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The Pebble Creek PTO Newsletter September 2014



Welcome Back Panthers!

Keep in Touch with the PTO

This will be the only printed newsletter sent out in Monday folders. To receive future electronic editions of the newsletter, sign up on our home page at www.pebblecreekpto.org.



Also, be sure to "like" us on Facebook; Fracebook Also, be sure to sure just search for Pebble Creek PTO.

Parent Volunteers Needed

Interested in helping out our Kindergartners at lunch? Please email Amanda Crisp at acrispmom@yahoo.com or Kim Russell at kmerussell@hotmail.com.

Sir Readalot's Book Fair is coming!



Hear ye, hear ye! This year's Scholastic

Book Fair is Oct. 20th-24th. Join us for Family Banquet Night Oct. 21st from 5-7:30pm. See back for details.

Calling All Volunteers

Looking to volunteer here at PCE? Email Kara Gidley at Karagidley@yahoo.com and see how to get involved!

Help Supply Wee Deliver

Wee Deliver, PCE's internal mail system, starts back up mid October. Any note cards, stationary, and stickers you can provide is appreciated. Drop off donations in the office or send to school with your child.

Clip Those Box Tops!

The collection date for the fall is October 21st. Place your trimmed Box Tops in a baggie with your child's



teacher's name and drop in the collection bin by the office. The winning class will receive a reward!

Candy Cane Fun Run

Our annual Candy Cane Fun Run takes place Dec. 13th from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Help the Brazos Valley Food Bank with its canned food drive by bringing in a canned food item as your "admission" AND enjoy walking/ running on the PCE indoor and outdoor courses.

Upcoming Events

Mon. Sep. 22nd - Chess/Scrabble 2:30pm Fri. Sep. 26th – Volunteer Open House 8:00am Thu. Oct. 2nd — PTO Meeting 12:00pm Fri. Oct. 3rd - Brown Bag #2 11:00am Fri. Oct. 3rd - Spirit Day - Maroon Out Fri. Oct 3rd — End of 1st Six Weeks Mon. Oct. 6th - Chess/Scrabble 2:30pm Tue. Oct. 7th – 4th Grade Blue Bell Trip Wed. Oct. 8th - Fall Pictures Thu. Oct. 9th – 4th Grade Blue Bell Trip Fri. Oct. 10th – Awards Assemblies Fri. Oct. 10th - Spirit Day - Black out Bryan Mon. Oct. 13th — Student Holiday, Parent/ Teacher Conferences Mon. Oct. 13th - Chick-fil-A Profit Share Tue. Oct. 14th — Healthy Heart Joq **Thu. Oct 16th** - 3rd/4th Grade Chemistry Road Show 1:30pm Mon. Oct. 20th – Book Fair Week Begins Mon. Oct. 20th — Chess/Scrabble 2:30pm Tue. Oct. 21st - Character Dress Up Day Tue. Oct. 21st – Family Dinner Night 5:00pm; Flashlight Reading 6:00pm Fri. Oct. 24th – Book Fair Ends Fri. Oct. 24th — Spirit Day – Wear Camo Wed. Oct 29th - Red Ribbon Day - Wear Red Fri. Oct. 31st - Dollar Dress Up Day -Crazy Socks Fri. Oct. 31st — Fall Parties Fri. Oct. 31st – Yearbook Orders Due

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





Sir Readalot's Castle Book Fair is coming

Come enter the Kingdom of Books! Starting Monday, October 20th, the Book Fair will be open from 8:00am – 3:30pm. You can shop with your child during lunch or after pick-up. On Tuesday, October 21st, your child can participate in our Book Character Dress Up Day.

Starting at 5:00pm on the 21st, join us for our annual Family Banquet Night where we will feast on delicious meals from Texas Roadhouse. After your meal, visit our Olde Candy Shoppe where you can purchase a \$1, \$2 or \$3 bag of treats. All profits from these sales support PCE.

Of course, all the books will be available for purchase this night. Be sure to look for the teacher wish lists if you would like to purchase an item for your child's classroom. After dining and shopping, enjoy your new books by torch light (flashlights) in the library.

Calling all knights, ladies-in-waiting, squires and villagers! As with all endeavors, our Kingdom depends on volunteers to succeed. Please contact Sherry Caverlee at <u>scaverlee@gmail.com</u> or Michele Colburn at <u>designsbymichelec@yahoo.com</u> if you want to help. Shifts of 1–2 hours are available throughout Book Fair.

This year's Scholastic Book Fair is the only fundraiser that benefits the Pebble Creek library. You can also help by making a monetary donation prior to the start of Book Fair. The money raised will be used to purchase books for our library during the fair.

Support PCE Simply by Shopping!

Shop Target

Shop with your Target REDcard and get 1% of your purchases made at Target and Target.com donated to PCE. Plus, you receive 5% off of all of your Target purchases when using the REDcard. Spread the word!

To register, call 1-800-316-6142 or go to <u>www-secure.target.com/redcard/tcoe/home</u>. Follow the instructions to enter in your Target REDcard #.

You will need the Pebble Creek Elementary School ID: 483.

Go Krogering

You can support Pebble Creek simply by enrolling in Kroger Community Rewards[®] and shopping at Kroger.



To get started, sign up with your Plus Card at <u>https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards</u> and select Pebble Creek Elementary PTO. Once enrolled, you'll earn rewards for our school every time you shop and use your Plus Card! Be sure to re-enroll each year to participate.

Kroger Pebble Creek's Organization Number: 81533

Your PTO Dollars at Work



The PTO has raised money and contributed in many ways over the years to make Pebble Creek Elementary a place where your child will enjoy learning. SMARTBoards, the big kid playground, and iPads for all classrooms are a few examples of past PTO expenditures. The PTO has approved spending about \$58,000 for programs and school

betterment this school year. The following are some items you can expect the PTO to fund this year:

Ongoing Educational Programs

- Scholastic News Subscriptions
- Literacy Library
- 4th Grade Field Trip
- Math Enrichment Software
- Teacher Wish Lists
- Cla\$\$room Ca\$h Grants for Teachers
- PE Olympian T-Shirts
- STAAR Water and Snacks

New Programs/School Betterment

- Classroom iPads
- RedCat Classroom Audibility Technology
- Teacher Grants Program
- Grade Level Field Trips

Review the PTO meeting minutes at www.pebblecreekpto.org for more details!