



Echoes

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PTA President's Message:

Jump In & Join PTA

Thank you to all the Deer Canyon parents who have already returned their PTA membership forms! Your support makes all our wonderful enrichment programs and family activities possible. If you haven't filled out your form, it's time to take the plunge and join PTA today.



Congratulations to Isabella, Lauren & Maya, the winners of our first weekly Membership Drive prize drawing! There are two more drawings ~ send your membership form in right away so your child has a chance to win next week! And remember, the classes with the highest participation will win a popsicle party for the kids and a \$25 Office Depot gift card for the teacher!

In addition, be sure to take a look at the volunteer opportunities form in your membership packet. We all know that students learn best when parents and school staff work together, and there are dozens of ways for you to be involved at Deer Canyon. Check off whatever sounds interesting to you, and the event coordinator will be in touch.

Thank You!

Let's have a round of applause for all the dedicated PTA Board members who spent some of their precious summer hours preparing for the start of school. Thanks go out to: **Lindsay Klemaske and Melissa Lind** for their work on our Membership Drive; **Darlene Larson** for her prep work on our gift wrap sale; **Mike Madigan** for his work on the website; and **Jenn Madigan and Melissa Lind** for completing the end-of year accounting and audit.

In addition, PTA hosted the annual "Welcome Back Luncheon" for our deserving teachers and staff on Friday, August 21st. Thank you **Trisha Greenway** for coordinating the decorations, and to **Karin Campbell, Jennifer Cavendish, Suzie Grendahl, Alyssa Navapanich, and Molly Spidell** for their help with set-up and clean-up. Finally, a huge thank you goes to all the parents who donated delicious desserts!

~ Kris Hernandez

Coming Soon :

- Sept. 3 *Back-to-School Night ~ 6:00-6:30 p.m.: Grades K, 1, 2, Pre-K and ASD; 6:30-7:00 p.m.: Grades 3, 4, 5*
- Sept. 4 *Friday Sports Clinics begin ~ 8:00-9:00 a.m.*
- Sept. 4 *Choir begins ~ 8:00-9:00 a.m.*
- Sept. 4 *Gift Wrap Fundraiser begins*
- Sept. 7 *Labor Day ~ NO SCHOOL*
- Sept. 10 *Kindergarten begins full days*
- Sept. 14 *Fall MAPs testing begins*
- Sept. 16 *Picture Day*



Reminder...

If you'd like to be listed in this year's **Deer Canyon Directory**, be sure to fill out the yellow form in your PTA Membership Packet. Only the information you provide will be published. Don't forget your signature!

Free Friday Morning Fun

Once again, PTA is proud to sponsor the popular **Friday Sports Clinics** and the **Deer Canyon Choir**. Both programs will take place on Friday mornings from 8:00 to 8:55 a.m., and they are offered free of charge thanks to the generosity of all our PTA members!

The Sports Clinics are taught by trained instructors from the Rancho Family YMCA, and they are open to students in all grades. Our first 5-week session will feature Flag Football. Future sessions will include Lacrosse, Floor Hockey, Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, and Baseball.

The Deer Canyon Choir is open to students in grades 3 through 5. Under the direction of **Mrs. Erin Thompson**, a piano/vocal teacher and professional musician, students will learn music theory and improve their vocal music skills. The Choir will perform at the Deer Canyon Holiday Bazaar on December 4th, as well as at a Winter Choir Concert.

To participate in either program, students must return a signed permission slip to the office by Thursday, September 3rd! Look for the permission forms in today's Friday Folder.

BoxTops For Education



Everyone has felt the economic crunch this year. Fortunately, BoxTops for Education offers three easy ways to support and earn money for our school. (And best of all, they cost you nothing!) Our goal is to raise \$1088 this year through friendly classroom competition and your help.

To help us get started, please send any clear plastic "barrel type" containers with lids (the kind you get at Costco with pretzels, etc.) into school so we can wash them and use them as classroom collection boxes.

CLIP ~ Clip BoxTop coupons from hundreds of participating products - General Mills, Betty Crocker, Juicy Juice, Ziploc, Kleenex, Hefty, and many more. Send them with your child to be placed in a custom BoxTops container (created by your child's class). Every BoxTop is worth 10¢, and that adds up quickly!

SHOP ~ Shop at your favorite online stores through the BoxTops Marketplace (www.boxtops4education.com/marketplace). Participating online stores include Pottery Barn, Gap, Dell, Expedia, Frontgate, Justice, Kohl's, JCPenney, Target, Current, Nordstrom, ProFlowers, and dozens more. Up to 8% of each qualifying purchase will automatically be donated to our school. There is no additional cost to you, and many exclusive deals and discounts can be found!

BUY BOOKS ~ Purchase books online at Barnes & Noble through the BoxTops Reading Room (www.boxtops4education.com/readingroom). Our school will receive 6% of your new book purchases and 3% of all other online purchases.

Visit www.Boxtops4Education.com today to learn more:

- See how much our school is earning with BoxTops
- Find out which products participate in BoxTops for Education
- Enter online promotions for chances to win bonus BoxTops
- Print money-saving coupons for your favorite BoxTops brands
- Make mealtime easier with family-pleasing recipes
- Sign up for email newsletters to receive new product updates, as well as BoxTops members-only deals and discounts at BoxTops Marketplace retail stores.

Jeanne Gage ~ BoxTops For Education Coordinator



Arts Attack

The Deer Canyon Arts Attack Program is seeking volunteer art docents. If you enjoy working with students and like a flexible volunteer schedule, this job is for you! **No experience or art talent is necessary. The lessons are pre-planned, and all supplies are provided.** Each docent teaches two lessons a month, and the job can be shared by several volunteers.

There will be a **Training Workshop** for docents on **Wednesday, September 16th at 7:00 p.m.** in our new Arts Attack room, **Room 20.**

For more information or to sign up, contact me at 484-4792 or cvcvet@juno.com.

Gail Bigelow ~ Arts Attack Coordinator

Principal's Message:

Student Safety During Drop Off & Pick Up

Thank you for your efforts to ensure the safety of our children during morning drop off and afternoon pick up. In a continuing effort to increase student safety during these times, we have begun to more closely monitor our parking lot.

Please note: **the parking lot is for parking only.** Vehicles may only park in designated parking spaces in the parking lot. The parking lot is not a safe place for picking up or dropping off students. **Students should only be picked up or dropped off in the loading/unloading zones in front of the school.**

In the afternoons when the parking lot is full, the lot will be closed to incoming traffic. This additionally eliminates the cross traffic that contributes to our congestion and difficulties exiting the school, particularly in the afternoons.

Thank you for your understanding. Working together, we can make a difference for our children.

~ *Terry Worthington*

Are You Ready For Reflections?

It's time to celebrate your talents by participating in PTA's annual Reflections Program! Join thousands of other students from all around the country, and create an entry based on the 2009 theme, "**Beauty Is...**"

Students can enter in six different categories. The most common categories for elementary school students are Visual Arts (drawings, paintings, or sketches), Photography, and Literature (short stories or poetry).

Entry forms and detailed guidelines will be available at www.deercanyon.org beginning next week. You may work on your own at home, or join us for our two **FREE Reflections Workshops:**

Thursday, September 24th ~ 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 8th ~ 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Both workshops will take place in the MP Room. Just bring your artist and your ideas - all supplies will be provided!

The deadline for entries is Thursday, October 15th. All participants will be recognized at the Reflections Awards Ceremony & Art Show on Thursday, October 29th at 6:30 p.m.

*Karin Campbell & Alyssa Navapanich ~
Reflections Coordinators*



Get Your Gift Wrap Here!

Deer Canyon's annual Gift Wrap sale will start next Friday, September 4th. This fundraiser is PTA's main source of income, and it provides funding for dozens of PTA programs which benefit our students and teachers. **Fifty percent of each sale item goes directly to our PTA!**

We will have a table set up at Back to School Night for you to preview this year's beautiful selection of wrapping paper and gift items. You can also get a sneak peek and an early start on your shopping at: **www.shoppingforyourschool.com**. Out of town family and friends can place their orders online, and both Deer Canyon and your child will receive credit for each sale.

Watch for your Gift Wrap catalog next Friday! Your family and friends will love the selection of items, and your kids will enjoy the awesome prizes!

*Darlene Larson ~
VP, Ways & Means*



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