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New Teachers

We would like to welcome Mrs. Staib and Mrs. Bertetto to our CCE Staff. Mrs. Staib will be teaching one of our 5th grade classes and Mrs. Bertetto is teaching one of our 1st grade classes.

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week will be held Monday, October 22nd through Friday October 26th. Monday's theme is "Take a stand for a drug free land". We will all wear RED, WHITE and BLUE. Tuesday's theme is "Turn your back on drugs" so wear your clothes BACKWARDS. Wednesday, "Walk against drugs" - wear RED. Thursday, "Being drug free is no sweat" - wear sweats. Friday's theme is "HUGS, not drugs". All students can bring a stuffed animal to hug!

2007-2008 Reflections Program

National PTA believes all children deserve a quality arts education and encourages students to pursue artistic expression through participation in its annual Reflection Art Program. The program offers students the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition. Students in preschool through grade 12 are encouraged to submit works of art in six areas: literature, musical, composition, photography, videography, dance and the visual arts (such as drawing, painting, print-making, and collage).

PTA's Reflections Program helps parents encourage and recognize the continuous self-discovery process of their children. This year's theme is "I can make a difference by..." The Due Date for all projects will be Friday, October 19.

Health Office

The health office is in need of some assistance. From time to time our cubs come in with wet clothes for several reasons. The school hates to send them home just because of wet clothes so they are requesting that if you have any old sweats and socks at home that are unwanted and would like to send them into the health office it would be much appreciated. Sweats are a great value as they fit most of the students as where jeans only fit a certain size and you have to go through several sizes before you find the correct size. Underwear is needed as well, however, these must be new. If you happen to be out and want to buy a pack that would be great or a \$5.00 gift card to Wal-Mart would help so the health office can go and pick a package up. Thank you in advance as you are wonderful cub parents.

We are currently at 278 members as this newsletter was put together. We are looking to get at least 500 members but would love 100% participation. Please help us make this goal. If you have not yet joined please pick up a membership envelope in the office and join the PTA today. It is only \$6.00 per adult to join and we encourage all family members to join.

Do you ever wonder where your \$6.00 goes? Well, \$1.75 goes to National PTA, \$1.25 goes to California State PTA, \$.50 goes to the 23rd District PTA and \$.75 goes to the Lake Elsinore PTSA Council. Our PTA keeps \$1.75, which we use to help pay for our insurance. Remember, the more members we have the more votes we have at the PTA conventions for items congress looks at. Being a PTA member shows you care and are involved in your child's school and in your community. Thank you for your support and please join the PTA today.

PTA Membership



Fall Fundraiser

We want to thank all our CCE parents for supporting our Fall Fundraiser. We know that fundraising is not a pleasant experience especially right when school starts. Unfortunately, it is a must for the PTA and we would like to extend our deepest and sincerest thanks in supporting our efforts. You are all truly amazing parents. Your support goes to help ensure that our students get assemblies, family nights, support school programs and other events that are going to enrich their school life and yours as well.

Upcoming Events

Reflections
10/1-10/19

Family Spirit
Night at Baskin
Robbins 10/9

Fundraiser
Delivery 10/19

Red Ribbon
Week 10/22-26

Movie Night
10/26

PTA Teachers of the Month

- Mrs. Kambourian, 3rd grade
- Mrs. Johnson, 3rd grade
- Mrs. Dietsch, Kindergarten
- Mrs. Grefe, 1st grade

Check out their wonderful profiles in the office or on our website www.cottonwoodcanyonpta.org.

Recycling Program

Mrs. Ackerman is starting up the Wal-mart plastic bag recycling program for schools kids recycling challenge. Did you know: Nearly one trillion plastic shopping and grocery bags are used worldwide each year? Every year, billions of pounds of plastic grocery and shopping bags needlessly end up in the landfills and as litter? The Wal-mart Kids Recycling Challenge runs from October 1, 2007 until March 31, 2008. Through this innovative program: participating schools receive collection bins and a supply of 60 gallon collection bags. Schools earn \$5.00 cash for every collection bag they fill with plastic shopping and grocery bags and bring to their school year which will be at Baskin local Wal-mart store for Robbins on October 9th from 5 pm to 9 pm. Come order some ice cream small amount of money and watch some of your favorite teachers scoop it up for you. You may even bring in the most bags catch a glimpse of Coco the school mascot. So come, sit, socialize and eat some ice cream while helping your PTA support your school.

Ackerman and staff would love to see benches around the school. So here is our challenge to you - Can we be that school that brings in the most bags? Any plastic bag will do as long as it is clean and dry and is not black.

Parent Seminar

Unfortunately we had to cancel our first parent seminar because of a scheduling conflict with a speaker. However, we will be rescheduling this seminar for a future date along with other seminars. Please mark these seminars on your calendar when they come along.



These are a great opportunity for you to get connected to other parents and listen to events that actually affect all of our children at home and at school. We need to become more involved with our children. If you have any ideas for a seminar please feel free to email them to us through our website at www.cottonwoodcanyonpta.org.

New To CCE PTA

Margi Bridegam has volunteered to be our VP Ways & Means and Maureen Rodriguez has volunteered to be our Newsletter Editor.

Family Spirit Night

Please come and join us for our first Family Spirit Night of the school year which will be at Baskin local Wal-mart store for Robbins on October 9th from 5 pm to 9 pm. Come order some ice cream small amount of money and watch some of your favorite teachers scoop it up for you. You may even bring in the most bags catch a glimpse of Coco the school mascot. So come, sit, socialize and eat some ice cream while helping your PTA support your school.

Spirit Items

Don't forget to purchase your spirit items, which are 50% off. We are sold out of the beaded paw necklaces, pencil toppers and blue flashing paw lapel pins. If you need another order sheet you can print one off our website. Community Discount Cards are now \$3.00 instead of \$5.00 so get yours now. Just cross off \$5.00 on your order sheet and replace with \$3.00.

Parent's Notes

****Southwest Airlines** offers a 5% discount to all PTA members.**

PTA 1st General Meeting

If you missed our first general meeting we hope you can make it to our second one which will be on Tuesday, November 9th at 6 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room at School. Young children are welcome. If you did miss the first meeting, the associates approved the recommended budget, which will be posted on the website as well as on our PTA bulletin board in the office, checks were ratified, monies were released to be spent, recommended calendar of events were approved by the associates and general items were discussed. Please join us at our next meeting.

Grandparent's Day

Grandparents' day was a huge success. At last count, the school thought there were at least 400 grandparents that would be attending. Mrs. Duerson did a wonderful job organizing this year's event. The students were just remarkable with their songs. They sang like angels and with such little practice as school had just started. The PTA would love to thank ALL our parents who supported this event by bringing in

all the food for our honored guests to eat. Unfortunately, we didn't get everyone's individual names so we are thanking everyone publicly as we value you all so very much. You all went above and beyond. We had a great turn out of baked goods and fruit trays. The grandparents and honored guests were absolutely touched. Again, thank you guests, parents, the school and Mrs. Duerson for putting together a great program.

October 8th is "PTA Start the Art Week". Encourage your child to participate in the Reflections program. Studies show that there is a direct link between the arts and student achievement. Students who study the arts develop critical thinking skills, problem solving techniques, and a drive for excellence. According to a 2005 Harris Poll, "93 percent of Americans agree that the arts are vital to providing a well rounded education for children." Participating in the music program at school is a great way to enhance the lives of our children as well.

October is Child Health Month and Crime Prevention Month.

October 18th is Lights on After School so make sure you leave your porch light on after school until evening time to celebrate this event.

October 27th is Make a Difference Day. Have the kids walk around the neighborhood and see what help a neighborhood may need done.

Website Trivia

Parents don't forget to have your kids check out the website and answer the monthly trivia question. The trivia question is usually based around an event going on in that month that they have to research. For example, for the month of September the question was "What year did the Congress of the United States make Labor Day a legal holiday?": Answer: 1894. Sean Causey in Mrs. Fernandez's class was awarded a smencil for being the 1st grade winner for September. The first student from each grade level that answers correctly will win a smencil. We will be doing this every month until May.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Fuori family on the new addition of baby girl Fuori who was born in the morning on September 26th.