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The Pebble Creek PTO Newsletter April 2014



Thanks for Supporting Pebble Creek Elementary!

Profit Share at Rosa's Cafe



Come support our school at Rosa's Café at 710 University Dr. East on Thursday, April 17th from 5–10 pm. PCE receives 15% of your meal!!

Coins and Cans for the FOOD BANK



The School's Out Food Drive, organized by the CSISD City-Wide PTO, takes place April 28th - May 2nd. All money and non-perishable items will be donated to the Brazos Valley Food Bank. Look for details on our <u>Facebook</u> page or the flyer sent home in Monday's folder later this month.

Pass on a Pack

Starting May 1st, we are collecting new and gently used, non-monogrammed backpacks to be donated to ensure all Panthers have a backpack for the start of the next school year.

Pre-order School Supply Kits

The PTO is offering pre-ordered school supply kits from Wilton's Office Works, a local business, for next school year. Look for the order form in your child's Monday folder later this month!



Profit Share at Spoon's Yogurt



Come support PCE at Spoon's Yogurt (Tower Point Shopping Center) on May 15th all day. PCE receives 25% of sales!!

BOGO Free Book Fair

The PCE library will host a Scholastic Book Fair to promote summer reading Thursday, May 15th (7:45am - 5:30pm) and Friday, May 16th (7:45am - 3:30pm). All books will be BOGO free (of equal or lesser value). See school flyer for more details. To help with the Book Fair, please contact Sherry Caverlee at scaverlee@gmail.com.

Some Panthers caught enjoying shaved ice from Zach's Shack at Carnival!



Upcoming Events

Wed. Apr. 16th - VIPS Luncheon

Thu. Apr. 17th — Awards Assemblies

Fri. Apr. 18th — Student Holiday

Tue. Apr. 22nd — STAAR 3rd/4th Math

Wed. Apr. 23rd — STAAR 3rd/4th Reading

Wed. Apr. 30th - 4th Grade Living Museum

Fri. May 2nd — 4th Grade Austin Field Trip

Tue. May 6th - Teacher Appreciation Day

Wed. May 7th - Nurse's Day

Thu. May 8th - 4th Grade Variety Show

Thu. May 8th - PTO Meeting 12:00pm

Fri. May 9th — Reading Celebration

Thu. May 15th — Sing-A-Long; Profit Share at Spoons Yogurt All Day

Thu. May 15th - Scholastic Book Fair

Fri. May 16th — Scholastic Book Fair

Fri. May 16th - GT/Discovery Meet & Greet

Mon. May 19th - Library Books Due

Wed. May 21st — Head Start, Kinder, 1st Grade Field Day

Thu. May 22nd - 2nd, 3rd, 4th Grade Field Day

Fri. May 23rd — Last Day for Head Start

Mon. May 26th — Student Holiday

Tue. May 27th - CAMP Celebration

Wed. May 28th - Tug of War

Thu. May 29th — Awards Assemblies

Fri. May 30th — Early Release at 12:45; Last

Day of School; Kinder Celebration; 4th Grade

Celebration

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



Island Panther Paradise Carnival



The 2014 Island Panther Paradise Carnival, Pebble Creek Elementary's only major fund raiser, was a big success thanks to all those who participated, sponsored, donated, and volunteered their time!

It was a great day for this year's Carnival. From karaoke to train rides to yummy eats and more, we had a fantastic day filled with lots of energetic students, families, and friends of PCE enjoying Carnival!



Most importantly, we raised nearly \$50,000 for our school!

This year's goal was to raise enough funds to supply every PCE classroom with an iPad, as well as support new or ongoing important educational programs and school betterment for the 2014-2015 school year. And, with your help, we were able to meet our goal!



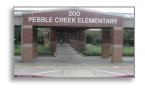
We would like to thank all the students and parents for their overwhelming generosity!



And a huge THANK YOU goes out to the Carnival Committee, who worked tirelessly for months to make Carnival a success, and everyone that supported and volunteered to help during this event! We truly couldn't have done it without you!

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. Smart boards, the big kid playground, and the covered walkway are a few examples of past PTO expenditures. By the end of the 2013-2014 year, the PTO will have spent over \$51,000 on the following items and more:



Educational Programs:

- Teacher Wish Lists
- Scholastic News Subscriptions
- 4th Grade Field Trip to Austin
- Grade Level Field Trips
- Literacy Library
- PE Olympian Shirts
- First in Math and Quaver Software

School Betterment:

- Teacher Grants
- Poster Machine
- Smartboard Ladibugs
- Fold-up Tables for the Cafeteria

The PTO has approved spending about \$58,000 on educational programs and school betterment for the 2014-2015 school year. Some items you can expect the PTO to fund include supplying each classroom with an iPad Mini, additional fold-up tables for the cafeteria, and educational software programs. Review the PTO meeting minutes at www.pebblecreekpto.org for more details!

Thanks for Your Support, Sponsors!









Thank You The Big Event!



Thanks to the A&M students who helped us beautify the PCE garden as a part of The Big Event!