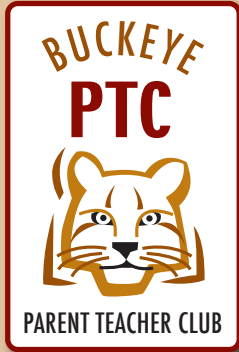


Our Mission: To Enhance Learning Experiences and Social Interactions for Students, Teachers and Parents Alike.

# Buckeye Elementary Shingle Springs, California

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# PTC News

## The PTC is a Great Place to Begin

by PTC President, Tina Goins

Buckeye Elementary School is a great place to be and the Buckeye Parent Teacher Club (PTC) provides a great avenue for parents to be involved in their child's education. The PTC promotes camaraderie among students, teachers and parents, while financially supporting many educational programs and fun activities. *(Please see the sidebar on page 4 for a list of PTC contributions to Buckeye.)*

Getting involved in your child's education not only helps them academically, but has been shown to improve their social skills as well. Parents who volunteer have more opportunities to see their children interact at school and are more likely to talk about school work and school behavior when they are at home.

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## Buckeye Fall Family Fun Night! Save the Date!

**Friday October 1<sup>st</sup>, 5-8 pm**

Come one, come all to Buckeye School to share a fun filled evening with other Buckeye families. This event will bring together parents, children and teachers for an evening of good food, inflatables, and fun!

Attendees can expect to find the Silly String Corral, the Colored Hair Spray Booth and a D.J. who will provide great, family music. The Bake-Walk needs donations of yummy family sized desserts. (For more information on the Bake-Walk or if you want to get involved contact Kim McPherson at [skimcpherson@gmail.com](mailto:skimcpherson@gmail.com).) Food items will be cash only.

Tickets can be redeemed for everything else. Look for ticket order forms in your child's upcoming Friday Folder. Volunteer sheets will be posted on teachers' doors for those of you who would like to make this event more memorable for all our children. If you have any questions please e-mail [BuckeyePTCNews@hotmail.com](mailto:BuckeyePTCNews@hotmail.com).



## Upcoming Events & Important Dates

- **September 3** – No school. Staff Development Day
- **September 6** – No school. Labor Day holiday
- **September 7** – Picture Day for all students
- **September 15**, 5 p.m. – PTC Meeting, Library
- **September 17**, 9<sup>15</sup>am & 10<sup>15</sup>am – Assembly, MPR
- **October 1**, 5-8 p.m. – Fall Family Fun Night
- **October 4-8** – Minimum Days, Parent Conferences

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At Buckeye there are many opportunities to get involved. Helping out in the classroom, supporting school activities and fundraisers, using Scrip and eScrip to raise money effortlessly, volunteering at the Book Fair, and sharing your ideas and expertise with the PTC.

**Working moms and dads can participate in several key areas.** The PTC is asking parents to help find and write grants for Buckeye Elementary School. Parents can go to [www.grantwrangler.com](http://www.grantwrangler.com) to see how many grants are available and/or can help teach others how to write grants at an upcoming Parent Education Night. In addition, working parents can participate in PTC e-mail communications to share their ideas and help make decisions shaping their children's educational experience.

If you'd like more information please fill out and return the yellow PTC flyer given out at Back to School Night or e-mail [BuckeyePTCNews@hotmail.com](mailto:BuckeyePTCNews@hotmail.com).

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## Teachers & Staff are Welcomed Back to School

### Annual PTC Luncheon a Treat for Everyone Involved

The PTC welcomed the return of Buckeye teachers and staff at the annual Back to School Luncheon. This year's lunch took place on Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> in the staff room with over 40 in attendance. The PTC would like to thank Togo's in Cameron Park for providing teachers and staff with a delicious and healthy lunch. PTC is proud to host this event every year for Buckeye's dedicated teachers and staff. If you are interested in participating next year, please contact Beth Barry at [bethbarry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bethbarry@sbcglobal.net). Thank you to Beth Barry, Sonja Plattor, Mary Waterman, Amie Hall and Tina Goins-Jovovich for helping with this event.

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## Buckeye Buck/Student Store Opening Soon!

The PTC is proud to announce Petrice Foxworthy as the new coordinator of the Buckeye Buck / Student Store this year. The store will be open during the first recess beginning Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. The day and times will remain the same throughout the school year. The Store gives students the opportunity to "purchase" items from Bucks they have earned. Students can earn Bucks from teachers by turning in box top sheets with 10 box tops, and by doing good deeds around school. No more than five Buckeye Bucks are allowed per visit to the Store. Anyone who would like to assist with the store, please call Petrice at 530-306-5604.



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## PTC Mini-Grant Applications Available to Teachers

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. Buckeye teachers may apply for the grant as a grade-level team or individually. The last day to submit an application is March 31, 2011. If teachers have any questions please send an e-mail to: [BuckeyePTCews@hotmail.com](mailto:BuckeyePTCews@hotmail.com).



## Renew Your Safeway Club Card at eScrip.com

When You shop at Safeway, Buckeye Elementary Gets a Percentage



It's time again for Buckeye families to renew their eScrip account with Safeway. It is super simple and takes approximately 2 minutes. Just log on to [eScrip.com](http://eScrip.com), click on the renew your commitment to Safeway Stores. Enter ONE of the following pieces of information, e-mail if you have it on file, phone number, or your

Safeway card number. Click enter and wow you're done! Buckeye can once again benefit each and every time you go grocery shopping. If you add your e-mail to your eScrip account you will be sent reminders every year at renewal time. In addition, encourage your family members to sign up too. Our group name is BUCKEYE PTC.

**Please note:** From August 11<sup>th</sup> to September 14<sup>th</sup>, 10% of selected items purchased at Safeway will go to Buckeye School if your card is registered. If your card is not registered, you can save your Safeway receipts from those dates and go to [www.backtoschools.escrip.com](http://www.backtoschools.escrip.com) to have the proceeds sent to Buckeye PTC. You may also bring the receipts into the school office labeled "attention Amie Hall," eScrip coordinator. She will enter the codes so Buckeye can redeem the funds. Last year Buckeye received over \$5,000 from the Safeway eScrip program. THANK YOU for your support.

## BOX TOP\$ Add Up & Bring in Money

BOX TOP\$ for Education is back! Collection sheets are flying off the shelf. Thank you for saving those BOX TOP\$ over the summer.

Last school year Buckeye students collected over 14,000 BOX TOP\$ for a total of \$1,400! This year PTC asks you to reach out to your friends and family and have them start collecting too. To learn more about BOX TOP\$ for Education please visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com). The next official collection date is Friday, October 15. The class with the greatest number of BOX TOP\$ per student will receive a special surprise from the PTC.



## Simply Gourmet Fundraiser Coming Soon

The PTC will be hosting a Fall Fundraiser in October with *Simply Gourmet* frozen foods. It will include cookie dough, pizza, pretzel dogs and other yummy goodies. Order forms will go home October 1<sup>st</sup> and will be due October 14<sup>th</sup>. The food will be delivered to the school on **Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>** for distribution to families. Last year PTC raised a few thousand dollars with this fundraiser because the profit is 40% of each item ordered. Thank you for your participation... every little bit helps make a difference for the students at Buckeye.

## Next PTC Meeting September 15<sup>th</sup>, 5pm, Library

The Parent Teacher Club is dedicated to bringing teachers, staff and parents together. Meetings are held the **third Wednesday of each month at 5pm**. As a group, the PTC talks about ways to enrich school experiences for Buckeye students and staff. They plan and carryout fundraisers, school assemblies, etc. and decide where the generated funds should be spent. Come to the meetings and see for yourself – the PTC would love to have your input.

## Fall Book Fair

Coming soon... Here's to Our Heros – Reading Saves the Day! Please visit <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/buckeye> to preview books, volunteer and get all the details!

## Show Your School Spirit!

Thank you families for ordering Buckeye Spirit Wear. It's great to see so many students proudly wearing their red and white t-shirts. There will be another opportunity to buy in November - great holiday shopping for the entire family.

## Recieve 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](mailto: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 Tim Dierkes



We are pleased to welcome Tim Dierkes as a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher at Buckeye Elementary School. Being a kid at heart, Mr. Dierkes is pleased to be teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> graders – his favorite grade level. Mr. Dierkes has been teaching in the Buckeye Union School District for 13 years. Many of those years included time teaching music at Buckeye School.

Mr. Dierkes is excited about working with the second grade team. He describes teamwork as a chance to broaden possibilities and options, and a means to help children try new skills.

When you watch Mr. Dierkes at work, you will see that he values organization and structure while encouraging students' academic achievement.

Mr. Dierkes is married and has two sons. He is an avid soccer fan so I am certain he will help the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Bobcats score!

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## Fingerprinting Service Coming to Buckeye

### Available for One Time Only at Fall Family Fun Night

Have you always wanted to participate in your child's field trip or other school events, but can't because you aren't fingerprinted? Well, now you can!!! EDH Livescan will be at Buckeye Fall Family Fun Night on Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup> to fingerprint people who make a reservation in advance. ***All paperwork must be processed prior to October 1<sup>st</sup>.***

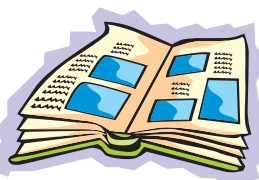
A PTC/Livescan form will come home in your child's Friday folder requesting an email address, which will be forwarded to Livescan. You will then receive an encryption and password protected form to fill out and send back to them. No Email? Check the appropriate box and an application will be sent home with your child so you can mail or fax it back.

***The cost is \$45.00 which includes processing and Department of Justice fees. Check or cash can be paid directly to Livescan on October 1<sup>st</sup>. A drivers license must also be presented at time of fingerprinting.***

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## Who's Got Yearbook Pictures???

It's time to start collecting 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](mailto: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."



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## Don't Miss Phil Tulga's Music & Math Assembly

Phil Tulga's music and math assembly programs are filled with interactive learning, musical instruments and entertaining games. Don't miss his Buckeye presentation on Friday, September 17 at 9:15 and 10:15 am in the MPR. Family members may attend after signing in at the office. Go to [www.PhilTulga.com](http://www.PhilTulga.com) to learn more.

## 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