

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

Buckeye Elementary

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PTC News

November is the Month for Giving Thanks

Buckeye Volunteers Deserve the Biggest Round of Applause

Buckeye's Parent Teacher Club would like to say *Thank You* to each and every person who supports Buckeye school. Because of the wonderful volunteers who helped with the recent Fall Family Fun Night (FFFN) and because of all the great families who came out to enjoy the festivities, the event was a great success. Traditionally the FFFN is a PTC "welcome back to school" night and the focus is not on fund raising. The hope is to break even but the goal is to have fun! This year, while having all that fun, families managed to raise \$1,200 above and beyond the cost of the event! As a result, the PTC donated \$200 to each grade level (K-5th), giving the school a little help to fund additional grade level activities.

In addition to the FFFN, other activities such as the Incredible Edibles fund raiser, Red Ribbon Week and the Scholastic Book Fair were carried out by volunteers who worked hard to make sure students and families could enjoy them. When families join together to help with these activities it enhances the learning experiences and social interactions of everyone involved and enriches Buckeye Elementary.

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Buckeye's Outdoor Classroom: School Garden

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. Given the current state of the economy and the fact that California schools are facing huge budget cuts, funding a school garden could be a challenge, so finding creative ways is key. How can you help? If you have garden items laying around your house that you no longer use such as tools, composter, picnic tables, umbrellas, seeds, etc. We will take it all as long as it is in good working condition! If you build, landscape, or like to garden, we can use your help. Please contact DJ Lenson at dj@satorihealth.com.



Upcoming Events & Important Dates

- **November 16**, 5 p.m. – PTC Meeting, Library
- **November 18** – Report cards go home
- **November 21-25** – Thanksgiving Break
- **December 14** – Teacher & Staff Cookie Exchange
- **December 19-January 2** – Winter Break
- **January 3** – No School, Staff Development Day

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For this reason the PTC is very appreciative of the all the support families give to our school. If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities at Buckeye Elementary School please visit www.BuckeyePTC.org. Go to the "Services" page and then the "Volunteers" page or e-mail BuckeyePTCNews@hotmail.com. Thank you very much.

by PTC President, Tina Goins-Jovovich

Teacher Appreciation & Holiday Cookie Exchange

For Staff Members and Teachers on Wednesday, December 14



This holiday season let's show Buckeye teachers and staff members how much they are appreciated all year long! The PTC is hosting a **Teacher Appreciation & Holiday Cookie Exchange on Wednesday, December 14th**. Parents can help by baking 2 dozen of your favorite holiday cookies and donating them to this fun event!

With cookies in hand, the Buckeye PTC will set up an appreciation and cookie exchange party for teachers & staff members to enjoy all day long. It will include holiday decorations, beverages and special notes of appreciation from students and parents. Feel free to send special notes of gratitude to our wonderful Buckeye teachers & staff members from you or your kids.

A flier with more details will be in your child's Friday folder on December 2nd. If you'd like to help with set-up or need more information, please e-mail Buckeye PTC at BuckeyePTCNews@hotmail.com. Thanks for your support!

BOX TOP\$ for Education Winner Announced

12,058 BOX TOP\$ Already Collected This Year!

Buckeye's first BOX TOP\$ for Education collection was October 28th. The winner was Mrs. Prock's 5th grade class with a total of 1091 BOX TOP\$, averaging 31 tops per student! Mrs. Bryden/Gilchrist's class came in second with 27 BOX TOP\$ per student for a total of 695.

As incentive, the PTC usually hosts a pizza party for the winning class. Mrs. Prock chose an ice cream party instead for her class, which was well received (and enjoyed) by all her students.

The grand total of BOX TOP\$ collected so far this year is 12,058, for \$1,205.80. What a huge accomplishment for Buckeye School. Congratulations students and families! Keep up the great work. The next collection date is February 24, 2012.



Buckeye Student Store Volunteers are Great

Some hot items at the Buckeye Student Store this year are memo pads, flying rings, squishies and high lighters. Petrice Foxworthy, store coordinator, would like to thank everyone who has stepped up to volunteer. Thank you to Anne Steele, Debbie Prescott, Lindsay Dawson, Cheree Pando, and Laura Witzka for your help. Also a big thank you to Cindy Cooper for helping keep the line organized and directing traffic. ALL of you help make Petrice's job a lot easier. Thank you!

Fall Family Fun Night Was A Great Time For All!

Thank You to Each and Every Generous Volunteer



This year's Fall Family Fun Night (FFFN) was held on Friday, October 14th and was another success, as PTC sold over 4,200 tickets! It was the perfect evening for families to come out and enjoy the variety of inflatables, the Silly String Corral, Hairspray Booth, Petting Zoo, Bake Walk, Lollipop Tree, and Sandy Candy, all while listening to the fun sounds of the DJ playing some great tunes! There was also some great food... burritos, pizzas, hot sandwiches, kettle corn and cotton candy! Buckeye kids had a blast!

So many Thank Yous go out to...

- Each of you who came out to enjoy this event. You helped to support our school! Each classroom/teacher here at Buckeye received a portion of the profits made.
- Our parent volunteers who were so generous in donating their time to help plan and put together this event, and for those who worked at the booths.
- Mrs. Devine, our janitorial staff and the wonderful Buckeye teachers and staff members who volunteered and helped in so many ways.
- Jennifer Jenkins, with the El Dorado Youth Soccer League, for coordinating the much needed generator lights, and the Cameron Park CSD and Steve Jovovich for transportation of the lights.
- Ponderosa High School Key Club students who helped at the booths.
- Dawn Martin and the 4H Club for sharing their awesome pets at the Petting Zoo.
- The Food Vendors; Taqueria Tapa, Round Table Pizza, Shingle Springs Coffee Company, and The KettleKorn Company for giving our school a donation of their profits made. They provided our families with a variety of tasty dinner selections!

A Special Thank You to Lee's Feed and the Buckeye Dads

Did you know that Lee's Feed is responsible for supplying the Silly String Corral for our Fall Family Fun Night?!! Every year, Lee's Feed graciously donates to Buckeye PTC the use of 16 panels to make the corral and 24 straw bales to make the Silly String Corral possible. Lee's Feed has always been a very generous supporter of Buckeye and we cannot thank them enough. The next time you are in Lee's Feed, please remember to thank them for always being such great supporters of our school!!

PTC would especially like to thank the dads who stepped up and provided their muscles to set up FFFN. A special thank you goes to Will Hall and Steve Jovovich for lending their time, muscles, and trucks when they picked up and returned the corral panels and straw bales to Lee's Feed! This saved the Buckeye PTC money for delivery/return charges. Other dads, Derek Plattor, Steve McPherson, Jason Burne and father and son teams, James and Reilley Waterman and Helmut and Eric Krauss, provided continuous support and assistance before, during and after the event. ALL the volunteers were awesome and PTC so greatly appreciate your time!! Thank you also to the spouses or significant others who took on extra parental duties which allowed the volunteers to be available for the 2011 Fall Family Fun Night!

Warm Buckeye Spirit Wear for the Holiday Season

Fall is here and winter is right around the corner. Have you been wondering what to wear these cold mornings? How about a warm Buckeye Bobcat sweatshirt! Show your school spirit while keeping warm and looking cool. Buckeye Spirit wear makes a great gift for family and friends, especially during the holiday season. Buckeye PTC has plenty of sweatshirts and hoodies in stock. Please e-mail BuckeyePTCNews@hotmail.com if you'd like to set a time before or after school to make your selection. Happy holidays!

Receive PTC Newsletter and News via E-mail

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Simply Gourmet (Incredible Edibles) Fundraiser



Thank you to all the Buckeye students and families who participated in the *Simply Gourmet* Fall Fund Raiser sponsored by the PTC. The incredible edibles included cookie dough, pizza, pretzel dogs and many other yummy goodies. Students, families and staff members raised over \$2,700 during this “delicious” fund raiser which will be used to fund and enhance Buckeye School programs.

Last year PTC raised \$2,500 with this fund raiser. Buckeye School receives a 40% profit for each item ordered. For more information you can visit www.fundraising-solutions-usa.com. Thank you so much for participating. If you have any questions, please contact Coral Haley at dchaley617@gmail.com. *Bon Appetit!*

Learning with Music and Phil Tulga

Reading Comprehension Increases When Kids *Read With Meaning*

Buckeye students were happy to welcome back Phil Tulga. Last year he presented math concepts with music. This year, students were treated to a fun assembly centered around Reading for Meaning. Phil Tulga focused on three reading strategies: Sequencing (remember the order), Inference (guess what happened), and Prediction (guess what will happen next). He reminded students good readers are constantly guessing what will happen next. He showed students how these reading strategies work in the telling of the story, *The Elephant's Child* by Rudyard Kipling. Students were introduced to many different instruments, including several African drums. He also treated students to what he calls sound stories. Students participated from their seats in the audience, and some were called on as volunteers to try out some of the instruments. All students were engaged, entertained, and learned important reading strategies in the process. Students were invited to check out Mr. Tulga's website at www.philtulga.com for fun games that support the strategies learned in the assembly, and everyone was invited to join in the family education night later that evening.

Ice Cream Social Set for Friday, May 18, 2012!



On Friday, May 18th, 2012 Buckeye PTC will celebrate and host the 10th annual Ice Cream Social (ICS). Families enjoy seeing the famous student art work, eating dinner with friends, dancing to the beat, and getting a family photo for FREE! Parents place bids on the silent auction items, and students hope to win the raffle classroom baskets. Oh, and let's not forget... **ALL THE ICE CREAM YOU CAN EAT!!**

The ICS is not only the most enjoyed event of the year, but it is also the PTC's largest revenue generating event. PTC is looking for one more person who is interested in co-chairing this event. The co-chairs work together to plan and organize the ICS with the support of committee members. There are also many other important volunteer positions available. New ICS volunteers are paired up with the previous volunteers to help each other out and to make the experience enjoyable.

If you are interested in helping out please e-mail BuckeyePTCNews@hotmail.com or call PTC President, Tina Goins at 530-677-3690. We'd love to have your support at this awesome event!

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
- 😊 Teacher Luncheons
- 😊 Buckeye Bucks
- 😊 Fall Family Fun Night
- 😊 Gourmet Food Sales
- 😊 Arts Attack Supplies
- 😊 Spirit Wear
- 😊 Dr. Sues Night
- 😊 Digital Cameras
- 😊 Classroom Docking Stations
- 😊 Monthly Newsletter
- 😊 Red Ribbon Week
- 😊 Accelerated Reader Program
- 😊 Playground Equipment
- 😊 School Marquee
- 😊 Ice Cream Social
- 😊 Family Nights Out
- 😊 Yearbook