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Presidential Post

Dear Anderson Community,

I wanted take a moment to thank you for completing the recent survey regarding Anderson Elementary and the Anderson PTA. These types of surveys are a great way to provide feedback, and we appreciate the time you took to respond - the results we received regarding the PTA's fundraising efforts and programs will go a long way in shaping our efforts next year. Specifically, we were quite pleased to hear how much the community appreciates the One Check Fundraiser. Your "approval" ensures that Anderson PTA will use the same program next year.

The year is coming to a close soon, and one final General PTA meeting occurs in May (prior to Talent Show). We need your vote on some proposed changes to the budget and changes to positions on the Anderson PTA board.

Finally, I want to ask you for your assistance. There are a number of open PTA positions for the 2010-2011 school year, and we need your help. The descriptions and associated time commitments are attached to this newsletter, and are also posted on the Anderson PTA website. Please review the open positions and talk to one of us to better understand the position you are considering. One of the most precious gifts you can give is the gift of your time, so please consider volunteering your time to benefit the students of Anderson Elementary.

Regards,
Phil

Anderson PTA Board



If you are interested in becoming more active in your child's school there are volunteer positions still open for next year's PTA Board.

Please see the attached document for more information regarding the open positions.

2010 School Supplies

The order form to purchase school supplies for next year is attached. Please complete a form and return it, with your payment, to school by **Friday, April 30th**.



Did you know that your purchase helps support your school with all proceeds going to the Anderson PTA?

Kindergarten Summer Meet & Greets

The PTA will be hosting one or two Kindergarten Meet & Greets over the summer so new Kindergarten children and families can begin to get acquainted with each other. If you have an upcoming Kindergartner please e-mail Nancy Brown at nancy.brown72@yahoo.com to make sure you are on the Kindergarten contact list. (exact dates to be determined)

TAKS Tests – April 27th, 28th, and 29th

TAKS tests will be administered on Tuesday the 27th, Wednesday the 28th, and Thursday the 29th. Due to the testing visitors, volunteers, and lunch visitors will not be allowed on these three days.

Tuesday, April 27 – Math grade 3, 4, and 6
Wednesday, April 28 – Reading grades 3, 4, and 6
Thurs, April 29 – Science grade 5

Thanks!

On behalf of the Allen Kiwanis and Children's Medical Center, we would like to thank all Anderson students and staff members that contributed to the coloring book and crayon drive. We were able to donate 554 items to be distributed at Children's Medical Center. Anderson, once again, displayed the wonderful spirit of giving.

Spring Fling

TAKS testing is over on April 29th, and we're going to celebrate our students' success!



Dust off your dancing shoes and join us for an evening of family fun on **Friday, April 30th from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** We'll strut our stuff on the gym floor with a live DJ who'll be playing fun music for the whole family. Each grade level will have a moment in the spotlight to show off their dance skills. There will be plenty of time to express your individual dance style!

This event is an opportunity for the entire family to celebrate the students' successes of the year. **All students must be accompanied by an adult.** All proceeds benefit Anderson PE, Music, Art, Library and Computer Lab. Thank you for your support!

\$4 Advance ticket purchase options:

- 1) Purchase tickets online at the [AISD Webstore](#) from 4/13-4/28 (credit card/check)
- 2) Ticket booth in the school foyer, 7:30 -8:00 am, from 4/26-4/30 (cash/check)
- 3) Return order form to the music room from 4/13-4/29 (cash/check) Order forms will go home in this week's Thursday folders.

Tickets may also be purchased at the dance for \$5 each.

Talent Show

Star Light, Star Bright – the Anderson PTA Talent Show is heading our way!

The 2010 Talent Show will be held at the All Star Café on **Friday, May 14th**; with a **mandatory** Dress Rehearsal on Tuesday, May 11th. Please see attached flyer for program details!

Curtis Middle School PTA

6th Grade Parents – Curtis Middle School PTA is in need of volunteers to serve on the PTA Board for the 2010-11 school year. If you can help out or are interested in learning more about a specific position please contact Nicole Wulf at nicole.wulf@yahoo.com. The available positions are:

Assistant to the 2nd VP – Ways & Means

Secretary

Treasurer

Arts in Education / Reflections

Volunteers Assistant

Lowery Liaison

Teacher Appreciation

Teacher Appreciation Assistant

Citizenship



Relay for Life

The theme for Relay for Life this year is celebrating birthdays. We are selling paper birthday cakes for \$1.00 to remember those we have lost to cancer and to celebrate those who have survived the fight. You can buy yours before school in the gym or up by the office.

Not only will you get to honor a loved one, but your child will receive a lei to wear in their honor. We will be displaying the birthday cakes around our campsite, Luau for Life, the night of the relay. Help us support the American Cancer Society and buy a cake!

Bottlecaps are BACK!!!

Bottlecaps are on sale again in the school office benefiting Relay for Life. \$3 bottlecaps and \$2 necklaces

Student Nutrition Department is Now Hiring!!

Start now in a 4 hour training position working 10am – 2pm to become eligible for a permanent spot in August 2010. Apply online at www.allenisd.org and choose "Substitute Food Service Worker". Do It Today!!!

Anderson Box Tops for Education – April Collection Contest



This month two students will have the opportunity to win a Webkinz! Each student that brings 10 Box Tops will have their name submitted in a drawing for this prize. Multiple Box Tops can be submitted – if you turn in 50 then your name will be submitted in the drawing 5 times. The drawing will be held the first week in May to announce the winner.

Be sure to ask family members, friends, coworkers, neighbors or anyone else you know to help collect Box Tops!

Box Tops can be submitted in a plastic baggie with student name, grade and teacher written on the front. Please be sure to turn in your Box Tops to your teacher by **Friday, April 30th.**

Thanks for your support!

Sandy Rednour – Box Tops Coordinator

Smencils are on sale \$1 each

This project benefits the 6th Grade sponsored George Anderson Scholarship Fund.

ACO Care & Share Donations

During the month of April, we are collecting **toothpaste and toothbrushes**.





Also, in April we will have a drawing for two Zhu Zhu pet hamsters. For each item a student brings for ACO, their name will be submitted in a drawing for these prizes. For example, if the student brings three items, their name will be entered in the drawing three times. The drawing will be held the first week in May.

Please bring the donations in a plastic baggie with the student's name, grade and teacher written on it. Please be sure to drop the donations in the bin by the side entrance near the Kindergarten classrooms by **Friday, April 30th**. Thanks for helping your community!



Cheryl Danielson, rlcprd@sbcglobal.net

UPCOMING ALL-STAR EVENTS

Tue, April 13	Thur, April 15	Fri, April 16	Wed, April 21	Fri, April 23
Two Rows Spirit Night	Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night	Chess Club in Science Lab 	Yougurtville Spirit Night	Cash for Cans 
Tue, April 27	Wed, April 28	Thur, April 29	Thur, April 29	Fri, April 30
3rd, 4th, & 6th Math TAKS Test	3rd, 4th, & 6th Reading TAKS Test 	5th Grade Science TAKS Test	Purple Cow Spirit Night	Spring Fling 7pm - 9pm 

LUNCH MENU

Wednesday, April 14	Thursday, April 15	Friday, April 16	Monday, April 19	Tuesday, April 20
Nachos w/ Meat & Cheese Turkey Pot Pie Chef Salad w/ Egg Steamed Rice Corn & Black Bean Salsa Baby Carrots Strawberries & Bananas Apple Sugar Cookie	Pepperoni Pizza Wedge Cheese Pizza Wedge Chef Salad w/ Turkey Iced Cinnamon Biscuit Veggie of the Day Cucumbers & Tomato Salad Sliced Pears Box of Raisins Red Jell-O	Chicken Tenders Fish Nuggets & Cornbread Turkey Sandwich French Fries Green Peas Celery Sticks Orange Smiles Banana Green Jell-O	Hamburger / Cheeseburger Chicken Sandwich Turkey & Cheese Sub Italian Roast Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Sliced Peaches Cherry Granola Bar Apple Blue Jell-O	Pasta w/ Meat Sauce Uncrustable Grilled Cheese Chef Salad w/ Ham French Breadstick Potato Tomato Soup Celery Sticks Orange Smiles Fruit of the Day Vanilla Pudding



Entire April Lunch Menu can be viewed by clicking on the link below:

http://www.allenisd.org/20061069152318433/lib/20061069152318433/April_Elem_Lunch_Peanut_Aware.pdf