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Kyrene de la Paloma Elementary School Parent Teacher Association

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Letter From the President

Dear Paloma Families,

Hello everyone! I hope all of you are in the spirit with the holidays just around the corner. Doesn't it always seem like we need more time? What's most important is being around family and friends and being thankful that everyone is safe and happy. Speaking of being thankful, I want to thank all of you for your cooperation and understanding regarding the new PTA ID badges for those who volunteer at Paloma. We all know that we do it for the safety of our children.

We have an event coming on January 24th. This event is a package deal that you just can't miss. It is a Blood Drive, Garage Sale and Bikes and Blades all in one! If anyone is interested in helping, please contact the respective chairperson,

Blood Drive - Peggy Carlson • Garage Sale - Dawn Mack
Bikes & Blades - Terrina Storm

I wish all of you a very nice a safe Holiday. Enjoy as much as you can today, don't leave anything for tomorrow, and be SAFE. Be sure to take a drive around the neighborhood this holiday season to admire the lights and decorations from our great neighbors. (Don't forget to check out my house). Also, please keep our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and their families in your prayers, not just during the Holidays but everyday.

Sincerely,

David Magana

PTA President 2003/04

Upcoming PTA Meeting

PTA General Meeting

Thursday, December 11th at 6:30pm
in the Library

We will be discussing the upcoming Bikes & Blades, Garage Sale and Blood Drive, Holiday Angels, Star Gazing and Fiesta. If you are a chairperson for any of these upcoming events you should plan to attend or send updated information to any Board member to report at the meeting.

2003-2004 Paloma PTA Reflections Program

"I am really happy when..."

Think happy thoughts and express them in art!

There are four arts area: literature, musical composition, photography, and visual arts, and any Paloma student can enter. Complete rules are available in the office and online at <http://www.palomapta.org>. The entry deadline is Thursday, January 8, 2004.

All program participants will be invited to attend a special recognition event in January. Prizes will be awarded and winning entries will advance to the state level. We've had entries make it all the way to the national level and we'd love to see that happen again!

Contact Melinda Brown or more information or to volunteer.

Pancake Breakfast & PUMPKIN PATCH

What a great event! Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed breakfast and bought a pumpkin. A big thank you to all of our volunteers and "Dads

Club" volunteers, we couldn't have done it without you! Also "Thank You" to **Judy Arguilar-Woertz State Farm Insurance** office for their generous donation, and "Thank You" to the **International House of Pancakes** on Ray Rd. for the donation of the great tasting pancakes! With such an overwhelming turnout the PTA was able to make a \$985 profit! That is outstanding for a first time event!

Garage Sale!

Please start saving those Garage Sale Items!
We will be having a Garage Sale January 24th.

An Introduction to the Parent Superintendent Council

Who are we?

A group of Kyrene parents who meet with Dr. Menconi, Kyrene Superintendent, and members of her staff.

What do we do?

Learn about on-going and new programs, policies, and issues of interest to the Kyrene School District community; members interact closely with top district administrators, asking questions and offering feedback on many topics.

What topics?

This year, we've covered:

- District Goals and School Improvement Plans (What are they and when are they due?)
- Safe Schools Grant awarded to Kyrene this year (What will be funded?)
- K-LINK (Kyrene Legislative Information Network)
- Academic Interventionists (new specialists at each elementary school)
- District Crisis Plan (How will we respond to the unexpected?)
- District Communication Plan (How will the district interact with parents, community members, employees, and business leaders?)
- New Compensation Study getting underway (Why, what, and when?)
- How to improve parent/school partnerships
- Pros and cons of multi-age classrooms

Interested?

To learn more about these topics, contact the PTA's PSC representative, Beth Doney.



Watch for the Christmas Tree in the front office after Thanksgiving. There will be "Angel Tags" with wishes on them for Chandler Families in need of help this year.



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FIESTA!

Come and help out with the planning of this years Fiesta (carnival). We need your help to make this great and fun day! We already have some fun and new ideas, and would love your input! The next committee meeting will be on December 5th at 6pm at the home of Rosa Lothrop.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

We still have a few Entertainment Books available. If you would like to purchase one please contact
Becky Magana.

WE NEED RAFFLE PRIZES!

This year the PTA will be having a Raffle instead of the Silent Auction. We are in the process of gathering Raffle Prizes. If you have a connection through work, family or friends to help get great Raffle Prizes, please call Martha Garner.

This is a great way to help the PTA if you are not able to volunteer time!

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