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Did You Know...

The PTA pays \$8,000 a year for the Lunch Playground Supervisors which allows our Teachers to enjoy their lunch and prepare for class.



Paloma 2003/2004 PTA Board Members

President: David Magana
Vice President: Bill Bounds
Secretary: Martha Garner
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Paloma PTA Web Site: www.palomapta.org

Letter From the President

Dear Paloma Families,

Welcome everyone! It is my privilege to serve as PTA president this 2003/04 school year. I have been a Paloma parent for 6 years. I am also a proud member of our community and Chandler Police Department volunteer. It is my passion to help and dedicate some of my time to support organizations as well as set a positive example for my daughters.

The PTA is the source of many things you see from your child and school everyday. Unfortunately not much is covered by the district anymore so that leaves the PTA to raise funds to cover necessary costs. It is a much needed organization that urges all of our participation in some way so we can be assured our kids will have a successful and safe education. Becoming a PTA member does not obligate you to volunteer in activities, even though we would like it if you did! We receive \$2 out of the \$6 membership fee and anyone can be a member. As of this week, our PTA membership has reached 210! Thank you to everyone who has joined. It is never too late to join. There are forms available in the office. Our goal of 300 PTA members is within reach! A big "Thank You" to Jane Johnson for heading the Membership committee this year.

I am honored to be a part of a terrific PTA board, with Vice President, Bill Bounds, Secretary, Martha Garner, Treasurer, Kelley Bounds. We have been working hard this summer planning a successful year. I look forward in sharing with all of you the exciting PTA calendar this year and invite you to attend the monthly meetings, which will provide you with all the information of our programs.

Sincerely,

David Magana, PTA President 2003/04

Upcoming Meeting & Events

PTA General Meeting

Thursday, September 4th at 6:30pm

Ice Cream Social

Friday, September 12th at 6:30-8:30pm

Entertainment Book Sales

September 5th - 19th

Fall Fundraiser



Entertainment Book Replaces Wrapping Paper!

Entertainment 2004 books will be offered by Paloma PTA to raise funds for our children and school. The sale will begin Sept. 5th and end Sept. 19th. Paloma is able to sell our local Entertainment books for only \$20.00 (normally \$35). They are packed with 50%-off and two-for-one offers at the best places in town. It can be sold at that time or returned back to school. Ask neighbors, grandparents, family and friends and even your co-workers! Arrangements can be made so you can take more to sell!

The Perfect Gift for Faraway Friends and Family!

Get your holiday shopping done early! Order an Entertainment book at www.Entertainment.com/support for almost any major city coast to coast (more than 160 editions available). Every book offers the same kind of great savings you find in your local book. Prices are different depending on state. When you buy, be sure to enter #66375 in our group's account number and you'll be donating a percentage of your purchase to Paloma!

PTA Volunteer On-Campus Badges

The purpose for these badges is convenience for Regularly Scheduled Volunteers. Meaning if you are on campus at least 3 times a week to help in the workroom, classroom, reading lab, library, etc. Volunteers must still SIGN IN at the office before picking up your badge, and badges are to be returned to the office before leaving the campus. We will be taking photos for badges on Wednesday, September 3rd at 7:30am - 8:30am. We will be located in front of the school in the walkway area.

Committee Chair Update

We are still in need of some Chairpeople. There are plenty of members willing to help on each of these events, so we just need an organizer "Chairperson" to pull it all together. If we do not fill these positions we will have to cancel the event, so please help!

- After School Clubs
- Garage Sale & Blood Drive
- Holiday Fun Day
- Reflections
- Sort, Collate, Copy, Staple & Stuff
- Volunteer Coordinators



Ice Cream Social

Don't miss our most popular event of the the year! Bring the whole family Friday night, September 12th from 6:30-8:30pm in the MPR. We will be serving Ice Cream (of course) as well as have available for sale, Popcorn, Snow Cones, Glow Necklaces and Bracelets. Buy your Ice Cream tickets at the door for \$1 ea. or \$5 for a Family. Thank you to Michelle Castellano and her group of volunteers for all their time and hard work!

What Great Paloma Dads We Have!



We have had over 40 Dads sign up for the new Dads Club. Our first meeting will be held soon.

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Dads Club

We already have some projects to do! Come join us for Pizza, donated by our very own sponsor "Pepperoni's Pizza & Wings" and bring your

own drink. What a great way to network and make new friends. We will e-mail you with the meeting place and time.

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Kyrene School Board Update

While most of us were on vacation this summer, the Kyrene School District Governing Board continued to meet and make important decisions this.

In May, the new K-3 override passed by an overwhelming majority, giving the district an additional \$3.5M. The Governing Board immediately decided to allocate a large portion of these funds to class size reduction in both kindergarten and 1st grade. At Paloma, this means class sizes in both grades dropped to an average of 18 students this year from 24 last year.

The Board also approved K-3 override funding for part-time Academic Interventionist positions at all elementary schools. These new faculty members will provide training for classroom teachers and work directly with students. The academic areas they work on will differ from school to school depending on test scores and school improvement plans. At Paloma, our Interventionist will focus primarily on math.

The Board passed the 2003-2004 district budget in July, including the cuts recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee. Due to the tremendous efforts of State Senator Slade Mead and others, the legislature made virtually no cuts to K-12 funding as was feared. This left the district with about \$1.5M in unallocated funds. The Board will vote to allocate this money in the near future.

Regular meetings of the Governing Board are held at 7 p.m. at the District Office (NW corner of Kyrene and Warner) on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. All general Board meetings are open to the public and the public is invited to speak to the Board on any subject. Our Paloma PTA School Board Liaison is Beth Doney.

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