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Kyrene de la Paloma Elementary School Parent Teacher Association

Partners In Education - March 2004

Did You Know...

The Paloma PTA past and present does so much for your children. Just look around our campus at the contributions the PTA has made: shade structures, marquee, playground supervisors, field trips just to name a few.

Paloma 2003/2004 PTA Board Members

President: Bill Bounds
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Paloma PTA Web Site: www.palomapta.org

Letter From the Board...

Dear Paloma Families,

We are well on our way to having the best Fiesta ever! So many new things this year, new time (4-8pm), new and different rides and games, new food, a great raffle with lots of prizes, and new actual booths! We still need help, please take a half hour out of that day to help us. If everyone will volunteer at least one half hour, everyone can have a good time with their family. We need help with set-up, booths, taking and selling tickets, preparing food, prize booth, break down. It should be a great evening of fun!

We have a nominating committee in place for the upcoming 2004/05 PTA Board and standing committees. If you are interested please contact a Board Member or our Nominating Committee, Deb Striker.

Upcoming events to watch for will be the Read-a-Thon, and the Star Gazing night both in April.

Sincerely,

Your Paloma PTA Board

FIESTA!

Saturday March 27th • 4:00 pm - 8 pm

We have planned some great fun and exciting things for kids and adults as well! We will be having rides, great food, music, dancers and lots more! However in order to make this Fiesta a success we need your help. If each one of us donates at least 30 minutes of his or her time to help your child's teacher run their classroom booth, or help out with food, PTA booth, rides, etc. then all of us will get the opportunity to enjoy this fun family day! Call Rosa Lothrop if you would like to help.

Upcoming PTA Meetings

PTA General Meeting

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

We will be discussing nominations, Fiesta update, Read-A-Thon, Star Gazing night.

April PTA General Meeting

Thursday, April 8th at 6:30pm
in the Library

We will be nominating 2004/05 Board Members, Fiesta results, Read-A-Thon, Teacher Appreciation week.

Last Call for 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!



**Safe Schools
Healthy Students**
Kyrene School District

Safe Schools Healthy Students Grant Brings Prevention Services to Paloma Elementary

The Kyrene School District has received a prestigious grant from the U.S. Department of Education, titled Safe Schools/Healthy Students Grant. The grant will provide every school, and the larger community in the Kyrene School District with resources, prevention and intervention services to better serve the needs of its students, parents and community.

Service areas have been established in six-element areas with demonstrated effectiveness in creating safe, supportive environments and communities that foster resiliency:

- Safe School Environment – this includes crisis preparedness, safe architectural structures, and staff training and development in areas of safety;
- Alcohol and Other Drugs and Violence Prevention and Early Intervention;
- School and Community Mental Health Preventive and Treatment Intervention Services;
- Early Childhood Psychosocial and Emotional Development Services;
- Education Reform – includes establishing alternatives to suspension programs, expanding after school services and implementing bully prevention and anger management programs;
- Safe School Policies and safety plans accompanied by staff training.

Counseling services, social skills groups, violence prevention programs, and prenatal care are examples of the prevention services that will be available to our community over the next three years.

Multiple community partnerships and contracts have been established for the successful implementation of the Safe Schools Healthy Students related programs. Partners include local law enforcement, Southwest Human Development, Youth Evaluation and Treatment Centers, and Jewish Family and Children Services.

Prevention services are scheduled to begin at Paloma Elementary in March 2004. Prevention Specialists will be on site providing social skills groups to students, which are designed to be skill building, with an emphasis on increasing coping abilities, enhancing self-esteem, and improving student performance within and outside the classroom.

If you have any questions about the grant, the services it provides, or if you would like to find out about referring your child to a social skills group, please contact the Prevention Supervisor for the Pueblo Region, Amanda Nosbisch.



PTA NOMINATIONS FOR 2004/05 SCHOOL YEAR


Now is your chance to step up and put your name on the nominations list for next year's PTA Board and standing committees. Be a part of the process. Please contact a current Board Member or Nominating Committee; Deb Striker.

The Nominating Committee will be bring forward names at the April 8th meeting.






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