



Panther Paw Prints

The PTO Newsletter
November 2015



Your Support Fosters Panther Learning!

Box Top Winners!



Congrats to Mrs. Binderup's 3rd Grade Class for submitting the most Box Tops at 980. They will be celebrating with a pizza party! Look for the next collection date after the new year.

Enrichment Day



Nov. 23rd is Enrichment Day and students are encouraged to dress up for their grade-level decade listed below:

40's	2 nd Grade	70's	3 rd Grade
50's	Kindergarten/Head Start	80's	1 st Grade
60's	4 th Grade		

Boosterthon Results Are In!



Thanks PCE families for raising \$21,600 in funds for a shade cover for the picnic area! We are now in the process of soliciting bids for this exciting new addition.

The Candy Cane Fun Run



Join The Candy Cane Fun Run Dec. 5th at 9:00 am. "Admission" to the event is a canned food item. See the back page for all the fun details!

Texas Roadhouse Spirit Night



Come support our school at Texas Roadhouse Monday, Dec. 14th from 5-10:00 pm. PCE receives 10% of your total food purchases.

Let's Celebrate the Holidays!



This year's Winter Parties take place Friday, Dec. 20th, and help is always appreciated! To volunteer at your child's party (or other events), please contact your child's Room Parent. Be sure to take lots of pictures, too!

Spirit Night at Jason's deli

Come support our school at Jason's Deli (1460 South Texas Ave.) on Thursday, Jan. 14th from 5 - 10:00pm. PCE will receive 15% of all sales!



Some great characters were seen at this year's Book Character Dress Up Day.

Upcoming Events

Mon. Nov. 16th — Chess/Scrabble 2:30pm
Wed. Nov. 18th — Picture Retakes
Mon. Nov. 23rd — Enrichment Day: Decades
Tue. Nov. 24th — Dollar Dress Up Day: Team Jerseys
Wed. Nov. 25th — Thanksgiving Break Begins
Tue. Dec. 1st — United Way Hat Day
Wed. Dec. 2nd — 3rd Grade Math Club 3:15pm
Thu. Dec. 3rd — PTO Meeting 12:00pm
Thu. Dec. 3rd — Head Start Field Trip
Thu. Dec. 3rd — 4th Grade Math Club 3:15pm
Fri. Dec. 4th — Brown Bag #4
Sat. Dec. 6th — Candy Cane Fun Run 9:00am
Thu. Dec. 10th — 3rd Grade Musical Parent Performance 6:00pm
Tue. Dec. 15th — Spelling Bee (2nd-4th) 1:00pm
Thu. Dec. 17th — 2nd Grade Polar Express
Fri. Dec. 18th — Dollar Dress Up Day: PJ's
Fri. Dec. 18th — Winter Parties
Fri. Dec. 18th — Early Release @ 12:45pm / No Head Start
Fri. Dec. 18th — End of 3rd Six Weeks
Mon. Dec. 21st — Winter Break Begins
Tue. Jan. 5th — Back to School
Wed. Jan. 6th — Report Cards Sent Home
Wed. Jan. 6th — 3rd Grade Math Club 3:15pm
Thu. Dec. 7th — PTO Meeting 12:00pm
Thu. Dec. 7th — 4th Grade Math Club 3:15pm
Fri. Jan. 8th — Awards Assemblies (2nd-4th)
Mon. Jan. 11th — Chess/Scrabble
Thu. Jan. 14th — UIL
Fri. Jan. 15th — Brown Bag #5
Mon. Jan. 18th — Student Holiday

Healthy Heart Jog takes place every Monday, weather and school schedule permitting. Feel free to come to school and jog with your child!



Run with Rudolph at the Candy Cane Fun Run December 5th



This year's Candy Cane Fun Run will be on Saturday, Dec. 5th from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at PCE. This annual event helps collect food for the KBTX-TV's Food for Families Food Drive benefiting the Brazos Valley Food Bank. This is a great opportunity for students, parents, siblings and friends to truly make a difference in the community.

Admission to the event is 1 can of food (or more is welcome), which will be donated to the KBTX Food for Families Food Drive benefiting the Brazos Valley Food Bank. Monetary donations (checks) made out to the Brazos Valley Food Bank are also accepted. If you cannot attend the Fun Run, you can make donations beforehand. Boxes for each grade will be located by the office beginning Nov. 16th.



Items most needed at the Food Bank include beans (canned or dried), canned meats (tuna, chicken, ham, etc.), cereal (all sizes), cereal bars, chili, coffee, fruits/vegetables, peanut butter, rice, ravioli, pasta and soups.

The morning of the Fun Run, students, parents and siblings run or walk the halls of the school or the outside track while collecting candy canes for every mile they run! Experience the "Rudolph's Super Course" - an outside course specifically designed for kiddos 2nd grade and older! First grade and younger can run or walk through the halls of Pebble Creek on "Rudolph's Little Helpers" inside course or challenge themselves on "Rudolph's Super Course!" Cookies, lemonade, hot chocolate and coffee (for mom and dad) will be served.



We will also have some special guests. Rudolph - the most famous reindeer of all - will be running with the kids. The Texas A&M Aggie dance team will be there to warm up the kids before the run and Miss Harris County 2015-2016 will be there to greet everyone and collect your canned donations. Be sure and bring your camera and take some fun photos!



The grade collecting the most canned food (based on weight) will receive a Cupcake party! Overall, it's a fun, festive event where PCE Panthers and families can truly make a difference in our community.



We look forward to seeing you at Candy Cane Fun Run. For volunteer opportunities or more information about the event, please contact Samia Mohtar at smohtar1@gmail.com or Cynthia Davis at rbd_cgd@hotmail.com.

Read On Panthers

Thank you for helping to make Book Fair a monster success! The library purchased 72 new books with the All for Books donations with plans to purchase more with the library's share of the overall sales. Total sales this year were \$15,140. Thanks to all who donated, volunteered and shopped the Book Fair!



Your PTO Dollars at Work

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 PCE.

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

- Teacher Classroom Supplies/Wish Lists \$6,650
- Grade Level Field Trips \$7,560
- Scholastic News Subscriptions \$2,263
- Teacher Grants \$3,664
- Math Programs \$2,800
- iPad Technology \$4,814
- RedCat Microphone Systems \$4,995