



## WELCOME BACK!

Dear PCS Families,

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed your holidays...and all of the snow! With every new year come new resolutions and new beginnings. This year the organization is diligently working on bringing enrichment to all students at PCS. We have given classroom grants to all of the teachers who have requested them (see attached list). In addition, the PTO has four amazing whole school enrichment assemblies scheduled over the next few months, and we are working on the 2009/2010 schedule as well! In speaking with the teachers and many parents we have a clear picture on what types of enrichment programs they would like to see at PCS.

Finally, we are working on building a new PTO website. The site will be up and running soon and will be a great resource for all things PTO. Stay tuned for this exciting launch!

As always, thank you all for your continued support. These programs and initiatives could not happen without you and your children!

Sincerely,

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## 2008-2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in the PCS Library

February 10, March 10, April 7, May 12,  
June 9 (End of Year Thank You and Social)

## READING NIGHT - SAVE THE DATE!

Family Reading Night will be held on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more information coming home in February.

## 2008/09 CLASSROOM AWARDS GRANTED

The following grants have been awarded for the 2008/2009 School Year. All grants were submitted to and approved by Jane Dion and support or augment planned classroom activities.

- 1st Grade - Book Binding for Poetry Writing Project
- 2nd Grade - Cooking Lessons
- 3rd Grade - Children's Museum/Polymer Power
- 4th Grade - Sled Dog Demonstration
- 6th Grade - DNA Epicenter Field Trip
- 7th Grade - Guest Geologist - classroom visit
- 8th Grade - Dyno Math Magazine (Textbook)
- Grades 7 & 8 - Latin Dance teacher for Cultural Arts Week
- Occupation Therapy - OT Tools
- Grades 5-8 Resource Room - DVD Player
- Grades 2-5 PE - Toe Tags for Run/Walk Program
- Grades 3 & 4 Music - Materials for Bolivian Pan Pipes and Rain Sticks
- Grades 6 & 7 - Program Ribbons - Self Esteem/Diversity Program
- Art Department - Adobe Photoshop & Premiere Elements - Storytelling
- Art Department - Digital Camera
- Library - Library Digital Camera
- Grades 5-7 Music - Material for Bolivian Pan Pipes

In addition to what has been funded in classroom grants we are also funding the Cultural Arts Week Performers... Mistizo Manta! They will do performances and workshops for the kids in school, and then they will do the dinner / performance for families.

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

PTO MEETING	TUESDAY FEB 10TH
READING NIGHT	WEDNESDAY MARCH 4TH
BINGO	FRIDAY MARCH 6TH
GERTRUDE HAWK FUNDRAISER	MARCH 2ND - 20TH

## ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS - SPRING 2009

The PTO is sponsoring the following Enrichment Assemblies this spring. Please take a look at the websites listed!

### Sharon Katz & Peace Train - March 19

[www.sharonkatz.com](http://www.sharonkatz.com)

Sharon's inspiring and life-changing message of peace and acceptance is accented with high energy and a major dose of optimism for students wanting to make a difference in the world. Sharon's assembly programs bring an exciting mixture of traditional African rhythms and harmonies with the contemporary jazz-folk-rock fusions and lyrics of this millennium. The visually and musically enticing performances are interactive and feature songs, stories, language instruction and dance lessons.

### Amazing Hero Art - May - Date TBD

[www.amazingheroart.com](http://www.amazingheroart.com)

Students will remember this performance for the rest of their lives, as Rob Seruette (The FASTEST portrait artist in the world!) speed-paints 10 gigantic murals of influential historical figure LIVE to music.

During this fast-paced and highly sophisticated performance, students as well as teachers gasp in amazement as flying paint somehow turns into the most realistic and beautiful portraits ever painted in such a short period of time.

Most impressive, however, is Rob's way of conveying messages of respect, compassion, creativity, and the power of positive thinking to kids who desperately need hope in their lives.

Students leave the show not only hearing the message, but actually believing, with all their hearts (sometimes for the first time!) that they, too, can BE SOMEBODY!

The enrichment program for 2009/2010 is currently in the planning stages. The PTO plans to offer a well-rounded program that includes: Science, Social Studies/History, Language Arts, Global Awareness and Cultural Arts. To learn more or to be part of the Enrichment Committee contact Jane Hale at 928-3148 or [jclhale@charter.net](mailto:jclhale@charter.net)

## FUNDRAISING...

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the PTO through fundraising throughout the first half of the school year. We are among 21% of PTO's nationwide that have seen an increase in funds for the 2008/2009 school year. An AMAZING accomplishment!

In order to raise the funds necessary to support all of the amazing Enrichment programs and activities going on at PCS, the PTO chooses a variety of fundraisers to appeal to a broad range of families. We have some great fundraisers coming up this spring starting with Gertrude Hawk in March.

While we hope you will continue to contribute as you can, please do not feel obligated to participate in all programs.

If you are interested in helping on the Fundraising Committee please contact Brenda Bullied @ 963-7771 or [hbullied@charter.net](mailto:hbullied@charter.net)

## GIFT CARD SALE

Thank you to the many PCS families and employees - nearly 65 in all - who participated in this year's gift card sale. This was our highest participation level ever, and it led to our best profit ever - almost \$1800, which was \$450 better than last year and more than double the amount from two years ago. This is a great result, and the money will support a lot of activities all around the school.

Special thanks to Dayna Flath and Sharon Verrilli, who helped sign up a greater number of local businesses than ever before. And thanks to these businesses for joining in with us - Vanilla Bean, 85 Main, Finders Keepers, Jessica Tuesday's, Wonderland Books, Bakers Dozen, Chace Building Supply, The Trink-Et Shoppe, Victoria Station, Pizza 101, and Martha's Herbarry.

Thanks again to everyone who has contributed to the growing success of this program and to Arthur Diaz for running this fundraiser.

**WATCH FOR OUR NEW WEBSITE!!**  
**THANK YOU BLUE DOG WEB DESIGN**