



# PANTHER PAW PRINTS

THE PTO NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2017

## WELCOME BACK PANTHERS!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Fri. Sept. 22 - \$1 Dress Up: Crazy Hat
- Mon. Sep. 25 - Chess/Scrabble 2:30PM
- Fri. Sep. 29 - Oct. 5 - Book Fair
- Wed. Oct. 4 - Character Dress Up
- Wed. Oct. 4 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr. Math Club 3:15PM
- Wed. Oct. 4 - Student Council 3:15PM
- Thu. Oct. 5 - Picture Day
- Thu. Oct. 5 - PTO Meeting - Noon
- Thu. Oct. 5 - 4<sup>th</sup> Gr. Math Club 3:15PM
- Thu. Oct. 5 - Family Dinner Night & Flashlight Reading
- Fri. Oct. 6 - Brown Bag #2
- Mon. Oct. 9 - Student Holiday
- Wed. Oct. 11 - Kindness Club 3:15PM
- Mon. Oct. 16 - Chess/Scrabble 2:30PM
- Thu. Oct. 19 - 4<sup>th</sup> Gr. Birthday Celebrations
- Fri. Oct. 20 - 1<sup>st</sup> Gr. Birthday Celebrations
- Fri. Oct. 27 - \$1 Dress Up: Stuffed Animals
- Mon. Oct. 30 - Chess/Scrabble 2:30PM
- Tue. Oct. 31 - Fall Parties
- Wed. Nov. 1 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr. Math Club 3:15PM
- Wed. Nov. 1 - Student Council 3:15PM
- Thu. Nov. 2 - PTO Meeting - Noon
- Thu. Nov. 2 - 4<sup>th</sup> Gr. Math Club 3:15PM
- Fri. Nov. 3 - Brown Bag #3
- Wed. Nov. 8 - Kindness Club 3:15PM
- Mon. Nov. 13 - Chess/Scrabble 2:30PM
- Wed. Nov. 15 - Picture Retakes
- Fri. Nov 17 - \$1 Dress Up: Crazy Socks

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



### STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE PTO

You can receive electronic editions of the newsletter, in addition to the printed copy in your child's folder. Sign up on our home page at [www.pebblecreekpto.org](http://www.pebblecreekpto.org). Also be sure to "like" us on Facebook; just search for Pebble Creek PTO.

### JOIN US FOR SPIRIT NIGHT AT MARCO'S PIZZA



Eat at Marco's Pizza at any time on Tuesday, October 10 to earn money for Pebble Creek Elementary. Let them know, and PCE will receive 20% of your check!

### KINDER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Attention kindergarten parents! We need your help with kinder lunch duty. Volunteer just 45 minutes once or twice a month to help the kiddos during lunch. Please email [kchambers02@hotmail.com](mailto:kchambers02@hotmail.com) or [charlsie\\_12@yahoo.com](mailto:charlsie_12@yahoo.com) if you're interested.

### STUDENT DIRECTORIES NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

PCE grade-level student directories are available under the Parent Resources link at [pebblecreekpto.org](http://pebblecreekpto.org). When prompted, type in the password "carnival" to gain access.

### EARN CASH FOR PCE - CLIP THOSE BOX TOPS!

The collection date for the fall is October 18th. Place your trimmed Box Tops in a baggie or glued to a piece of paper, with your child's teacher's name and put it in the collection bin by the office. The winning class will receive a special reward!



THESE 2ND GRADE STUDENTS WERE ALL SMILES AT THE END OF THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL ON AUGUST 29TH.

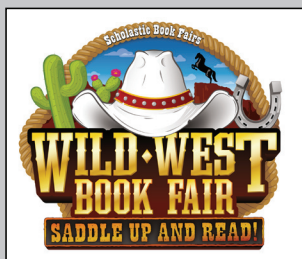


### CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

We'd love to have you volunteer at PCE this year! First, you must register with CSISD. Click on the Volunteering link found at [pebblecreekpto.org](http://pebblecreekpto.org) to get started.

### HURRICANE HARVEY HELP

PCE will be partnering with a Hitchcock ISD preschool to help them recover from Hurricane Harvey. More information will be available soon on how you can help!



### SADDLE UP FOR BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Wild West Book Fair is riding into town!

Help raise money to purchase new books for the Pebble Creek library with your donation to the All for Books campaign September 18th-21. The grade which has the greatest number of students donate will win a reward!

Then, come and rustle up some good reads at Book Fair September 29 through October 5! There will be a bonanza of books to choose from! We will have our book character dress up day and parade on Wednesday, October 4.

Remember to send in your dinner orders for Family Dinner Night on Thursday, October 5 from 5:00-7:30pm. Texas Roadhouse will serve up delicious meals, Book Fair will be open in the gym and Flashlight Reading will be in the library - so come along for a fun evening benefitting Pebble Creek Elementary!

Want to help? We would love to have you! Contact Beth Bondurant at [bbondurant700@gmail.com](mailto:bbondurant700@gmail.com).

### WEE DELIVER OPENS OCT. 5

Wee Deliver is an internal mail system for students, teachers and parents as a way to send letters to other Pebble Creek students. Letters will be delivered each Thursday morning to the classrooms and offices starting October 5th.

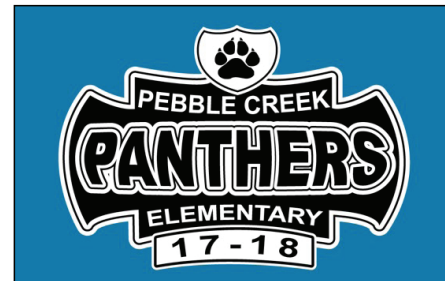
We encourage parents to send letters to their children and students to send kind notes to their friends throughout the year.

Please drop off any note cards, stationary and stickers you can provide in the office or send them to school with your child.

### SCHOOL TSHIRTS COMING SOON

School shirts will be coming home with students soon. Please make sure the sizing is ok and let your teacher(s) know if you need to exchange sizes.

Parents will have an opportunity to also purchase shirts as well as long sleeve versions and hoodies in youth and adult sizes.



### 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 covered walkway into school, and iPads for all classrooms are a few examples of past PTO expenditures. The PTO is expecting to spend around \$66,000 on programs and school betterment this year.

The following are some items you can expect the PTO to fund:

#### Ongoing Educational Programs

- Scholastic News Subscriptions
- Literacy Library
- Grade-Level Field Trips
- Educational Programs
- Teacher Wish Lists
- PE Olympian T-Shirts
- STAAR Water & Snacks

#### New Programs / School Betterment

- Teacher Grants Program
- Dinosaur George
- Leadership Program
- Replace Broken Teacher Desks
- Teacher Walkie Talkies
- Replace 3rd Grade Planters

### SUPPORT PEBBLE CREEK SIMPLY BY SHOPPING

You can support PCE just by shopping at Kroger and on Amazon!

Sign up at <https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards> with your Kroger Plus Card and select Pebble Creek Elementary PTO. Even if you participated in previous years, you MUST re-enroll. Pebble Creek's Organization Number is 81533.

You can also support our school by starting your online shopping at [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com). Simply search for Pebble Creek Elementary and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases.

Spread the word - family and friends can also participate.

### PANTHERS WALK OF FAME YEARBOOK

Send in pictures of your child throughout the year to be included in the yearbook! Download the Balfour Image Share App and login with Project# 826985 and Upload Code "panthers" or email them to [pceyearbook@hotmail.com](mailto:pceyearbook@hotmail.com).

You can order your student's 2017-2018 yearbook thru the month of October at [www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com).

### 2017 CANDY CANE FUN RUN & FOOD DRIVE

Our annual Candy Cane Fun Run will be here before we know it! Mark your calendars for December 9, 9:00-10:30am at the school and help collect cans for the Brazos Valley Food Bank.