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# Buckeye Elementary Shingle Springs, California

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# PTC News

## Average Daily Attendance Makes All the Difference

### Help Buckeye recover lost funds from student absences

Did you know that Buckeye School receives funding for student attendance, not student enrollment? Did you know when a child is absent, it costs the school about \$26.58 per child, per day? Even if your child's absence is excused, Buckeye school still loses the money! Did you know as of the 64<sup>th</sup> day of school, **Buckeye School has lost approximately \$28,919?**

**ADA Recovery Day**  
**Friday, February 18**  
**8am-12:15pm**  
**Registration deadline:**  
**February 11**

Let's help our school recover some of that lost money! Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup> is a school holiday, however Buckeye Union School District is hosting an Average Daily Attendance (ADA) Recovery Day. Students who have missed a day of school can "make it up" with the added benefit of the District receiving the lost funding.

The ADA Recovery Day will be held at Buckeye from 8am to 12:15pm. Lunch is included. Registration forms went home with eligible students last week and are also

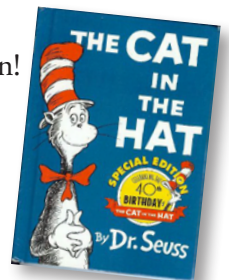
available in the office. Completed forms must be turned in to the office **no later than February 11**. No exceptions. Transportation is not provided. Please contact the school office with any questions, (530) 677-2277. Thank you for your support.

by Coral Haley and Tina Goins-Jovovich

## Don't Miss the Annual Family Dr. Seuss Night

### Mark your calendar for Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup>!

Dr. Seuss Night is right around the corner and it's a Buckeye tradition! The whole family can enjoy celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday in our Multipurpose Room on Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm. There will be games, prizes, lots of giveaways plus birthday cake and more! Don't miss it! Everything is free, free, free! Sponsored by Buckeye teachers, staff members, and the PTC.



## Upcoming Events & Important Dates

- **February 16**, 5pm – PTC Meeting, Library
- **February 17** – Next BOX TOP\$ collection date
- **February 18** – ADA Recovery Day, 8am-12:15pm
- **February 18** – No school, Lincoln's Birthday
- **February 21** – No school, Washington's Birthday
- **February 25** – End of second trimester

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## Buckeye Grant Writing Workshop Informative

### Committee forming to look at alternative funding for Buckeye



The PTC hosted a **Grant Writing Workshop** on February 2 to discuss the possibilities of forming a committee dedicated to pursuing grant money for Buckeye school. Participants learned the 7 steps to getting grant money and got to meet local grant writer, Diane Moser. Diane talked about her experiences with grant writing and answered questions during the workshop.

You do not need any experience to join – just the motivation to help out where you can. If you have a computer and can help look for grants, we have tools to help you begin. If you like to proofread or enjoy writing, then we definitely would appreciate any assistance you can give. Grandparents and parents who want to support the school but are not sure how to help are especially encouraged to join the committee.

If you were unable to attend the workshop but would like the handout materials e-mailed to you please contact Tina Goins-Jovovich at [BuckeyePTCNews@hotmail.com](mailto:BuckeyePTCNews@hotmail.com) or call 530-677-3690.

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## PTC News Briefs and Outreach

### Pennies for Patients

Cancer is a frightful word. Most of us have been affected by it one way or another. Our school is currently participating in Pennies for Patients. This is a program that encourages students to collect spare change, which will be donated to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. This money is used to help find a cure for leukemia and other blood-related cancers. Participating in Pennies for Patients is an easy way to encourage your children to care about others. Talk with your students about why they are collecting money and why it is so important to help. **All money needs to be turned in to the school by Friday, February 11.**



### Annual Variety Show

The Annual Variety Show permission slips are available in the office. The schedule is as follows: Tryouts – Monday & Tuesday March 21 & 22, 3:30-5:00; Practices – Mondays, April 4, 11 & May 2, 3:30-5:00; Dress Rehearsal – Monday, May 9, 3:30-5:00. Performances will be held on Tuesday, May 10.

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## Mrs. Carey Receives Latest PTC Mini Grant



Each year Buckeye PTC offers \$150 mini-grants to Buckeye teachers who apply for the funds. The purpose of the grant is to provide money for an item or items that will enhance our student's learning environment and/or help provide supplies for classrooms. 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher, Mrs. Carey, submitted an application for \$150 to purchase a variety of reading and writing materials. They include picture books, writing notebooks and professional books about reading and writing workshops. The PTC is honored to help purchasing these items. If teachers or staff members have any questions please send an e-mail to [BuckeyePTCNews@hotmail.com](mailto:BuckeyePTCNews@hotmail.com).

*Mini-Grant applications will be accepted up until March 31, 2011 of this school year.*

## James Burne Wins Buckeye's Geography Bee!



### *Kilimanjaro* was the winning answer!

Did you know that Kilimanjaro, is the highest, inactive volcanic mountain in Africa and the fourth highest of the Seven Summits? Fifth grader James Burne knew that answer to win Buckeye's 1<sup>st</sup> ever Geography Bee, that was held last month. The competition was sponsored by National Geographic and schools across the country were eligible to compete for the National Title. Buckeye had several 4th and 5th grade students compete in the first round of the event, with the top ten students advancing to the final round of competition.

Fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Snyder, volunteered her time to organize the event and it was a wonderful opportunity for the kids to participate. Mrs Snyder gave the kids links to study on the web and practice sessions were held during lunch the week of the bee. Lori Burne, James' mother, commented, "We are so lucky to have teachers like Mrs. Snyder who go the extra mile to provide these special opportunities for our kids."

Family, friends and students were in attendance supporting the competitors. James Burne won First Place, Jed Prichard won Second Place and Gunner Santiago won Third Place. Next James will take a written test which will be submitted to see if he will participate at the state level. Congratulations to James and all of the students who participated. You ALL did a terrific job!

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## Yearbook Sales To Begin Soon

Keep an eye out for the 2010-2011 yearbook flyer in your child's Friday folder. The forms will be sent home in the next few weeks. Yearbooks went fast last year, so it is best to preorder your child's yearbook to make sure your child receives this treasured keepsake.

Love lines, photo ads and yearbook advertising will also be available again this year. So start thinking of the special message or picture you would like to put in the yearbook that your Buckeye student will cherish for years to come.

Thank you for submitting your photos for the yearbook! Please continue to submit pictures either by hard copy to the office or by email to [heather.wilmoth@comcast.net](mailto:heather.wilmoth@comcast.net). We appreciate all your memorable pictures and your help in making our yearbook the best it can be!!



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## PTC Welcomes Newsletter Sponsors

The Buckeye PTC welcomes sponsors to help support the PTC newsletter. The black and white copies cost \$110 each month. Individuals or businesses may purchase sponsor space in monthly newsletter. A business card space (2" x 3.5") can be purchased for \$25 per month, while a 4" x 3.5" space will be available for \$50 a month, and the largest size, 7" x 4" will be \$100 per month. Space is limited each month so please reserve your space early. All content will be reviewed for appropriateness and PTC reserves the right to decline certain ads. Please e-mail [BuckeyePTCNews@hotmail.com](mailto:BuckeyePTCNews@hotmail.com) for more information. Thank you very much.



## BOX TOP\$

Don't forget about those BOX TOP\$ coupons! Collect them and bring them to school to help raise money for Buckeye. The coupons really add up fast. **The next collection date is Thursday, February 17.** The class with the most coupons per person gets a special surprise from the PTC.

## Goin' Places?

Don't forget to pack your Independent Study Contract! How it works: A contract is issued for the days of the planned absence. The minimum amount of time required is five consecutive school days. The parent comes to the office to sign the contract. The teacher prepares the work. The student returns the completed work when she/he returns to school. The work is evaluated by the teacher and appropriate credit is given. In addition, the school can collect the ADA funding when the contract is completed!



## Ice Cream Social Set for Friday, May 13!



It may be Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> but at Buckeye School odds are the luckiest people will be attending the 9th annual Ice Cream Social (ICS). They will be enjoying dinner with friends, dancing to the beat, perusing the art work of the Buckeye students, and getting a family photo taken for FREE! Families will place bids on the silent auction items, and hope to win one of the classroom baskets in the raffle, and of course... **ALL THE ICE CREAM YOU CAN EAT!!**

The Ice Cream Social is not only the most enjoyed event of the year, but it is also the PTC's largest revenue generating event.

LOTS and LOTS of help is needed to pull this event together. Although some people have already signed up, there are still some key positions to be filled:

- ➔ **Silent Auction: Volunteer Needed** • Help solicit for donations. Make display boards describing items along with bid sheets. Coordinate timeline for opening/closing of auction and organize payment procedure at the end of the night.
- ➔ **Decorations: Volunteer Needed** • Responsible for overall decorations and signs for the event. Work within the budget determined by the ICS committee.
- ➔ **Volunteer Coordinator: Volunteer Needed** • Responsible for recruitment and volunteer coordination the day of the event. Volunteer schedules are made for each station (ice cream/will call/raffle ticket sales) with the help of all committee chairs.
- ➔ **Family Photos: Volunteer Needed** • Set up and take photos of families at the ICS. Responsible for getting the digital files to the PTC for developing.

If you are interested in helping out please email [BuckeyePTCNews@hotmail.com](mailto:BuckeyePTCNews@hotmail.com) or call ICS chair, Staci Allen at 530-558-9424. We'd love to have your support at this awesome event!



## Buckeye Education Foundation Update

Mark your calendars for three fun upcoming events. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **Toast to Education** at David Girard Vineyards will be held on Saturday night, May 7<sup>th</sup>, and the **Family Fun Fair**, graciously sponsored and hosted by El Dorado Hills Sports Club, will take place on Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, right after school.

And we're excited to announce the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual **Run for Education** is planned for Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> (Father's Day). Designed to appeal to both serious runners and not-so-serious walkers, the race will feature professionally-timed 10K and 5K courses, a separate Parent/Child 3/4-mile fun run and entertainment for the whole family.

We need more volunteers to help plan each of these events -- 100 volunteers are needed for the day of the **Run for Education** alone -- as well as to solicit donations for raffle and auction items. All proceeds generated from these events will benefit the Foundation. Please contact Shannon Yoffie at [syoffie@golyon.com](mailto:syoffie@golyon.com) if you can get involved in any way. For more information on the Buckeye Education Foundation, visit [www.buckeyefoundation.org](http://www.buckeyefoundation.org) and stay connected through our page on Facebook. Upcoming Foundation Board meetings are scheduled for February 23 at 7 p.m. at the District office in Shingle Springs.

## Community Events

Found on <http://visitel-dorado.mhsoftware.com/ViewCal.html>

### CHARLOTTE'S WEB

[www.IT-tickets.org](http://www.IT-tickets.org)  
For two weekends in February, Imagination Theater presents the timeless story of unlikely friends called "the best American children's book of the past two hundred years. All Tickets \$10. All seats reserved. Imagination Theater located on the El Dorado County Fairgrounds, 100 Placerville Drive, Placerville

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