# Panther Paw Prints

The Pebble Creek PTO Newsletter January 2014



## Support Island Panther Paradise Carnival!

#### Check Out Our New PTO Website

Go to PebbleCreekPTO.org and get acquainted!

#### Island Panther Paradise Carnival

Carnival is the MAJOR fundraiser at PCE that directly supports programs, technology, teacher grants, etc. This year's Carnival, Island Panther Paradise, takes place Saturday, Mar. 1strom 11:00am - 4:00pm at PCE. We need every PCE family involved to make Carnival a success! Please see the Carnival menu on the last page of this newsletter for ways to get involved.

#### 50 Men Who Can Cook



The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual 50 Men Who Can Cook takes place Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:30 – 9:30pm at the Brazos County Expo. Our very own Mr. Symank will be there to represent Pebble Creek as a celebrity chef. Tickets sold in advance.

# CSISD calendar options up for vote, feedback

In an effort to receive community feedback for the 2014 - 2015 CSISD calendar, you are encouraged to vote and provide open-ended feedback on two proposed calendar options. Click <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a> for more information.

#### Clip Those Box Tops!

The collection date for the winter is Feb.  $14^{\rm th}$ . Place your trimmed



Box Tops in the collection bin by the office. The class that collects the most Box Tops will receive a pizza party!

# Happy Valentine's Day!



Valentine's Parties take place Friday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, and help is always appreciated! To volunteer at your child's party (or other events), please contact your child's room parent or teacher.



Mrs. Guest's Very Enthusiastic 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Class!

#### **Upcoming Events**

Mon. Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> — Chess/Scrabble

Fri. Jan. 31st — Enrichment Day: 100th Day

Wed. Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> — Counselor's Day

Wed. Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> — Early Release @ 12:45pm

Thu. Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> — PTO Meeting 12:00pm

Fri. Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> — Brown Bag #6

Mon. Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> — Chess/Scrabble

**Tue. Feb. 11^{1h} — Spring Pictures** 

**Fri. Feb. 14**<sup>th</sup> — Valentines Parties

Mon. Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> — Student Holiday

Fri. Feb. 21st - End of 4th Six Weeks

Mon. Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> - Chess/Scrabble

**Wed. Feb. 26**<sup>th</sup> — Dollar Dress Up Day: Tropical

Fri. Feb. 28th — Awards Assemblies

Sat. Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> — Panther Paradise Carnival 11:00am — 4:00pm

Mon. Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> — Dr. Seuss's Read Across America

Thu. Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> — Kinder Rodeo

Thu. Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> — PTO Meeting 12:00pm

Thu. Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> — 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Musical

Fri. Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> - Brown Bag #7

Mon. Mar 10<sup>th</sup> - Spring Break Begins

Mon. Mar 17<sup>th</sup> — Chess/Scrabble

Thu. Mar.  $20^{th} - 2^{nd}$  Grade Musical

Wed. Mar. 26th — Early Release @ 12:45pm

Mon. Mar. 31st - Chess/Scrabble

Remember every Friday is Healthy Heart Jog Day. Feel free to come to school and jog with your child!



#### The Candy Cane Fun Run



The 2013 Candy Cane Fun Run was a great day for Pebble Creek Elementary and the Brazos Valley Food Bank! We had a fantastic morning filled with lots of energetic students, siblings, parents and even a few grandparents who braved the cold to run the hallways of PCE and enjoy lots of fun together!

Most importantly, we shattered our goal and raised 9,664 pounds of food for the KBTX Food for Families Food Drive benefiting the Brazos Valley Food Bank! The grade level winners were 3rd & 4th grade. Third graders brought in the most pounds/kiddo and the 4th graders brought in the most pounds of food per grade. They were rewarded with a popcorn party on December 18th!

Mr. Symank took a pie in the face from Southwood Valley Assistant Principal, Josh Hatfield, on Dec. 13th for winning our Cross Town Show Down challenge and wore the Buddy the Elf costume at the Dec. 19th sing-a-long along.



Thanks, Mr. Symank, for being such a good sport!

And, Gessner Engineering heard about the amazing fundraising that PCE did and is treating the whole school to an ice cream party on January 10th!

We would like to thank HEB, Daniela Weaver Photography, Theresa Mangapora from the Brazos Valley Food Bank, our PE coaches, PCE student council, PCE office staff, Audrey Ament, Ms. Martinez in the cafeteria, Mr. Woods our janitor, Susan & Penelope Mabry, TAMU track athletes, AMCHS track athletes, AMCMS NJHS, and all the students and parents for their overwhelming generosity!

And two claps for Santa for making a stop at our event to get our holidays off to a great start! A huge THANK YOU to everyone that supported and volunteered to help during this event! We truly couldn't have done it without your help!



### Stay Informed of PCE Events

#### The Information You Need...

is just a click away! The PTO offers several great ways to stay informed of PCE events:

- PebbleCreekPTO.org Our newly redesigned website is packed with useful information, such as the school calendar, upcoming events, meeting minutes, program/event information, and more. Plus, it's easy to navigate!
- Facebook Looking for timely information on save-the-dates and current PCE events? Then friend us at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/PebbleCreekPTO">www.facebook.com/PebbleCreekPTO</a> and get valuable information about PCE on your Facebook News Feed.

## We Need Your Pictures

#### Yearbook Pictures Needed

We need your photos of PCE events for the yearbook. You can either upload your photos using the instructions

below or drop off a CD of your pictures at the PCE front desk.

Go to <u>images.balfour.com</u> Project number: 426985 Password: panthers



When uploading, give your name and email, then upload your pictures. **PLEASE**:

- 1. Crop the photo
- 2. Orient the photo the correct way
- 3. Give the grade and teacher's name
- 4. Choose just a few of your best from each event
- 5. No date or time stamps please

#### Thanks for Your Support!

Thanks to all our sponsors! From donating food & supplies to supporting Profit Share Nights, your support counts here at PCE!













Wow, it's hard to believe that Winter Break is over! We hope you've enjoyed the holidays and want to remind you that Pebble Creek's ONLY and MAJOR fundraiser, Island Panther Paradise, is Coming Up on March 1st.

This year, our goal is to raise enough money to buy a mobile IPad cart with 25 IPads to be used in every classroom at Pebble Creek and purchase a laser die cut machine to be used by all classes. Items will be purchased by next year.

In order to meet this goal, we need **ALL Pebble Creek** families to review the Carnival Menu below and select a way to enhance the education of all Pebble Creek Panthers!!! Please select how you want to contribute by circling the associated palm tree(s). **Please return this form back to your child's homeroom teacher by February 5th.** Let's have a great Carnival!!

F	Be a Sponsor of the Pebble Creek Carnival (1\$ all the way to \$2500)	乔	Buy a Pebble Creek Carnival T-shirt (\$10)
*	Donate a Silent Auction item (1\$ - Priceless)	7	Donate a party with friends that people can pay to attend (Priceless)
*	Donate 3 two liter bottles of Coke, Pepsi, etc. for the Soda Pop Toss	个	Donate a baked item for the cake walk (use your cooking skills)
*	Donate a new toy or book for the Kids Raffle (pick up on sale)	T	Donate a gift card or money for class baskets (from anywhere, any amount)
T	Volunteer your time to work a shift the week of Carnival	*	Be a painter at U Paint It
*	Volunteer to fill water balloons	7	Volunteer your time to decorate or pick up silent auction items. Please circle the time(s) you are available: Feb 1, Feb 8, and the week leading up to the Carnival.
*	Send pocket change to support your teacher in the Basketball Shooting Contest	7	Buy a picture of your child to be used in decorations at Carnival (\$5-\$20)
*	Volunteer your time to make casts in the cast room if you are a doctor or nurse	7	Donate a trip, time share, or hunt to the Carnival
*	Attend the Pebble Creek Carnival and have a Great Time!!!!	*	Tell your friends, family, neighbors, co workers about the Pebble Creek Carnival
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