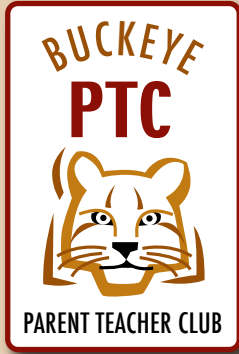


Our Mission: To Enhance Learning Experiences and Social Interactions for Students, Teachers and Parents Alike.

Buckeye Elementary Shingle Springs, California

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PTC News

Reaching Out & Developing New PTC Leaders

For most schools, fundraising and hosting family events are generally easier to manage than recruiting new parent leaders. Leader positions may seem overwhelming or may appear to be too time consuming. This can become true when there are only a small number of parents volunteering. The good news is Buckeye Elementary School is fortunate to have a very active PTC.

The core PTC group consists of 23 members who actively participate in communications with respect to PTC planning and activities. About 12-14 members regularly attend the monthly PTC meetings, and on average, one new parent gets involved per month!

Sharing responsibilities is the key to a successful parent leadership group. When PTC members work together to plan and execute an event or fundraiser, the monetary rewards to the school are not only increased, but the personal rewards of being part of a successful team are also increased. These volunteer "working" relationships generate new ideas and foster an energy of support that benefit our school.

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Coffee Fundraiser is Now Underway

Let's Put the "FUN" Back in Fundraising!

PTC has a challenge for you! The top five students who get the most coffee orders will receive a Buckeye school spirit t-shirt*! Are you up for the challenge? Of course you are!

All proceeds from the coffee sale will go to help purchase outdoor tables for the patio area between the library and the MPR. **The sale runs now through Friday, February 17th.** There are six delicious gourmet coffee blends being offered along with hot chocolate and vanilla spice chai tea. Extra order forms are available in the school office. Parents can pick up their child's coffee orders on Friday, March 2nd in the MPR between 3-8 pm.

** Winners can pick a t-shirt from the inventory on-hand.*

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

- **February 13** – No School, Lincoln's Birthday
- **February 15, 5pm** – PTC Meeting, Library
- **February 17** – Coffee Orders & Money Due
- **February 20** – No School, President's Day
- **February 24** – BOX TOP\$ Collection Date
- **March 1-2** – Minimum Days/Parent Conferences
- **March 2, 3-8pm** – Pick up coffee orders in MPR
- **March 2, 6-8pm** – Dr. Seuss Night, MPR

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If you have not seen the Buckeye PTC in action now is the time to come to one of the monthly meetings. Teachers and parents collaborate on many issues that affect Buckeye students and staff members. PTC members are welcome to take on leadership roles, such as an executive board member or an event leader. Other members prefer to take on support roles and/or limit participation to email communications. Side-line help or front-line leadership roles are all appreciated and can be a rewarding experience for those who choose to get involved.

To learn more about the volunteer and leadership roles associated with the Buckeye PTC please visit www.BuckeyePTC.org or email BuckeyePTCNews@hotmail.com. The next PTC meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15th at 5pm in the school library. New and returning parents are always welcome to attend.

by PTC President, Tina Goins-Jovovich

Buckeye Yearbooks are Now On Sale

The 2011-12 Buckeye Yearbook is now available for purchase. Order forms will be in your child's Friday Folder the first week of February. The Buckeye yearbook is sure to be a treasured keepsake for your student. Don't miss out! Order early to ensure your child receives a copy. The yearbooks are available for \$26 until April 13th. After April 13th, yearbooks will be \$28, sold on a first come, first serve basis. Please make checks payable to Buckeye PTC.



Create an Everlasting Message of Love and Pride With a Yearbook Love Line and/or Photo Ad

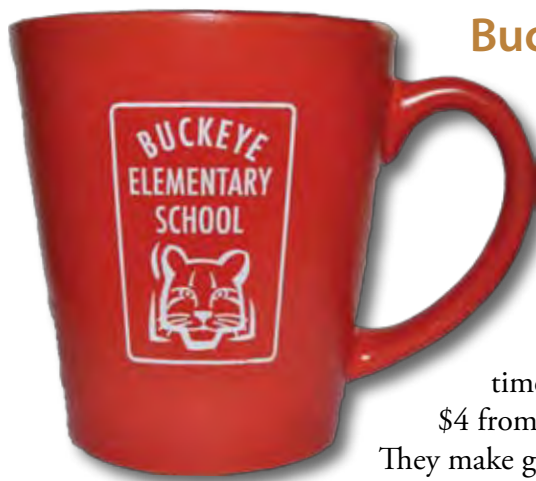
Love Lines and Photo Ads are back! Give your special student a memory that will last forever by creating a personalized message through the Love Lines. To make it even more memorable, attach a picture and create a Photo Ad! The kids love their individual notes created especially for them. **Love Lines and Photo Ads will be accepted until Friday, March 23rd.** Love Lines are available for \$15 for 75 characters (an additional 75 characters costs an extra \$10). Photo Ads are \$20 and include 120 characters for a sentimental message. Photo Ads should be submitted in jpeg file format to: heather.wilmoth@comcast.net. Remember Love Lines and Photo Ads will only be accepted until Friday, March 23rd. Checks should be made payable to Buckeye PTC.

Yearbook Advertising

Yearbook advertising will be available to Buckeye families and local business owners for a nominal \$25 per business card. Half-page ads are available for \$50. Many families like to support local businesses, especially Buckeye family owned businesses. What better way to tell us about your business than to advertise in the yearbook! Advertising requests need to be **submitted by Friday, March 23rd** and can be forwarded to: heather.wilmoth@comcast.net. Please make checks payable to Buckeye PTC.

Call for Yearbook Pictures

The yearbook is looking for great pictures to be included in the 2011-12 Buckeye Yearbook! Please submit your fantastic pictures to: heather.wilmoth@comcast.net. Hard copies may be turned into the office. All pictures/images will be accepted until Friday, March 23rd.



Buckeye School Mugs To Help Fund Fieldtrips

Available now in the school office or online at www.BuckeyePTC.org, these coffee mugs are sure to be a hit! Not only can you display your school spirit by purchasing these mugs, but you will be helping to fund school fieldtrips at the same time. The mugs are available for \$8 each, with \$4 from each sale going directly to school fieldtrips. They make great gifts and personal keepsakes so be sure to get yours today!



BOX TOP\$ for Education

The February collection date is quickly approaching. Please have all your BOX TOP\$ turned in to your teacher by Friday, February 24th. The last winning class was Mrs. Prock's 5th graders. Who will be the winning class this time?

BOX TOP\$ for Education is currently promoting their **2 Ways 2 Earn** program. One way is clipping those pink BOX TOP\$ for your school and the second way is earning eBox Top\$ with your Safeway Club Card. Simply register your Club Card at www.2Ways2Earn.com and select Buckeye Elementary PTC as your school. Every time you purchase the qualifying products with your Card, the Bonus eBox Tops will automatically be credited to our school. In addition, you may receive a printout at the register which you can redeem for Bonus eBoxTops too. Just go to www.2Ways2Earn.com (homepage) and enter the code found on the printout.

Planning for the Buckeye School Garden

Buckeye Families are Encouraged to Participate!

Don't toss that great stuff! We are still looking for donations to help start and grow our fantastic garden. We would love donations such as mason jars, plastic containers, pots, tarps, vegetable garden seeds or flowers. Anything that is in good working condition that screams, "School Garden" we'll take. Remember, a successful school

garden is when community, teachers and parents invest in the project from the beginning whether it be volunteering, donating time and resources or fundraising. Please contact DJ Lenson at dj@satorihealth.com if you have items that you would like to donate. We appreciate all your help!



Permission Slips Required for Annual Variety Show

The Annual Variety Show permission slips are available in the office. The schedule is as follows: **Tryouts** – Monday & Tuesday February 6 & 7, 3:30-5pm; **Practices** – Tuesdays, February 28, March 6 & March 13, 3:30-5pm; **Dress Rehearsal** – Tuesday, March 20, 3:30-5pm. **The show will be on Wednesday, March 21 at 9:15am & 7pm.**

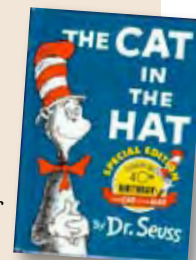
Don't Miss the Annual Family Dr. Seuss Night

All Buckeye families are cordially invited to celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday with a special Family Fun Night on

Friday, March 2nd, 2012
6-8pm in the MPR

Bring the whole family, some out-grown books to swap, and a love of reading! Dr. Seuss costumes encouraged! Games, prizes, book exchange, refreshments, and more!

And it's all FREE!
Sponsored by Buckeye teachers, staff members, and the PTC.



Receive PTC Newsletter and News via E-mail

You can receive the PTC monthly newsletter, and other PTC communications through e-mail. Please contact BuckeyePTC-News@hotmail.com. The PTC does not share your contact information. Thank you for keeping the lines of communication open and for supporting the efforts of Buckeye's PTC.

10th Annual Ice Cream Social Set for Friday, May 18!



2012 marks the 10th annual Ice Cream Social (ICS). Buckeye families will get to enjoy dinner with friends, music, dancing, wonderful artwork by Buckeye students, and FREE family photos! Silent auction items will be up for bid, the fantastic classroom baskets will be raffled off, 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. Many volunteers are needed to pull this event together. There are some key positions to be filled:

- ➔ **Event Chair: Assistant Needed** • Help oversee the event planning and logistics for booths, vendors, music and budget.
- ➔ **Silent Auction: Assistant 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.

If you are interested in helping out please email BuckeyePTCNews@hotmail.com. We'd love to have your support at this awesome event!



Upcoming Buckeye Foundation Events

The 3rd Annual Toast to Education will be held on Saturday evening, May 19th, at the Blackstone Community Clubhouse in El Dorado Hills. The gala, our biggest fundraiser of the year, will feature dinner, dancing and entertainment as well as silent and live auctions, and an amazing raffle.

We are excited to announce schools will once again be hosting Jump Rope for Education to benefit the Foundation on May 15th. Last year, this fun kid-powered effort raised \$16,000 to support our programs!

Also, mark your calendars for this year's Splash into Summer Family Fun Day at the El Dorado Hills Sports Club on Tuesday, June 5th, the last day of school. This event is a cool end-of-school-year tradition for our school families. Don't miss out!

To get involved (we need more volunteers from each school) or for more information, visit www.buckeyefoundation.org or email info@buckeyefoundation.org. You also can connect with the Foundation through Facebook and "like" us to receive regular updates. All are welcome to attend Foundation board meetings held the fourth Wednesday of each month, 7p.m., at the district office in Shingle Springs.

Love & Logic Parent Classes

Enjoy a seven-week parenting program designed by the Love & Logic Institute for \$20. Classes are offered at:

- 1) **Blue Oak School**
2/7-3/20, 6:30-8pm
- 2) **Oak Meadow School**
2/8-3/21, 6:30-8pm
- 3) **Brooks School**
2/8-3/21, 9:30-11am

Registration forms available in the office.

Pennies for Patients



Since 1994, millions of dollars have been raised in pennies and other spare change by more than 10 million elementary, middle and high school students throughout the country. The funds, collected during a three-week period, benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. **Buckeye Elementary School will run the Pennies for Patients campaign between the dates of January 30-February 17th.**

Everyone who participates is a winner! In the Pennies for Patients campaign, the class collecting the most change in each school receives a pizza party.