Be Part Of The Pack!

PIA A NEW SLETTER COYOTE RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

DECEMBER 2015/JANUARY 2016



Thank you to the families that so generously donated pledges to the Jog-A-Thon. We raised almost \$11,000 to support our Classroom Enrichment programs!

Thank you to the Fall Carnival volunteers and a special thank you to Stephanie Dement, Tammy Mackey, Becky Partington, Kristen Sanger, and Hannah Joy Castillo for being a part of the leadership pack. It takes a village to put on events and we appreciate the volunteers. It is not possible to have a Fall Carnival like ours without you! Thank you, fabulous volunteers!

A very special thank you to our teachers for being part of our silly string obstacle course and coyote jail experience at the Fall Carnival. Your time volunteering made the event spectacular!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 2nd - 6 p.m.

Sami Circuit Family Night

Dec. 8th - 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. **PTA Executive Board Meeting** Coyote Ridge Library

Dec. 11th **Box Tops Due**

Dec. 21st - Jan. 4th - NO SCHOOL Winter Break

Jan. 12th
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

PTA Executive Board Meeting
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

PTA General Meeting
Coyote Ridge Library

Jan. 18th - **NO SCHOOL Dr. Martin Luther King Day**

Jan. 22nd **Book Exchange**

Jan. 29th -NO SCHOOL Staff Development

Feb. 8th - NO SCHOOL Lincoln's Birthday

Feb. 9th 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. **PTA Executive Board Meeting** Coyote Ridge Library

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Kari Morrow

We are quickly approaching the midway point of the 2015-16 school year and PTA is going strong. The net income for the Jog-A-Thon was \$10,538 and the Fall Carnival net income is still being finalized but was a success. Way to go Coyote Ridge Elementary! Thank you to all of the volunteers. As of our November Executive Meeting, total year to date (YTD) expenses were \$21,101 and our YTD income was

\$23,245 (this does not include total expense or income from the Fall Carnival). Our McTeacher Night brought in \$685 and Jamba Juice brought in \$957. Major expenses to date include \$4,595 for fundraisers, \$10,430 for Enrichment Programs including Classroom Enrichment and Art Docent Program; \$2,347 for operational costs such as communication and copy costs and tax preparation fee.

The next fundraiser is the Family Fun Night scheduled for March 2016. Please come out and support your PTA.



CONTEST RESULTS ARE IN!

The PTA Membership class contest results are in! Thank you to all the fabulous teachers for their effort and support AND thank you to all the amazing families for showing your support through your membership. Please take a moment to congratulate your child's teacher.

TK - 3rd overall winner:

Mrs. Ancira - 1st Grade

4th - 5th overall winner:

Mrs. Halsey - 4th Grade

Other class winners by grade:

TK/K: Mrs. Moore

2nd: Mrs. Bailey

3rd: Mrs. Giles

5th: Mrs. Langseth

Congratulations Coyote Ridge!!

Your PTA thanks you!

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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HOLIDAY GIVING

Giving Tree:

This program benefits about 50 Coyote Ridge students and siblings. These children will receive clothes and a fun gift for the holidays. You can help by picking up an ornaments on the giving tree in the school office. Items are due by December 11th.

Food Drive:

The school is collecting nonperishable food items for the Placer Food Bank until December 16th. Each grade has been assigned a type of food to donate. Please see the December *Howler* for details.



Thank you to all the parents and kids who clipped, collected, and turned in their Box Tops to their teachers this fall! We collected 7,669 Box Tops, so that is money that will go straight back to our PTA to support our Coyote Ridge community. Congratulations to Mr. Bishop and Mrs. Bailey, whose classes submitted the most Box Tops this fall; each class received a treat to congratulate them. Our next collection dates will be December 11 and February 12. The two classes that submit the most Box Tops during these two collections will win a treat, so get to clipping and saving! Remember that Box Tops can be submitted by gluing or taping to a collection pag or even in a baggie; the important thing is to turn them in! Thank you!

HOLIDAY TRAVELING WITH ALLERGIES

This time of year, many families travel to celebrate the holidays with friends or family. It can be a stressful time for any family but those with food allergies may feel particularly anxious about leaving their comfortable, safe home environments. It's easy to understand why: Not only do people have to stay safe in new or different surroundings, but they also have to handle any social concerns that arise. For example, asking for special accommodations, avoiding certain activities or places (i.e. baseball stadiums covered with peanut shells) or explaining the need to prepare and eat their own food. People, especially children, can sometimes feel embarrassed or uncomfortable raising food allergy concerns. Practice compassion and

consider some of the additional items on the travel checklist for food allergy families.

- 1. Check prescriptions; how many epi-pens should we bring, especially if we are traveling by airplane where peanuts are served regularly?
- 2. Is there a local hospital nearby where we are traveling?
- 3. Research your mode of transportation; do they allow for food allergy accommodations? What type of snacks/food do they serve?
- 4. Did we pack enough wipes to wipe down common areas to help avoid coming into contact with allergens?
- 5. Pack safe food just in case there is none available.

CONTEST!! Enter to win a \$50 Raley's/Bel Air Gift Card



All you need to do is sign up for the Raley's/Bel Air Extra Credit rewards card program. If you are already participating in the program, you can still enter the contest.

- Please sign up by visiting http:// www.raleys.com/www/scrip_ home.
- 2. Click on the "Start Here" button and enroll.
- 3. Once you have created your account, be sure to designate

Coyote Ridge Elementary as the school to which you want to donate.

4. Once you have an account, and also if you already have an account, please visit the website and sign in. On the left side of the screen, you will see an option to print "Your Contributions." Please print out this page and attach it to the contest entry form. This sheet shows that

you do indeed have an account contributing to the school.

Please return the entry form and printout to your child's teacher by December 17th. The winner will be announced on December 18. (Editor's Note: Watch your Thursday folder for the entry form).

One entry form per family.

Questions? Please contact Cheryl Roberts at daxsmama@hotmail.com.

Happy holidays and good luck!



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