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Kyrene de la Paloma Elementary School Parent Teacher Association

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Did You Know...

The PTA has a website in which you can get updates, newsletters, and all kinds of useful information to keep you up to date! Check out www.palomapta.org.

Letter From the Board...

Dear Paloma Families,

We continue to make progress raising money for our school! Thank you to all who donated items for our Garage Sale. The cafeteria was overflowing with items! Thank you to Dawn Mack and all the volunteers who sorted, folded & priced, We really appreciate all of your help. Despite the rain we did very well, making about \$700! The left over unsold items were donated to St. Vincent De Paul. Beside the Garage Sale we did some community service. Peggy Carlson put together our Blood Drive. Our State is in dire need of blood donors. Peggy reported we had 27 donors! Thanks to all of you who gave blood. We now turn our focus on the upcoming Fiesta! Things are coming along great. Please contact Rosa Lothrop if you would like to help. Announced at the last general PTA meeting, David Magana resigned as PTA President. We thank him for his help and wish him the best. Bill Bounds will be taking over as President and Ron Nordstrom was voted in by the Board to take on the position as Vice President. We have some great events coming up like, Star Gazing, Read-A-Thon and the Fiesta! Watch for upcoming announcements!

Congratulations to all of our Reflection entrants and winners, what a great job! Thank you to Melinda Brown, Lara Ketterman and Peggy Impson for putting on this years Reflection Program!

Sincerely,

Your Paloma PTA Board

FIESTA! Saturday March 27th
4:00 pm - 8 pm

We will have lights, new rides, games & food!

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!

Call Rosa Lothrop

Paloma 2003/2004 PTA Board Members

President: Bill Bounds
Vice President: Ron Nordstrom
Secretary: Martha Garner
Treasurer: Kelley Bounds

Paloma PTA Web Site: www.palomapta.org

Upcoming PTA Meeting

PTA General Meeting

Thursday, February 5th at 6:30pm
in the Library

Our guest speaker will be Amanda Nosbisch, the Program Supervisor for Prevention Services for the Pueblo Region of the Kyrene School District. She will discuss her role within the schools. She is responsible for managing prevention programs for the schools in our region as well as assisting schools with related community programs.

March PTA General Meeting

Thursday, March 4th at 3:00pm
in the Library

WE NEED HELP GETTING 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!

Kyrene School Board Update

Although there does not appear to be a serious threat to K-12 funding this year, the School Board has initiated several projects designed to study the way in which money is spent in the district with an eye to increased efficiencies. The first project was to hire an outside consulting firm, WestEd, to complete a program analysis and create a model to be used by district staff in the future. The second project is a detailed study of all aspects of employee compensation. A committee made up of teachers, support staff, principals, and district office representatives is looking at current policies and studying models used in other districts.

The School Board recently made two changes to the kindergarten program. The first was to increase, by \$25 per month, the tuition charged for all-day kindergarten. This fee-based program (the state only funds half-day kindergarten) has not had an increase in 6 years and was running at a deficit due to increased costs. The second change was to standardize the screening process across the district for students who have not turned 5 by September 1st who wish to enroll in kindergarten. In addition, a provision was added to the policy to require similar screening for students transferring into the district in the 1st grade who do not turn 6 by September 1st.

There will be an opening on the Kyrene School Board this year, as Slade Mead has decided not to run again. If you are interested in serving the school district in this important role, or want further information about the issues mentioned above, contact the PTA School Board Liaison, Beth Done

What's Happening at the State Capital?

The Legislature began its 2004 regular session on January 12th. Both the Governor and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee offered budget proposals for FY2005 and both protect current funding levels for public education.

Some important policy changes have been proposed, however. One bill would prevent districts from accepting students into kindergarten unless they turn 5 by September 1 (currently the deadline is December 31). Another bill would create a commission to come up with a state-wide school district consolidation plan. There is also a proposal to force school districts to open no earlier than August 21st. Yet another bill would allow the State Board of Education to choose which textbooks districts could use. These are complex issues with arguments on both sides, but the common thread seems to be to reduce the control locally elected school boards have over their districts.

If you would like more information on these or other legislative issues, please contact the PTA Legislative Liaison, Beth Doney at 705-0518. To get on the K-LINK legislative information email network, send your email address to Beth at jbedoney@prodigy.net.

2003-2004 Paloma PTA Reflections Program

"I am really happy when..."

Thank you to Melinda Brown, Lara Ketterman and Peggy Impson for putting on this years Reflection Program! Winners were announced & prizes given at a reception on Tuesday night.

Primary Results (grades K-2):

Primary Literature

- 1st Place - Mackenzie Tanquary "I'm really happy when"
- 2nd Place - Carlie Peterson "My family makes me really happy"
- 3rd Place - Kyle Brown "The Cat in the Barn"

Primary Photography

- 1st Place - Kyle Brown

Primary Visual Arts

- 1st Place - Tyler Thompson
- 2nd Place - Drew Ketterman "I'm really happy at the beach"
- 3rd Place - Mackenzie Tanquary "Sunset on the beach"
- Honorable Mention - Kyle Brown

Intermediate Results (grades 3-5):

Intermediate Literature

- 1st Place - Simona Kovatcheva "Happiness is Best"
- 2nd Place - John Templeton

Intermediate Musical Composition

- 1st Place - Emma Doney "Eagles Soaring"
- 2nd Place - Erin Ketterman "I'm really happy when"

Intermediate Photography

- 1st Place - Emma Doney "I am happy when I'm riding a horse in the desert."
- 2nd Place - Sachi Mehrotra

Intermediate Visual Arts

- 1st Place - Colby Bounds "FAMILY"
- 2nd Place - Emma Doney "Racing Cheetas"
- 3rd Place - John Templeton
- Honorable Mention - Erin Ketterman "A perfect day at the beach"
- Honorable Mention - Reba Emry "SEASHORE"



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