com. Always be on the lookout for special promotions from the local grocery stores that include bonus points at the bottom of your receipts or in the form of bonus coupons!

Community Members Needed for Strategic Planning Focus Group

Scottsdale Unified School District (SUSD) is enabling its stakeholders to participate in the District's Strategic Planning Process by conducting focus groups at each school. The focus group will help develop new vision and mission statements for SUSD and the information will be analyzed by the Governing Board and District administration. These statements will provide the framework for future planning efforts and guide the Board in its decision making. If you are interested in participating in the focus group, please contact Ms. Kellen at terrikellen@susd.org. Pueblo's Focus Group is scheduled to meet on Thursday, January 21st from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Our expectation is for at least two representatives (parents) from each classroom to participate. There will be more information to follow.

Lost and Found

The Lost and found Box outside of cafeteria is suddenly brimming with jackets. Please remind your student(s) to check the box for any missing items.

4th Grade Trip to Pueblo Grande Museum

By Grace Smith, Jesse Cooper, and Natalia Garza

On November 17th, 2009, Ms. Reynoso's and Ms. Jones' classes went on a field trip to Pueblo Grande Museum, home of the Hohokam. Our tour guide, Al, took us to a classroom where we watched a ten minute video about the Hohokam. After that we made a pictograph using a carving nail, which is a special kind of nail, and a white piece of clay that was painted brown.

The Hohokam grew corn, beans, cotton, and squash. They had a canal system to water their crops. When the plants needed water they would pick up the stone by the row of crops and the water would flow in. On our tour we saw an oven made out of rocks that the Hohokam called an horno which is a Spanish word. Next, we went to the ball-court. We learned that they played with a stone ball. They moved the ball with their head, knees, and elbows.

The Hohokam were famous for building canals using only sticks and rocks to scoop up the dirt. Some canals as wide as thirty feet and as deep as ten feet.

We also learned that dancers danced in a parade for the chief. Last, we got on the bus. To learn more, visit the Pueblo Grande Museum.



Thanksgiving Luncheon

The Thanksgiving Luncheon held on November 19th was a great success. More than 880 lunches were served to our student, parents, grandparents and friends.

Thank you to Carolyn Crook, who organized the events and her crew, including Briana Bonomo, Katherine Bowers, Fire Pal Rob Clark, Brenda Fair, Kristine Fontes, Michelle Gilmore, Pam Kirby, Randy and Drina Krimm, Theresa Maestas, Susan McCarten, Elizabeth and Henry Meinz, Alison Meyer, Kelly Molique, Julie Monson, Brenda Nordman, Yolanda Nussdorfer, Kat Powers, Liz Vasquez, and Becky Youman.

Answers to Thanksgiving Challenge!

Thank you everyone who took the Thanksgiving Challenge quiz. The answers are:

Who was present at the First Thanksgiving Feast?

Answer: The Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Tribe.

Where is Plymouth, Massachusetts?

Answer: on the east coast of the United States, just above Cape Cod.

What bird did Ben Franklin suggest as the National Bird?

Answer: Wild turkey

Which what was on the menu at the first Thanksgiving Feast?

Answer: Menu B: Eel, venison, eagles, oysters, parsnips (there was no ham or potatoes!)

Pilgrims did NOT use forks of any kind to eat with! They used spoons, knives and their fingers, but don't try this at your Grandmother's house!

What are you thankful for? Some of your great answers were:

Justin W.: "Being free in America."

Josh D. "People who love me"

Simon O.: "Friends, food, teachers."

Trenton: "I'm thankful for freedom."

Adian K. "Freedom, health, a home."

Kristen and Carol: "Health and Family"

Sarah M. "I'm thankful for my family"

Scotty M. "Pueblo"

Aspen, Konrad, Samuel, Mariano, Isabella, Katie, "Family"

Lauren C., and Julia B. "Friends and Family"

Brandon B. "I'm thankful for my family and my home"



Used Book Sale

A huge thank you to Sandi Rodrigues for organizing the Used Book Sale and to all of the volunteers who helped make it a success! Their efforts raised approximately \$900 for Pueblo.



Cookie Dough

Thank you to all the families who purchased cookie dough! We raised nearly \$9,700 for Pueblo. Special thanks to Kelly Holtry, Julie Monson, Lisa Schatz, Jocelyn Ross, Jane Roybal, Becky Youman, Carolyn Crook, Michelle Gilmore & Pam Kirby for their volunteer efforts to fill the orders for Pueblo families! These ladies moved 1,774 tubs of cookie dough out the door!

We have approximately 25 tubs of dough left. If you're interesting in purchasing some, please contact Michelle Gilmore at president@pueblopt.org.

Fire Safety Education At Pueblo

Fire Pal Rob Clark has been working very hard with the students at Pueblo during the last couple of months and has made over 20 classroom visits and library book readings. He brought Ladder 603 to the school to visit with the Pre-K and Kindergarten classes and attended the fire drills. Fire Pal Rob even showed up to the quarterly spirit assembly with all his firefighting equipment on to surprise the kids. At the Pumpkin Patch, Fire Pal Rob was seen passing out information to the parents and had the great opportunity to MC the costume contest. Ladder 603 was there as well.

Fire Safety has been the theme for the last few months, however, Fire Pal Rob can't do it alone. Parents need to actively discuss fire safety in the home. Fire Code requires the school to practice a fire drill at least once a month while school is in session. Because of this rule, we have not seen a fire related death in a school, K-12, in over 10 years. (NFPA) This proves that "practice makes perfect."

One of the lessons Fire Pal Rob has been teaching to the students is to practice a **HOME EVACUATION DRILL**. Practicing your fire drill at home with your children will help them to know what to do in the event of a fire. Designating a **FAMILY MEETING PLACE** outside of the home allows them to evacuate on their own and know where to meet you. Use the smoke alarm to initiate the drill every time to allow the children to become familiar with the sound. Studies have shown that some kids do not wake up to the sound of a smoke alarm. This is why it is important to practice the drill after the kids are asleep as well.

Another lesson we have covered is about **SMOKE DETECTORS**. He has been teaching them that a smoke detector is just like their "nose". It is constantly sniffing for smoke and when it smells smoke it makes noise. The children acknowledged the fact that they can't smell things when they are sleeping and understand that the smoke detector never sleeps. The children have learned that they should check their smoke detectors every month and change the batteries once a year on their birthdays.

With the colder months ahead, heater safety is always a concern. Be sure all space heaters are kept away from any flammable and combustible materials. Educate you children about the dangers of coming too close to these type of heaters.

With the holidays approaching we are switching gears a little and will be talking with the children about kitchen and cooking safety. Ensure that all cooking pot and pan handles are turned in and out of reach of children. Remind children to stay clear of the kitchen or only be in the kitchen under adult supervision while food is being prepared.

If your family chooses to have a live tree in your home for the Christmas holiday, be sure to **KEEP THE TREE WATERED**. Christmas trees account for 200 fires annually, resulting in 6 deaths, 25 injuries and more than \$6 million in property damage. For more information about this click the following link:

http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/citizens/all_citizens/home_fire_prev/holiday-seasonal/treefire.shtm