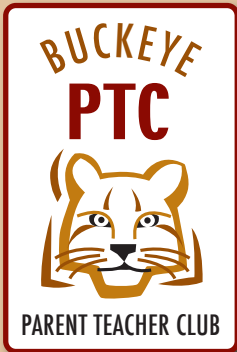


Our Mission: To Enhance Learning Experiences and Social Interactions for Students, Teachers and Parents Alike.

Buckeye Elementary Shingle Springs, California

October 2010



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PTC News

Don't Miss Out! Tonight 5-8pm

Tonight you can share an evening filled with good food, inflatables, and fun!

Come enjoy the DJ, Bake Walk, Silly String Corral, Colored Hair Spray Booth, Family Photos, Petting Zoo and more.



The PTC is a Great Place to Belong

Buckeye is fortunate to have an active Parent Teacher Club (PTC). It involves more than volunteering your time to help out with fund-raisers. The goal is to “enhance learning experiences and social interactions for students, teachers and parents alike”

so Buckeye will be a great place for everyone for years to come.

More simply, the PTC is sort of a welcoming committee at Buckeye, bringing adults together in the hope of helping students to do better at school. Sometimes this means putting on an event just for the fun of it – such as the Fall Family Fun Night – the PTC’s way of welcoming everyone back to school. Other times it means planning and carrying out a major fund-raiser like the annual Ice Cream Social, which helps pay for academic programs and school improvements.

If you haven’t attended a Buckeye PTC meeting in the past, please accept this as an open invitation to come by any time. Meetings are held the third Thursday of

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Upcoming Events & Important Dates

- **October 1**, 5-8 p.m. – Fall Family Fun Night
- **October 4-8** – Minimum Days, Parent Conferences
- **October 15** – First collection date for BOX TOP\$
- **October 20**, 5 p.m. – PTC Meeting, Library
- **October 26** – Picture Make-ups & All School Photo
- **October 25-29** – Fall Book Fair (*see inside for hours*)

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each month at 5pm in the library. We have quite a diverse group of parents and staff members who come up with great ideas and are guaranteed to make you laugh a time or two!

The current open PTC positions are Vice President, Event Photographer, Fund-raising Advisor, and Ice Cream Social Chair. Anyone wishing to learn more about these positions or anyone willing to volunteer at PTC sponsored events can call Tina at 530-677-3690 or e-mail BuckeyePTCNews@hotmail.com.

Without the help of Buckeye staff and families our PTC would not exist. Whether you clip Box Top\$, attend school events, volunteer in the classroom or silently cheer us on, the PTC sincerely thanks you for your support.

by PTC President, Tina Goins-Jovovich



Buckeye Buck Student Store Update

The Buckeye Buck Student Store is off to a great start. The Store is open every Thursday during first recess, weather permitting. The kids are learning the routine and for that matter so is Petrice, the new coordinator! She'd like to extend a huge thank you to Cindy

Cooper (one of Buckeye's fantastic yard duty staff members) for helping to set-up and guide the kids through the store purchasing process. Another thank you goes to Kathleen Ober who has volunteered to run the store on the last Thursday of the month. Petrice is still looking for someone to assist on the second Thursday of the month or any Thursday that fits your schedule. With two adults more students can be served. This means a lot to the kids who anxiously wait to spend their hard-earned Buckeye Bucks! More supplies and goodies are coming. To help out, or to send ideas or suggestions, please contact Petrice at cambridgechiro@msn.com.



Behind the Scenes at Fall Family Fun Night

Fall Family Fun Night is all about bringing families together. In order to make this happen many people pull together behind the scenes to secure everything from the food vendors to bales of hay. Here's a shout out to our wonderful planning team:

Jump Houses – Amie Hall

Silly String Corral – Mary Waterman

Sandy Candy/Lollipop Tree – Sonja Plattor & Beth Barry

Hair Spray Booth – Mary Waterman

Fingerprinting – Stephanie Mitchell

Food Vendors – Lori Burne

Music DJ & Stage – Staci Allen

Decorations & Signs – Sonja Plattor

Pre-Ticket Sales – Sonja Plattor

Petting Zoo – Dawn Martin & the Shingle Springer's 4H Club

Bake Walk – Kim McPherson & Buckeye families who donated desserts

Art Contest – Mary Waterman

Event Photographer – Annie Kent

Volunteers – Amie Hall

Water & Spiritwear Sales – Tina Goins-Jovovich & Mitzi Robinson

And a huge thank you to parents who have volunteered to work at stations and those who will be helping with clean-up after the event!

October Kicks Off Two Well Known Events

Red Ribbon Week

Buckeye school will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week beginning October 25th through October 29th. The theme for this year is:

Our School Rocks - DRUG FREE

Students will start the week by making a pledge to be drug free. They can do this by visiting the MP room to sign their name on the wall. This is their personal pledge to be drug free.

Parents are invited to sign too!

Buckeye PTC has partnered with Carin Chumbley, School Counselor, and staff members to make this week a success. Throughout the week students will receive many fun items supporting the drug-free campaign.

Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the country. The PTC and the staff at Buckeye Elementary School are committed to sharing the drug free message with our students. We hope that families will partner with us in this effort by initiating and encouraging conversation on this topic at home.

Buckeye's Fall Book Fair



You are invited to the Buckeye Fall Scholastic Book Fair. Join us **October 25th to October 29th 2010**, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9am-4pm and Wednesday 9am-3pm to support the super student in your life, and to promote literacy!

Our Book Fair theme – *Here's to Our Heroes! Reading Saves the Day!* – is part of a week long event that brings the books kids love to our school in an atmosphere of fun. A Book Fair gives students access to books at affordable prices and makes reading a positive experience. Children are more likely to read the books they personally get to choose. It's one of the best ways to motivate kids to read more. The more time children spend reading, the stronger their reading skills are. Strong reading skills are the pathway to success in school and in life. At Buckeye each student is given a coupon so they can pick out a free book.

Please join us to make this Book Fair the BEST our school has ever seen. We would also love any volunteers interested in working the book fair. If interested go to <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/buckeye> and click the volunteer link or look for the flier to come home with your child in the coming weeks. We look forward to seeing you at the Fair!

Ask Your Relatives to Save BOX TOP\$

Your parents, grandparents and other relatives are probably throwing out Box Top\$ coupons without ever knowing how important they are to Buckeye school. Please show them the coupons and ask them to save them for you so they can be turned in for cash for your school.



Avoid Sending Cash to School if Possible

The PTC is always grateful for parent support especially when events & fund-raisers require payment in advance. Remember sending cash with your child is not always the best choice. Sometimes cash never makes it to the intended recipient because it can fall out of a backpack or never get turned in. If you'd like to send cash the best plan is to drop it off directly at the school office. When purchasing a product, get a receipt for your cash so you'll have it at pick-up time. 😊

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.

Buckeye Elementary Welcomes Ellen Sikora



We are excited to welcome Ellen Sikora as a new 2nd grade teacher at Buckeye Elementary School. Mrs. Sikora actually began her personal Buckeye history as a parent. Professionally, she has made the rounds, teaching at every school in our district except for Rolling Hills. We're glad to have her back home at Buckeye.

Prior to beginning her teaching career, Mrs. Sikora worked in medical research and as a bacteriologist. While working full time, and raising three sons, she decided to put aside her microscope and focus on teaching. Lucky for us! She has passion for teaching reading.

Mrs. Sikora loves to travel and recently enjoyed a trip to New York and Italy. She walks 20-25 miles each week, yet she also enjoys sitting still with a good book. Her favorite sport is football.



Simply Gourmet Fund-Raiser Underway

Recently students brought home materials for the *Simply Gourmet* Fall Fund-raiser sponsored by the PTC. Incredible edibles include cookie dough, pizza, pretzel dogs and many other yummy goodies. **Order forms and money are due Thursday, October 14th.** The delicious food products will be distributed to families on **Thursday, November 4th** from 2:45-5:30pm in the MPR. Last year PTC raised a few thousand dollars with this fund-raiser because Buckeye gets a 40% profit from each item ordered. For more information you can visit www.fundraisingsolutions-usa.com.

If you can help distribute the items to families on Thursday, November 4th, please contact Lori Burne at burneengineering@sbcglobal.net. Thanks for participating and enjoy those goodies!

Growing eScrip With Friends and Family



eScrip is a simple way parents can help Buckeye raise money without spending any more money than usual. The program gives back a percentage to our school - all you have to do is sign - up and go about your usual grocery shopping. Locally, Safeway in Cameron Park participates in eScrip but Food4Less and BelAir have similar programs as well.

This year the Buckeye PTC hopes to spread the word beyond the immediate families attending Buckeye to the friends and extended families of Buckeye students. Whether your friends and families live nearby or out of town, most grocery stores offer a similar program. Please encourage your family and friends to inquire about the programs in their area and add Buckeye Elementary School PTC in Shingle Springs, CA as the recipient of the funds earned.

eScrip has proven to be a fantastic resource for school fund-raising. As friends and families join in the effort, Buckeye is sure to receive more money for school programs and events. It's simple to sign-up. For more information please visit www.escrip.com.

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 Luncheon
- 😊 Buckeye Bucks
- 😊 Fall Family Fun Night
- 😊 Gourmet Food Sales
- 😊 Arts Attack Supplies
- 😊 Spirit Wear
- 😊 Dr. Seuss Night
- 😊 Digital Cameras
- 😊 Camera Memory Cards for Teachers
- 😊 Monthly Newsletter
- 😊 Red Ribbon Week
- 😊 Accelerated Reader Program
- 😊 Playground Equipment
- 😊 School Marquee
- 😊 Ice Cream Social
- 😊 Family Nights Out
- 😊 Yearbook