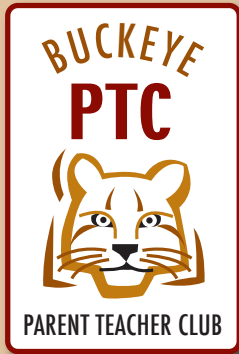


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Buckeye Elementary Shingle Springs, California

January 2011



PTC News

Looking at the Role of the PTC in the New Year Creating Community Through Fun Events and Advocacy

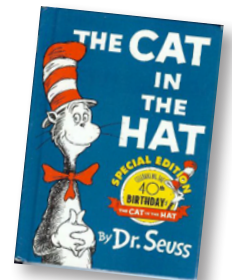
Happy New Year! As the Buckeye Parent Teacher Club gears up for the remainder of the school year it's a good time to look at the PTC's role at Buckeye school. Although there are probably different opinions on the subject I think the main role of the PTC is to create a community or camaraderie of sorts. This is done by putting on various events designed to bring Buckeye families together in the hopes people will make connections, therefore strengthening Buckeye school as a whole.

These simple connections can lead to good fun and they also help generate ideas and volunteers for school fundraisers. When adults work together as advocates for their child and their child's school, great things can happen. People and students get involved which, in turn, keeps the community spirit alive and the wheel turning.

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Don't Miss the Annual Family Dr. Seuss Night Mark your calendar for Friday, February 25th!

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 25th, 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.



Teacher's Holiday Cookie Exchange Was Awesome!



On Friday, December 17th the PTC hosted a Teacher/Staff Appreciation & Holiday Cookie Exchange party. A huge thank you to all the families who donated cookies and notes of appreciation for this wonderful event. Sherri Wickert summed it up by saying, "I was very impressed with the number of cookies! I loved them all and shared them with my family who also loved them. I also enjoyed reading the notes sent in by the parents. It was a great idea. I thought it was just Awesome!"

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

- **January 17** – No school, Martin Luther King Jr.
- **January 19**, 5pm – PTC Meeting, Library
- **February 16**, 5pm – PTC Meeting, Library
- **February 18** – ADA Recovery Day
- **February 18** – , No school, Lincoln's Birthday
- **February 21** – No school, Washington's Birthday

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Looking ahead, there are some great opportunities for working together in 2011. Buckeye's biggest fundraising event, the Ice Cream Social, is coming at the end of May. The event committee is now forming so please get involved and share your ideas. See next month's newsletter for more details about the event, committee positions and how you can join in.

Meanwhile the PTC members welcome everyone back to school and look forward to planning and enjoying the upcoming PTC sponsored events. If you have any questions or would like to receive the PTC newsletter electronically, please send an e-mail to BuckeyePTCNews@hotmail.com. Thanks so much.

by PTC President, Tina Goins-Jovovich

PTC News Briefs and Outreach

BOX TOP\$ for Education

Good news! Buckeye PTC just received a check for \$1,262.30 from General Mills BOX TOP\$ for Education. Thank you goes out to all the families who participate as well as Kim McPherson, our Buckeye BOX TOP\$ coordinator. The next collection date for BOX TOP\$ is Friday, February 18. Remember to encourage your friends and family members to send you their BOX TOP\$ coupons to help raise funds for our school. They really add up!



Spirit-Wear Orders

We have a limited selection of youth and adult size items available in stock. If you are interested please email Kim McPherson at skimcpherson@gmail.com.

Student Store

Parent volunteers are needed to help with the student store on Thursdays from 10:20-11:20am. If you enjoy seeing excitement on students faces and can lend a hand please email Petrice at cambridgechiro@msn.com. Please feel free to send suggestions for items your kids would like to see stocked at the school store as well.

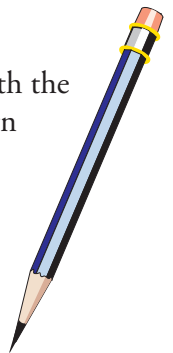
Buckeye Grant Writing Workshop Coming Soon

Watch for the Flyer in Friday Folders for More Details

The PTC will host a **Grant Writing Workshop** in January 2011. A flyer with the date and more details will be coming home with students soon. Please return the bottom portion of the form to reserve your spot. Participants will learn:

- where to look for grants
- how to identify which grants have the best odds for funding
- what information is required for submitting grants, and
- multiple tips and strategies for grant writing

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. People are needed who can help find grants, people who can proofread, people who enjoy writing, and people who can organize the grant data. If you are interested or would like to help out with the workshop, please contact Tina at 530-677-3690.





Food4Less & Nugget Scrip Program New Cards Have Arrived – Available in the Office

Food4Less & Nugget Markets began their new Scrip Program on December 1st, 2010. **The new Scrip cards are now available in the Buckeye office.** When you sign up and participate in the new Scrip Program, these stores partner with you to support Buckeye. Your Food4Less/Nugget Scrip Card enables you to donate up to 4% of your purchases to our school.

Food4Less & Nugget have streamlined the Scrip Program procedure, making the contribution process easier than ever for you. No need to preload your card, and the program is absolutely free, with no cost to you. Use your Scrip Card for all your purchases, and multiple cards can be registered under one family member so monthly purchases earn a greater percentage. Cards carry no cash value, so no need to worry if your card gets lost or stolen. Just register for a new card. Go to www.f4lscrip.com for more information. Thank you for participating in this great program!

Safeway's 10% Back to Schools - January Edition!

Get Ready – The Program runs January 2nd - January 25th, 2011!



Join Safeway to support local schools by getting groceries that give back to schools. They've already raised over \$17 million! Here's how:

- 1) Purchase items with the yellow School Bus tag between January 2nd and January 25th, 2011. There are over 2,000 participating products!
- 2) Use your Club Card to buy participating items and 10% of the price will go to the school of your choice (if your club card is registered with eScrip and Buckeye is named as your school choice).

Check your receipt for details throughout the program. Your total will be updated every shopping trip. After the program, look for a message that prints on your receipt between January 29th through February 28th.

- 3) You can also enter your redemption code online at www.escrip.com to make your donation or you can give the bottom of your receipt (with the redemption code) directly to the school you've selected.

For more information please visit www.safeway.com or www.escrip.com or e-mail questions to BuckeyePTCNews@hotmail.com. Thank you.

PTC Awards Mini Grant to Mrs. Hubbard

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. Recently, Mrs. Hubbard submitted an application for \$150 to purchase a variety of student materials and classroom supplies. The application was approved and will be processed this month. Thank you Mrs. Hubbard for using this valuable resource! If teachers have any questions please send an e-mail to BuckeyePTCNews@hotmail.com.

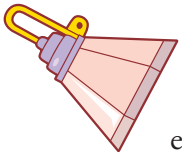
Mini-Grant applications will be accepted up until March 31, 2011 of this school year.

Call for Yearbook Photos

Please send us your yearbook pictures! We want to get a full year of memorable pictures for the 2010-2011 Buckeye Bobcat Yearbook. Please submit your pictures of classroom events, campus activities and school fieldtrips to heather.wilmoth@comcast.net. Hard copies of pictures will also be accepted and may be submitted to the office in an envelope marked "yearbook pictures." Thank you for helping to make the yearbook the best it can be.

Receive PTC Newsletter and News via E-mail

You can receive the PTC monthly newsletter, and other PTC communications through e-mail. Please contact BuckeyePTCNews@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.



Volunteer Spotlight Shines on Amie Hall

The PTC would like to honor a special volunteer and mom of two Buckeye Bobcats; Amie Hall. Amie is not new to Buckeye. Matter of fact, when Amie was in grade school, she attended Buckeye. Of course, we won't divulge how long ago that was...

Amie has been an active member of PTC for the past 5 years and has been instrumental in managing our EScrip Programs. Amie also spends a few hours a week volunteering in her children's classroom assisting their teachers and other students.

This past November, Amie along with Mary Waterman, hosted our Scholastic Book Fair. This book fair would not have taken place without the dedication and commitment of these two awesome ladies. Amie has also assisted the PTC with the planning of the Fall Family Fun Night and the Ice Cream Social. If you ever wondered who put all those beautiful gift raffle baskets together for the Ice Cream Social, no need to wonder any longer...Amie Hall. She has been in charge of the raffle baskets for the past few years and each year these baskets get bigger and better!

When Amie's not volunteering at the school, she likes to spend time with her family and friends taking occasional trips to Lake Tahoe. In addition Amie works as a dental technician at a local dentist in Cameron Park. Here at Buckeye we are honored to work alongside Amie. Her spirit and dedication to our students and staff and her sense of humor with the PTC members make it very enjoyable to have her around. From all of us at Buckeye – thank you Amie!

Buckeye Birthday Book Club Begins this Month

Buckeye Elementary School is starting something new and exciting – the Buckeye Birthday Book Club (BBBC)! If your child wishes to participate in the BBBC, he/she can simply bring in a new, gift wrapped book to the library during their birthday month*. Parents can help students choose a book from the Library Wish List, available in the library or by emailing Mrs. Miles at kmiles@buckeyeusd.org.

During your child's weekly class visit to the library, they (along with librarian, Mrs. Miles) can present the book to the library in front of their class. Your child's photo will be taken with our principal Mrs. Devine and added to the Birthday Book Club window and the book will be added to the library's collection. The book will have a donation / birthday label with the student's name and year they donated the book and each participant will receive recognition in the monthly Buckeye Newsletter.

This is a great way to share the love of reading with the whole school and it's a wonderful, lasting alternative to cupcakes or other birthday treats. If you have any questions about the Birthday Book Club, feel free to contact Kim McPherson or our Librarian, Mrs. Miles. Thank you for all your support.

Mrs. Miles would like to thank the PTC for coming up with this fabulous new library collection-building idea in a time when money for new library books is practically non-existent. We all know Buckeye Bobcats LOVE to read!



**All students may participate any time of the year, so summer birthdays (and others who are unable to bring a book during their actual birthday month) are invited to bring their books on their half-birthday or anytime they wish. Mrs. Miles and Mrs. Devine think it would be wonderful if our staff wants to participated in the BBBC too!*

Did You Know...

Buckeye PTC is proud to have funded a variety of items and activities that enhance Buckeye Elementary School. These include:

- 😊 Student Planners
- 😊 School Assemblies
- 😊 Mini-Grants
- 😊 Student Store
- 😊 Wreath Sales
- 😊 Buckeye Bucks
- 😊 Gourmet Food Sales
- 😊 Arts Attack Supplies
- 😊 Spirit Wear
- 😊 Dr. Suess Night
- 😊 Digital Cameras
- 😊 Distinguished School Metal Plaque
- 😊 Monthly Newsletter
- 😊 Red Ribbon Week
- 😊 Accelerated Reader Program
- 😊 Playground Equipment
- 😊 School Marquee
- 😊 Ice Cream Social
- 😊 Family Nights Out
- 😊 Yearbook
- 😊 Classroom Docking Stations
- 😊 Computer Server