



# PANTHER PAW PRINTS

THE PTO NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2016

## WELCOME BACK PANTHERS!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon. Sept. 26 - Adventure Dash Pep Rally
- Mon. Sep. 26 - Chess/Scrabble 2:30PM
- Mon. Sep. 26 - 4th Grade Choir Begins
- Wed. Sep. 28 - Taco Casa Spirit Night
- Thu. Sept. 29 - Wee Deliver Begins
- Wed. Oct. 5 - Fall Pictures
- Wed. Oct. 5 - 3rd Grade Math Club
- Wed. Oct. 5 - Student Council 3:15PM
- Thu. Oct. 6 - Adventure Dash Fun Run
- Thu. Oct. 6 - PTO Meeting 12:00PM
- Thu. Oct. 6 - 4th Grade Math Club
- Fri. Oct. 7 - Brown Bag #2
- Mon. Oct. 10 - Student Holiday
- Tue. Oct. 11 - Student Holiday
- Mon. Oct. 17 - Chess/Scrabble 2:30PM
- Tue. Oct. 18 - Box Top Collection
- Fri. Oct. 21 - End of 1st Nine Weeks
- Mon. Oct. 24 - Oct. 28 -  
Red Ribbon Week
- Fri. Oct. 28 - Fall Parties
- Mon. Oct. 31 - Yearbook Orders Due
- Mon. Oct. 31 - Dollar Dress Up Day -  
Orange/Black
- Mon. Oct. 31 - Chess/Scrabble 2:30PM
- Wed. Nov. 2 - 3rd Grade Math Club
- Wed. Nov. 2 - Student Council 3:15PM
- Thu. Nov. 3 - PTO Meeting 12:00PM
- Thu. Nov. 3 - 4th Grade Math Club
- Fri. Nov. 4 - Brown Bag #3

Healthy Heart Jog takes place every Monday, weather and school schedule permitting. Feel free to come to school and join your child!



### STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE PTO

You can receive electronic editions of the newsletter, as well as the printed copy in your child's folder. Sign up on our home page at [www.pebblecreekpto.org](http://www.pebblecreekpto.org). Also be sure to "like" us on Facebook; just search for Pebble Creek PTO.

### STUDENT DIRECTORIES NOW AVAILABLE

PCE grade-level student directories are available under the Parent Resources link at [pebblecreekpto.org](http://pebblecreekpto.org). When prompted, type in the password "carnival" to gain access.

### CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

We'd love to have you volunteer at PCE this year! First, you must register with CSISD. Click on the Volunteering link found at [pebblecreekpto.org](http://pebblecreekpto.org) to get started.

### HELP SUPPLY WEE DELIVER

Wee Deliver, PCE's internal mail system, starts up September 29. Please drop off any note cards, stationary and stickers you can provide in the office or send them to school with your child.



### ADVENTURE DASH - GET READY TO RUN!

Time to get your running shoes on and help raise funds for PCE! The nine-day programs starts September 26. See back for details.

### JOIN US FOR SPIRIT NIGHT AT TACO CASA

Join us at Taco Casa all day on September 28 to earn money for PCE. Let them know, and PCE will receive 20% of your check!



### CLIP THOSE BOX TOPS!

The collection date for the fall is Tuesday, October 18. Place your trimmed Box Tops in a baggie with your child's teacher's name and drop in the collection bin by the office. The winning class will receive a special reward!



STUDENTS WORE RED, WHITE, & BLUE AND SANG A SONG LAST MONDAY TO HONOR AND REMEMBER SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>





*Funding education through teamwork.*

## READY, SET, ADVENTURE DASH!

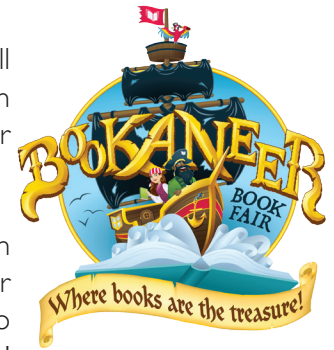
Monday, September 26th kicks off our fall fundraiser, The Adventure Dash Fun Run, with a school-wide pep rally at 1:45. Students then have the opportunity to get pledges toward the number of laps they will run through an action-packed obstacle course. All students will learn about the power of team over the individual through character and fitness lessons and enjoy the fun run on Thursday, October 6th. Kinder - 2<sup>nd</sup> run at 8:15, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> run at 9:15.

Our goal is to raise \$20,000 for library upgrades and classroom technology. If we reach our fundraising goal Mrs. Roraback and Mr. Whileyman have agreed to a fun Principal's Challenge that will be revealed at the pep rally!

All families are invited to come cheer on your student at the Fun Run. If you would like to volunteer on race day, please visit the Adventure Dash page at [pebblecreekpto.org](http://pebblecreekpto.org) website to sign up.

## THE BOOKANEER BOOK FAIR IS COMING

Save the date! The Pebble Creek Fall Book Fair will begin Friday, November 11 and will run through Thursday, November 17. The theme is Bookaneer Book Fair: Where Books are the Treasure!



We will have our book character dress up day on Thursday, November 17 as well as our Family Dinner Night with flashlight reading. Come and shop to help our school purchase new books for the library! Look for more details in the next newsletter and in your child's folder.

Want to help? We would love to have you! Contact Beth Bondurant at [bbondurant700@gmail.com](mailto:bbondurant700@gmail.com), Chris Williams at [cwwilliams03@yahoo.com](mailto:cwwilliams03@yahoo.com) or Lindsay Burdett at [lindsayburdett@gmail.com](mailto:lindsayburdett@gmail.com).

## YOUR PTO DOLLARS AT WORK

The PTO has raised money and contributed in many ways over the years to make Pebble Creek Elementary a place where your child will enjoy learning. SMARTBoards, the big kid playground, and iPads for all classrooms are a few examples of past PTO expenditures. The PTO has approved spending around \$61,000 for programs and school betterment this year.

The following are some items you can expect the PTO to fund this year:

### Ongoing Educational Programs

- Scholastic News Subscriptions
- Literacy Library
- Grade-Level Field Trips
- Math Software/Programs
- Teacher Wish Lists
- PE Olympian T-Shirts
- STAAR Water & Snacks

### New Programs /School Betterment

- Classroom iPads
- Teacher Grants Program
- OSMO Educational Games Systems for iPads
- Library Books and Upgrades
- Replace Broken Cafeteria Sound System

## SUPPORT PEBBLE CREEK SIMPLY BY SHOPPING

You can support PCE just by shopping at Kroger and on Amazon!

Sign up at <https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards> with your Kroger Plus Card and select Pebble Creek Elementary PTO. Even if you participated in previous years, you MUST re-enroll. Pebble Creek's Organization Number is 81533.

You can also support our school by starting your online shopping at [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com). Simply search for Pebble Creek Elementary and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases.

Don't forget to spread the word - grandparents, friends, etc. can also participate.

## ACTIVATE OUR SUPERPOWERS YEARBOOK

Send in pictures of your child throughout the year to be included in the yearbook! Download the Balfour Image Share App and login with Project# 726985 and password "panthers" or email them to [pceyearbook@hotmail.com](mailto:pceyearbook@hotmail.com).

You can order your student's 2016-2017 yearbook thru the month of October at [www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com).

## 2016 CANDY CANE FUN RUN & FOOD DRIVE

Our annual Candy Cane Fun Run will be here before we know it! Mark your calendars for December 10, 9:00-10:30am at the school and help collect cans for the Brazos Valley Food Bank.