



Panther Paw Prints

The PTO Newsletter
November 2014



Your Support Fosters Panther Learning!

Yearbook orders Available Online

Don't forget to order your 2014-2015 Panther yearbook!
Order online at balfour.com. Use project number 526985.

Texas Roadhouse Spirit Nights & Rolls



Come support our school at Texas Roadhouse between Nov. 17th - 20th from 4-6:00 pm. PCE Receives 10% of your total food purchases. Plus, pick up your pre-ordered rolls using this schedule:

Mon., Nov. 17 th	Last name A - F
Tue., Nov. 18 th	Last name G - L
Wed., Nov. 19 th	Last name M - Q
Thu., Nov. 20 th	Last name R - Z

Ready, Set, Run Boosterthon!

November 21st is the day! Starting at 8:30am, Panthers will run for 30 minutes to upbeat, themed music on the Boosterthon speedway. Parents, come cheer on the Panthers! As the run ends, laps are tallied and students review the character lessons. It will be a fun-filled event for a good cause - raising technology funds for our school!



Clip Those Box Tops!

The next collection date is December 5th. Place your trimmed Box Tops in a clear baggie with your child's teacher's name and send it in with your child. The winning class gets a pizza party!



Spirit Night at Double Dave's

Come support our school at Double Dave's (Longmire Dr.) on December 11th from 5-9 pm. Bring in the flyer, and PCE will receive 20% of the proceeds from your order!



The Candy Cane Fun Run



Join The Candy Cane Fun Run December 13th at 9:00 am. "Admission" to the event is a canned food item. See back for fun contest details!



All dressed up and ready to read! Some of our favorite book characters were seen at this year's Book Fair.

Upcoming Events

- Mon. Nov. 17th - Chess/Scrabble 2:30pm
- Mon. Nov. 17th-20th - Texas Roadhouse Profit Share
- Fri. Nov. 21st - Boosterthon Fun Run 8:30am
- Mon. Nov. 24th - Enrichment Day: Frozen
- Tue. Nov. 25th - Dollar Dress Up Day: Crazy Hat/Hair
- Wed. Nov. 26th - Thanksgiving Break Begins
- Fri. Dec. 5th - Brown Bag #4
- Thu. Dec. 11th - 3rd Grade Musical Parent Performance 6:00pm
- Sat. Dec. 13th - Candy Cane Fun Run 9:00am
- Tue. Dec. 16th - Spelling Bee (2nd-4th) 1:30pm
- Fri. Dec. 19th - Dollar Dress Up Day: PJ's
- Fri. Dec. 19th - Holiday Parties
- Fri. Dec. 19th - Early Release @ 12:45pm / No Head Start
- Fri. Dec. 19th - End of 3rd Six Weeks
- Mon. Dec. 22nd - Winter Break Begins
- Mon. Jan. 5th - Back to School
- Wed. Jan. 7th - Report Cards Sent Home
- Fri. Jan. 9th - Brown Bag #5
- Mon. Jan. 12th - Chess/Scrabble
- Thu. Jan. 15th - UIL
- Mon. Jan. 19th - Student Holiday
- Tue. Jan. 20th - Healthy Heart Jog
- Fri. Jan. 23rd - 4th Grade Science Fair
- Mon. Jan. 26th - Chess/Scrabble

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



Join the Candy Cane Fun Run on December 13th



Our 16th annual Candy Cane Fun Run is just around the corner. This year's event will be on Saturday, December 13th from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at the school. This is a wonderful opportunity for students, parents, siblings and friends to truly make a difference in the community by participating in the Fun Run and helping collect food for the Brazos Valley Food Bank.



Admission to the event is a canned food item. Plus, we will have boxes set up for food and money donations the week leading up the Fun Run. All donations will be donated to the KBTX Food for Families Food Drive benefiting the Brazos Valley Food Bank. Monetary donations (checks) should be made out to the Brazos Valley Food Bank.



The morning of the Fun Run, participants will earn candy canes for every mile they run! Experience the Santa's Super Course, an outside course specifically designed for kiddos 2nd grade and older! First graders and younger can run or walk through the halls of Pebble Creek on Santa's Little Helpers inside course or challenge themselves on Santa's Super Course. Cookies, lemonade and hot chocolate will be served. We can all look forward to a visit from Santa, who will make a special stop in the school to take pictures with the students and families. Picture order forms will go out in Monday folders the first week in December.

We are excited to announce two fun and festive contests this year:

1. The grade that donates the most food by weight will receive a popcorn party to celebrate their accomplishment.
2. We are tripling our goal from last year! If Pebble Creek Elementary collects **3 TONS OF FOOD** (6,000 pounds!), we will have a fun school-wide event where students will help **duct-tape our counselor, Mrs. Zumwalt** to the wall with candy-cane colored duct tape! But wait, there's more! If we reach **4 TONS of FOOD** (8,000 pounds), we will **duct-tape Mrs. Roraback too!** Sound crazy? Help us reach our goal and watch the duct taping in action at Morning Assembly following the Fun Run. Be sure to look for the donation box for red and green duct tape in the hallway soon. We will need a bunch to meet these goals!

We look forward to seeing you at Candy Cane Fun Run and to making a difference in our community. For volunteering opportunities, please click [here](#). For more information about the event, please contact Alison Sawyer at agsawyer95@gmail.com or Cynthia Davis at rbd_cgd@hotmail.com.



Read On Panthers!

Thank you to everyone, from volunteers to shoppers, for helping make this fall's Book Fair a big success! The library is getting around 40 hardcover books thanks to your All for Books contributions.



Plus, our library received \$3,860 in cash and \$770 in Scholastic dollars from Book Fair sales to

purchase more books. Thank you for your support of Pebble Creek Library and your child's reading!

From the PTO President

As fall is upon us, our PTO is incredibly thankful for our Panther families, faculty, staff and administration. It's a great time to be a Panther! The new front entrance is a wonderful addition to our campus; thank you to everyone who voted to support the CSISD bond for these enhancements to our school and its security.

Our Parent Teacher Organization exists because of involved and dedicated volunteers working side by side with our faculty to steadily improve our school. At the time this is written, we are getting ready to kick off our first ever Boosterthon! This fun run will be an amazing, fun experience for our students and help support our plans as a PTO to upgrade our in-classroom technology. Net proceeds from Boosterthon will go to purchase Redcat microphone systems for our teachers. These systems have been proven to enhance the learning environment for our students in many ways.



Our PTO is hard at work behind the scenes constantly! From coordinating volunteers to help with snacks for our staff at their monthly planning meetings to our annual Carnival coming March 7, 2015, parents just like you work to provide enhancements to our campus every day, month, and year.



Mark your calendar for our annual Candy Cane Fun Run December 13, 2014. Details will come home soon with your student and every student can be involved. Our canned food drive and collections go directly to the Brazos Valley Food Bank to help with their mission of feeding families here in our area. Plus, it's a super fun event!

There are always opportunities to get involved! Be sure to check out our webpage at PebbleCreekPTO.org to find out more.

Thank you for your support - we are always here to answer questions and help you get plugged in.

Your PTO Dollars at Work

Making a Difference

We want to thank friends and families of PCE for participating in programs and events, including Spirit Night, Box Tops, Go Krogering, Shop Target and fundraisers like Carnival that support our school.



As a result of your generous donations, the PTO has already purchased the following items for this school year to help foster your child's learning here at PCE:

- Teacher Classroom Supplies/ Wish Lists \$ 6,900
- Grade Level Field Trips \$ 3,186
- Scholastic News Subscriptions \$ 2,941
- Teacher Grants \$ 2,285
- Literacy Library \$ 1,000
- iPad Technology \$11,536
- RedCat Microphone Systems \$ 1,200

We Need Your Pictures

Yearbook Pictures Needed

As you take photographs of events throughout the year, please pick a few of your favorites and upload them to the yearbook website. Here's how:

Go to images.balfour.com
 Project number: 526985
 Password: panthers



Give your name and email, then upload your pictures. Important things to remember before you upload:

1. Crop the photo (no dates showing)
2. Orient picture correctly
3. Give the grade and teacher's name
4. Choose the best pics of each event
5. Make sure to upload pics of various students so that everyone is included.
6. No date or time stamps please

Thanks!