



# Panther Paw Prints

The Newsletter of the Pebble Creek PTO  
September 2012



## WELCOME BACK PANTHERS!

### Keep in Touch with the PTO

This will be the only newsletter sent out in the Monday Folder. Please sign up at [www.pebblecreekpto.org](http://www.pebblecreekpto.org) for online editions of the newsletter. Also, be sure to "like" us on facebook, just search for Pebble Creek PTO.

### Book Fair is Here!

This is Book Fair week at PCE. Family Night will be this **Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>** from 5 to 7:30 pm featuring food from Chef Tai, Cake Junkie, and Frost Bites. Volunteers are still needed, sign up using Jooners at <http://bit.ly/RPNz6p>.

### Clip Those Box Tops!

The collection date for the fall is **October 19<sup>th</sup>**. Place your trimmed Box Tops in the collection bin by the office. The class that collects the most Box Tops will receive a pizza party!

### Help Supply Wee Deliver

Wee Deliver, PCE's internal mail system, will be starting back up soon and needs supplies. Any extra envelopes, stationery, paper, stickers, pens or pencils you can provide will be used and appreciated. Donations can be dropped off in the office.

### Go Krogering

Remember to link your Kroger Plus card to the Kroger Neighbor-to-Neighbor program. Give the letter with the UPC bar code to the cashier the next time you are shopping! Don't forget that grandparents, friends, etc. can link their Kroger Plus cards, too!

### Upcoming Dates

- Mon. Sep 17<sup>th</sup>**—Book Fair Week Begins
- Mon. Sep 17<sup>th</sup>**—Chess/Scrabble Club
- Thu. Sep 20<sup>th</sup>**—Character Dress Up Day
- Thu. Sep 20<sup>th</sup>**—Family Dinner Night 5:00 pm
- Mon. Sep 24<sup>th</sup>**—4<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir Begins
- Wed. Sep 26<sup>th</sup>**—Early Release 12:45 pm
- Thu. Sep 27<sup>th</sup>**—Chemistry Road Show
- Mon. Oct 1<sup>st</sup>**—Chess/Scrabble Club
- Wed. Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>**—Bike to School Day
- Thu. Oct 4<sup>th</sup>**—2nd Grade Bush Library Field Trip
- Thu. Oct 4<sup>th</sup>**—End of 1<sup>st</sup> Six Weeks
- Thu. Oct 4<sup>th</sup>**—PTO Meeting 12:00 pm
- Mon. Oct 8<sup>th</sup>**—Holiday, Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Mon. Oct 8<sup>th</sup>**—Carnival Kickoff Meeting
- Wed. Oct 10<sup>th</sup>**—4<sup>th</sup> Grade Pizza Ranch Field Trip
- Thu. Oct 11<sup>th</sup>**—Fall Pictures
- Fri. Oct 12<sup>th</sup>**—Brown Bag #2
- Mon. Oct 15<sup>th</sup>**—Chess/Scrabble Club
- Tue. Oct 16<sup>th</sup>**—Faculty Meeting-3:15 pm
- Wed. Oct 17<sup>th</sup>**—Dollar Dress Up Day:  
Mismatched Shoes and Silly Socks
- Fri. Oct 19<sup>th</sup>**—Enrichment Day: Celebrate America

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

**Thank you to Chick-fil-A for supporting our school!**

# PANTHER PAW PRINTS

## You are Invited to the Carnival Kickoff Meeting

On **October 8<sup>th</sup>**, from 6-8 pm in the private room at Outback Steakhouse, we are hosting a Carnival Kick Off meeting for all chairs and anyone interested in volunteering for Carnival. You do not need to be on the committee presently. We are hoping to brainstorm ideas for the **Hollywood Themed Carnival**; everything from food to games to donors. It'll be a very fun, welcoming environment with free hors d'oeuvres.

### Yearbook Photos Needed!

As you take photographs of events, upload your favorites to the yearbook website.

Go to [images.balfour.com](http://images.balfour.com)

Project number: 326985

Password: panthers

Give your name and email, then upload your pictures.

**PLEASE...**

1. Crop the photo.
2. Orient the photo the correct way.
3. Choose just a few of your best of each event.

### Junior Great Books Needs You!

The Junior Great Books program is looking for volunteers. This is a fun rewarding opportunity to have a direct impact on your child's life in a small group setting by teaching them to think critically using literature. Training will be held in Portable Classroom 409 located in back of Pebble Creek Elementary on **Friday, September 21st @ 8:30 am** and **Thursday, September 27th @ 6 pm**.

Contact Rebecca ([rebeccalewis1996@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccalewis1996@gmail.com))

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for more information.

**Keep an eye out for the date and location of the October Spirit Night!**

## Your PTO Dollars at Work

The PTO has contributed in many ways over the years, to make Pebble Creek Elementary a place where your child will enjoy learning. Smart boards and iPads in the classroom, the big kid playground, and the covered walkway are a few examples of what the money raised by the PTO has been used for in the past. The PTO has already approved spending over **\$60,000** for school betterment during the 2012-2013 school year. The following are just some of the items you can expect the PTO to fund this year:

### Ongoing Educational Programs

- Scholastic News Subscriptions
- STAAR Water and Snacks
- Grade Level Field Trips
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Austin Field Trip
- Teacher Wish Lists
- PE Olympian T-Shirts
- A/R Party
- Literacy Library
- First in Math Program

### New Programs/School Betterment

- Quaver Music Program
- LEGO WeDo Robotics Program
- iPads for Classroom Use
- New Math and Computer Lab Software
- Motor Lab Materials
- Picnic Tables for outside 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Hall
- Additional Risers for Performances
- Playground Shade Allocation
- Teacher Grant Program

**Review the PTO meeting minutes at [www.pebblecreekpto.org](http://www.pebblecreekpto.org) for more details!**

**All future newsletters will be distributed by email and posted to the PTO website, [www.pebblecreekpto.org](http://www.pebblecreekpto.org). If you do not already receive PTO news via email, go to the website and click on "Email Signup" to register.**