



# Panther Paw Prints

The Newsletter of the Pebble Creek PTO  
April 2012



## Carnival A Huge Success!

The 2011 Pebble Creek Carnival was a huge success! Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, families and community, we raised over \$47,000 for our school! See page 2 for more information on how your PTO dollars are working to benefit students at Pebble Creek.

## It's Showtime

The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Variety Show is Tuesday, **May 8<sup>th</sup>** at 1:30 and 6. Screenings will be held on April 26, 27 and permission slips are due by Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Contact [ginnywareing@verizon.net](mailto:ginnywareing@verizon.net) if you have any questions.

## Staff Appreciation Day

**May 8<sup>th</sup>** is Staff Appreciation Day. The PTO will be catering a lunch to show our gratitude to our wonderful Pebble Creek faculty.

### Upcoming Dates

- Wed. Apr 18<sup>th</sup>**—VIPS Luncheon
- Thu. Apr 19<sup>th</sup>**—Chick-fil-A Family Night (New Location) 5:00-8:00PM
- Fri. Apr 20<sup>th</sup>**—Awards Assemblies
- Fri. Apr 20<sup>th</sup>**—Brown Bag #8 12:00-01:00PM
- Tue. Apr 24<sup>th</sup>**—STAAR 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade Math
- Wed. Apr 25<sup>th</sup>**—STAAR 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading
- Fri. Apr 27<sup>th</sup>**—4<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Fair
- Tue. May 1<sup>st</sup>**—Reading Celebration-Laser Light Show
- Thu. May 3<sup>rd</sup>**—PTO Meeting 12:00pm
- Fri. May 4<sup>th</sup>**—4<sup>th</sup> Grade Austin Trip
- Tue. May 8<sup>th</sup>**—4<sup>th</sup> Grade Variety Show
- Tue. May 8<sup>th</sup>**—Staff Appreciation Day

## Panthers Helping Panthers

Inspired by all the great charitable projects Mrs. Reed has organized over the years, the PTO has created a new committee, **Panthers Helping Panthers**. The committee will be chaired by Kim Russell ([kmerussell@hotmail.com](mailto:kmerussell@hotmail.com)). Panthers Helping Panthers' first order of business is a "Pass on a Pack" backpack drive **May 1<sup>st</sup>** through the week after the school year is over. We are collecting new or gently used (non-monogrammed backpacks) and cash donations. The backpacks will help ensure every Panther has a backpack at the start of school next year. There will be a box outside the office for donations.

**Thank you to Chick-fil-A, Spoons and Papa John's for supporting our school!**

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## Your PTO Dollars at Work

This year the PTO has contributed in many ways to make Pebble Creek Elementary a place where your child will enjoy learning. The following are a few of the items purchased and programs funded by the PTO during the 2011-2012 school year:

- Remote Controlled Blinds for the Gym (coming May 2012)
- New Digital Sign in front of school
- A/R Party
- Art Paper Cutter
- New 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Composition Books
- Stock Market Game for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade GT
- Bus Behavior Reward Program



At the April Meeting the PTO approved spending over **\$60,000** to school betterment for next year. The following are what you can expect the PTO to fund next year:

### Ongoing Educational Programs

- Scholastic News Subscriptions
- STAAR Water and Snacks
- Grade Level Field Trips
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Austin Field Trip
- Teacher Wish Lists
- PE Olympian T-Shirts
- A/R Party
- Literacy Library
- First in Math Program

### New Programs/School Betterment

- Quaver Music Program
- LEGO WeDo Robotics Program
- iPads for Classroom Use
- New Math and Computer Lab Software
- Motor Lab Materials
- Picnic Tables for outside 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Hall
- Additional Risers for Performances
- Playground Shade Allocation
- Teacher Grant Program

**Review the PTO meeting minutes at [www.pebblecreekpto.org](http://www.pebblecreekpto.org) for more details!**

## Check out the garden!

As part of **The Big Event**, seven TAMU students came and worked for four hours in the gardens. They moved 2000 pounds of rock, created new beds, planted, weeded, and helped prepare the raised beds for our students to do their spring planting. All improvements were funded directly from the fall pansy sale. Thanks to everyone who supported a beautiful garden at Pebble Creek!



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## Food Drive Needs Your Help

The School's Out Food Drive organized by the CSISD City-Wide PTO will be held **May 7-11**. The goal is to replenish the shelves of the Brazos Valley Food Bank before school is out. Food needs are high and the Food Bank's supplies are low during the summer months. Donations of food will be collected in front of the school office beginning **May 7<sup>th</sup>**. The school with the most pounds of food per student will win a trophy and be included in an ad in The Eagle. All non-perishable food is welcome. Cash and checks are also encouraged. Each dollar donated equals five pounds of food! Make checks payable to the Brazos Valley Food Bank.

## Carnival Thank You's

**Special Carnival Thanks to the following organizations!**

Aggie Rotaract  
Aggie School Volunteers  
AMCHS Key Club  
AMCHS Student council  
AMCMS NJHS

Dr. Schaefer's Accounting Students  
Christ UMC Confirmation Students

Aggie Delta Zeta

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Kids Klub Counselors at Pebble Creek

TAMU R&C

Blinn Teacher Education Students

Aggie WHOOP

**Special Carnival Thanks to the following parents who volunteered their time!**

Jennifer Mills, Liz Gabriel, Kelli Backstrom, Brandi Acosta, Shaila Yeh, Liu Shi, Ellen Li Shi, Jenny Dalsing, Carol Nesbitt, Jennifer Taylor, Mr. Gerngross, Amanda Matzke, Beverly Kuhn, Jeff Warner, Amy Symm



Above: 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders getting a history lesson during their field trip to Washington on the Brazos.

Below: 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders learning about business and having fun during the lemonade stand competition.



Above: Mrs. Whitten's Kindergarten class had a great time at the Oil Ranch.