



Echoes

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Coming Soon :

- Mar. 15-19 Spring Food Drive
- Mar. 18 PTA Board Mtg. ~ 8:10 a.m.
- Mar. 19 Used Book Exchange & Ice Cream Sale ~ 2:15 p.m.
- Mar. 23 Recital Dress Rehearsal ~ 2:15 p.m.
- Mar. 23 Variety Show Dress Rehearsal ~ 2:15 p.m.
- Mar. 24 Spring Picture Day
- Mar. 25 Recital ~ 6:30 p.m.
- Mar. 26 Pillar Friday ~ FAIRNESS
- Mar. 26 Project Linus Blankets Due; Tile Legacy Wall Orders Due
- Mar. 26 Variety Show ~ 6:30 p.m.
- Mar. 30 Spring Picture Make-Up Day
- Apr. 1 2nd Grade Music Performance ~ 6:00 p.m.
- Apr. 5~9 Spring Break

Acting Principal's Message

Scott is a fourth grader who has a deep interest in animals, and enjoys sharing his latest discoveries with anyone who will listen to him as he points to photos in his opened library books. Emily is a fifth grader who delights in geography and challenges herself to learn the names of remote islands and rivers, then shares her knowledge with classmates.

How do we, as parents, keep our children safe and secure without instilling fear that may distract them from the spontaneity of youth and the joy of self-discovery? Hopefully we all begin teaching safety precautions at an early age and build on these conversations as our children grow, thus ingraining the knowledge they need so that safety becomes habit. Two websites that offer pertinent advice on keeping children safe include the Poway Unified School District (www.powayusd.com) and the San Diego Police Department (www.sandiego.gov/police).

Nelson Mandela once said, "We owe our children, the most vulnerable citizens in our society, a life free of violence and fear." Each of us must always do his or her part to protect our innocent young ones; communication and knowledge go a long way towards making this happen.

Sue Foerster



**LEAVE YOUR MARK
on Deer Canyon!**
Remember to return your
TILE LEGACY WALL
order form, paper & check
by **Friday, March 26th!**

Parent Education Opportunity

Parents from Deer Canyon, Park Village, Sundance, Canyon View, and Mesa Verde are invited to a Parent Education Night on Preparing for the Middle School and Teen Years.

Jennifer Konzen, a Parent Educator and a registered intern marriage and family therapist, will discuss topics including: preparing for the developmental, social and emotional challenges unique to students in middle and high school; keeping a close relationship and open communication while holding to effective consequences; raising a child who uses their strengths to benefit their community; and dealing with concerns about academic success, self-esteem, peer relationships, depression, anxiety, drinking, drugs, self-harming, etc.

This presentation will take place at Canyon View on Thursday, March 25th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 per person, and food and drinks will be provided.

PTA President's Message:

Slate of Officers for 2010-11

The PTA Nominating Committee has proposed the following slate of officers for the 2010-11 PTA Executive Board:

President – Melissa Lind
1st VP Programs – Kris Hernandez
2nd VP Membership – Lindsay Klemaske
3rd VP Ways & Means – Darlene Larson
4th VP Special Events – April Zauri
5th VP Publicity – Jennifer Cavendish
Treasurer – Holly Sepa
Financial Secretary – Suzie Grendahl
Recording Secretary – Jenn Madigan
Corresponding Secretary – Odette Watson
Historian – Elizabeth Kurzyniec
Auditor – Kim Skolnick
Parliamentarian – Michelle Nisly

All PTA members are invited to participate in our election at the next Association Meeting on Thursday, April 15th at 8:10 a.m. Thank you to these dedicated parents for agreeing to serve on the PTA Board! Thanks also go to the members of the Nominating Committee for doing such a great job: **Lindsay Klemaske, Dana Clarkson, Suzie Grendahl, Darlene Larson, and Odette Watson.**

In addition to these officers, there are nearly 30 committee chair positions on the PTA Board. If you're interested in learning more about these opportunities, please contact Melissa Lind at melissalind@san.rr.com.

Kris Hernandez

Spring Food Drive Begins Monday!

It's hard to believe that there are families right here in PUSD who can't afford food. Many students receive free lunches during the school week, and sadly, when school is not in session, they go often hungry at home. You can help by contributing to the Spring Food Drive next week! Boxes will be located just outside the office to collect the following items:

- * peanut butter
- * rice
- * pasta
- * spaghetti sauce
- * cereal
- * healthy snack foods
- * canned goods (fruits, vegetables, soup, beans)

Student Council will pack up the food, then Palomar Council PTA will distribute your donations to needy families in our district so that they will have some nutritious food over Spring Break.

Be sure to bring your donations in by Friday, March 19th, and check the expiration dates. Thank you for your compassion and support!



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