



Message from The President

Thank you to everyone who came to the Hawaiian Luau Dance and to all those who volunteered. A special thanks to Dianna Shafai and her committee for all their hard work in organizing the event.

Congratulation to our El Paso County PTA Reflections winners: Mackenzie L. in fifth grade took first place in the music category and Matthew F. in third grade took third place in the photography category. Thank you to all who participated and good luck to Mackenzie and Matthew as they compete at the state level.

What a great turn-out we had for our Chick-Fil-A spirit night. Thank you to the teachers who "worked" the event! We raised \$285 for our SKIP school Washington Elementary's Bingo for Books. We appreciate everyone who supported this event!

Would you like to be more involved in PTA or know someone who should be? Look in today's Wednesday packet for more information on positions available and send in your nominations by Wednesday, February 20th.

Flora Roten

MVE Family/Staff Dinner Night being planned.....



We're planning a family night of dinner with the staff. PTA officer elections and a teacher silent auction will occur. Look for more details on this event tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 6th.

Scholastic Book Fair

The book fair is coming! We need volunteers to help set-up on March 11th, help the kids preview and write down selections March 12-14th, help sell March 17-20th and pack up the fair after school on the 20th. Interested in helping? Questions? Contact Jeannine Combs at 593-9591 or jeanninecombs@msn.com

Challenger PTA

Will you have a student attending Challenger Middle School next year? You're invited to their next meeting on Tuesday, March 4th at 8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. If you would like to be considered for a Board position or have questions, contact Kira Burns at 282-1524 or Stacy Kluckman at kluckman5@juno.com



PTA Who's Who! Call us anytime

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Mark Your Calendar!

- Family/Staff Dinner Night: March 6: 5:00-8:00 pm
- Scholastic Book Fair: March 17-20
- Parent/Teacher Conferences: March 19 & 20
- Staff Appreciation Week: May 5-9
- **PTA Meetings (7 pm-library): 3/6 ; 4/14; 5/12**

Dates for events are tentative and subject to change!

School Support – continuing opportunities

BOX TOPS



Congratulations to the 5th Graders!! They won the January Box Tops competition. Together they collected 1,021 BoxTops. Mr Whittings class collected 655 of those Box Tops. The fifth graders will receive a crazy hair/PJ day just for them.

Great job 5th graders!!

Don't forget this month is Boys vs Girls. Remember to put your Box Tops on the blue or pink collection sheets this month only.

Other easy ways to support the school:

- Recycle plastic bags – collected in school lobby in green recycle containers
- Domino's Pizza Nights – 3rd Thurs/Month – **Next date Feb. 21st** – winning classroom has a pizza party.....it only takes a few orders for your class to win. (*January winner: Ms. Cavanaugh's class*)
- Albertson's Community Partner Cards – no cost to you – available in the hanging files east of the front office
- Target credit card – no cost to you – include school #36970 on account
- Chick-fil-A Night – **Next date is Apr. 3rd**

Mountain Lion Moolah:

At the January meeting, the PTA voted to discontinue the Mountain Lion Moolah gift card program due to low revenue and inordinately large volunteer hours.

Thank you to those who supported the program.



Did you know? District 20 Parent Sounding Board meets monthly.....

The 32 schools in our district send up to two parents monthly on the 2nd Wednesday 9-11 a.m. to represent their school in communication between the district's administration and the school/parent communities.

If you want to witness first hand the vast amount of interesting information communicated, then sign up for this opportunity.

We currently have one parent attending these meetings. If you'd like to be the other parent.....Contact Karen Vendl at 531-9864 or Karen.vendl@eds.com

The mission of the PTA is to support and speak on behalf of children and youth in schools, in the community and before government bodies and to the organizations that make the decisions affecting children. To assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children, and to encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of this nation.