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Important
Information
to
Remember

Resource Center News

Sign in please.

We need your help. We are asking that you take time to sign in each member of your family/group as you enter and sign out as you leave PACT. The reason for this is two-fold. First of all, we need to know who is in the building at all times (including children who are not officially enrolled and parents) should an emergency occur. The list will help us in knowing that we have evacuated everyone safely. Secondly, a part of our funding process is providing documentation of the time that the building is in use as an educational facility for all of our students. The sign in sheet gives us clear documentation for that as well.

At this month's KORT meeting, it was suggested as a courtesy to families with young children to leave the three parking spaces in front of PACT open for quick drop/off and pick up of older siblings. When using the playroom, do not leave your child unattended for his/her safety.

Are you planning on returning to P.A.C.T. next year?

Your Educational Advisor will be asking you to fill out a reapplication form for the 2010 – 2011 school year. We are trying to assess our openings for next year and this form lets us know who is staying, who is leaving, and who is not sure. There is also a place on the form to let us know if you have a Kindergartner joining the program next year. These forms are due to your Educational Advisor by Friday, March 27th.

Math-a-thon Thanks

We'd like to express a very special thank

you to our St. Jude Math-a-thon participants: Niko



Chapman, Nemo Chapman, Jack Clark, Hunter Clark, Taylor Clark, Zachary Hill, Danielle Hoffman, Alexander Jaimez, Andres Jaimez, Elizabeth John, Dominique Olivarez, Diego Pintos, Micah Patton, Zachary Patton, Xavier M.O. Pinelo, Ann Rainey, Keely Rainey, Emily Strempeke, Karley Taylor, Joshua Whittle, McKayla Whittle. Together these wonderful P.A.C.T. students raised \$1,333 for children suffering from catastrophic diseases.



STAR testing is coming!

STAR testing is scheduled for the week of May 3-7. Please note these dates on your calendar to ensure that your child is present. We also encourage you to review the state standards for Math and Language Arts and utilize STAR preparation materials between now and test time. You can find STAR preparation materials at the following web address: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/resources.asp>

3/2 STAR Writing Test, 7th Grade

3/2 Roller King Skate Night, 6:30—8:30

3/3 STAR Writing Test Make-up, 7th Grade—9:00 a.m.

3/3 CHES Meeting, 12:30—2:30

3/5 Teen Fun Night, 6:30—8:30

3/6 Landscape Beautification Day, 8:30—1:30, 4600 Blackrock Drive

3/6 Six Flags Reading Logs Due

3/8 Free Art Class for Original Works Yours

3/9-12 Westminster Woods

3/10 Extravaganza Planning Meeting, 12:30—2:30

3/15 Academic Talent Search, 8:30—MPR @ NCS Main Campus

3/17 KORT Meeting, 12:30—2:30

3/22 Black Chasm Cavern, 8:30—1:30

3/24 Parent Seminar—Educating Our Own Minds, 12:45—2:00

3/29-4/9 Spring Break



FREE! Six Flags Tickets!



Students in grades K-6 can earn a free ticket to the Six Flags Discovery Kingdom Park by participating in the

Six Flags Six Hour Reading Club!

All you have to do is complete 6 hours of pleasure reading, have the form signed by a parent, and turn in the form to earn the ticket.

FORMS ARE DUE TO YOUR ADVISOR BY FRIDAY, MARCH 5th.

Academic Talent Search (ATS) Test Information

The Academic Talent Search Qualifying Exam will be offered at Natomas Charter School on Monday, March 15 at 8:30 in the MPR. Students who take this test automatically qualify for the ATS Summer Program at Sacramento State.

Taking the test creates no obligation. It simply gives students the option to attend challenging, unique courses.

Academic Talent Search (ATS) is a non-profit program that offers 4th -9th grade students (grade levels as of Jan. 1, 2010) exciting, fast-paced classes designed to accelerate learning in subject areas they enjoy. Each summer, these students have the opportunity to challenge themselves in traditional and non-traditional subjects, meet like minded friends from other schools, and experience a collegiate environment.

The first step toward participating in ATS is taking the Qualifying Exam.

For more information about the test details, please contact Lynda Malka at 916-416-7368.

Wish List & Parent Hours

Need Parent hours?

Here's our current wish list. Be sure to bring your receipt and \$15 worth of supplies equals 1 hour.

- Antibacterial wipes
- Bottled Water
- Gift cards from grocery, department, Office supply stores, Home Depot, or Borders Books
- Cash (\$15 = 1 Hour)
- Items for Auction/Raffle for Extravaganza
- Bulk #2 pencils (Ticonderoga)
- Paper Plates
- Plastic Forks & Spoons
- Water, Soda, Juice for the Extravaganza

If you have any questions please contact the front desk.



Raffle Winners

Congratulations to our
February PACT Raffle Winners!

Our prize winners are: Victoria Mott, Sierra Feagins, Joe Belmont, Brian Hodges, and Melanie Welch

PACT's 5th Annual Open House Extravaganza

PACT's 6th Annual Open House Extravaganza will be held Friday, May 21st from 5:30 to 8:30 PM!

This is a fun filled FUNdraiser for our school with many events planned.

It's a great opportunity for our students to show off the many great projects they do here in our home schooling environment.

There will be a dinner, a silent auction, a raffle, bake sale, face painting, book sale, and more.

We need parents and students to help with this event! It's an easy way to earn those all important parent hours. If you would like to know how you can help, please join us for a meeting about the Extravaganza on March 10th, at 12:30 pm in the conference room.

Look soon for a Family Email with more details about this fantastic event or for more information, please contact Shelly Shaw at 419-3788 Ext. 101 or email her at sshaw@natomas.k12.ca.us.



Original Works Fundraiser

Our school is offering a unique program that turns your child's very own artwork into a variety of custom made products. Art was created in art class for this program.

Some of the products are on display at the school. The products make great gifts and lasting keepsakes!

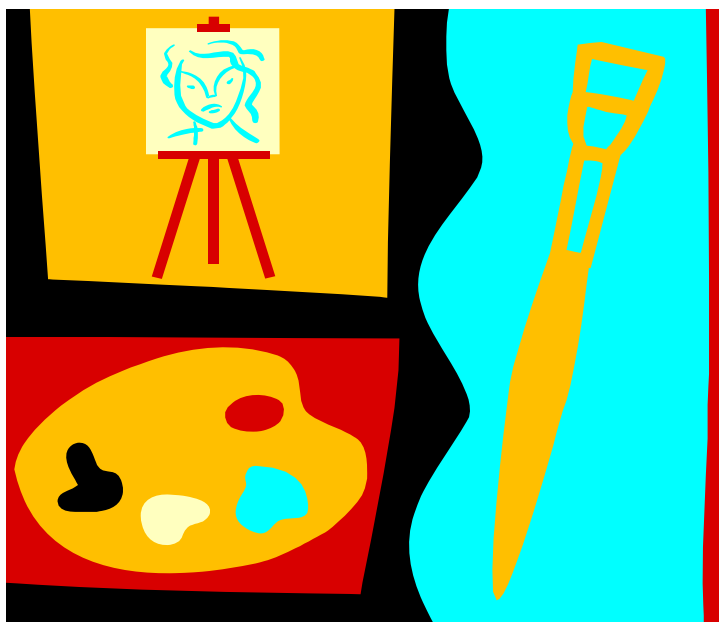
Kids love them!
The quality is first rate!

If you wish to place an order, pick up your packet at the front desk and follow these procedures:

1. Carefully FILL OUT the blue ORDER FORM that comes with your packet
2. Make check payable to: **NEF "Natomas Education Foundation"**
3. Return the Order Form, Payment and Artwork back to school by 3/15/10.
4. Your child's artwork will be returned to you at the end of the program.

Remember, all artwork must be 8.5" x 11". Larger or smaller artwork will be returned without processing. Since Magnets, Notecards and Matted Prints are trimmed, stated sizes are approximate.

**For further information contact:
Sharon Crockette at 515-4731 or
otisandsharon@sbcglobal.net**





MAKE OUR SCHOOL A CUT ABOVE!

Box Tops for Education

PACT is collecting Box Tops for Education as part of a way to earn money for our school..There are many participating products. Box Tops is a Pink and yellow label worth \$0.10 cents per label. It may not seem like a lot, but every cent counts, especially in these tough economic times. Some of the participating products that have the box tops label are General Mills, Betty Crocker, Nestle, Pillsbury, Green Giant, etc....They are found on some items like cereals, frozen vegetables, bath tissue, diapers, and many more. You can also sign up for Box Tops for Education online to get coupons and information about bonus box tops.

A list of all participating products has been emailed to you with Box Top Activity Sheets that students can paste Box Tops onto!!!

Every sheet that a student fills up can be turned in to Miss Shelly for a prize!

So lets all start collecting those Box Tops..Every little bit helps...



Have You Purchased Your Yearbook?
Time is Running Out!

Last Chance: Deadline March 8th

The PACT Yearbook Class is pleased to announce this year's yearbook, bursting with photographs, student portraits, activities, highlights, and of course...space for special autographs.

To order your yearbook for your student:
It's easy, here's how:

1. Purchase online @ YBpay.com (EASY)
2. Purchase from a yearbook representative
3. Purchase at the front desk of the PACT Office



If you purchase online, you have the option to personalize your yearbook in several different ways. Check it out @ YBpay.com

**Deadline to purchase
2009-2010 Yearbook:
March 8th!**



Tween Fun Night

The next tween fun night is on March 5th from 6:30 to 8:30 at PACT. The theme is "50's Sock Hop!"

Come out and have some FUN!

Sign up at the front desk.



First Annual Duck Pluck

When: May 15, 2010 11am-4pm

Where: 4600 Blackrock Dr, Sacramento CA 95835, in the sports field behind Natomas Charter School

What: A community wide, fun-filled event to primarily support arts and sports programs in local schools.

Activities: Over 40 booths, including food vendors, carnival-like games, arts, sports and education activities, will serve the interest of all ages and all family members. The culminating event of the day will be the Duck Pluck itself, which gives participants a chance to win \$10,000.

\$10,000?: Yes! The Duck Pluck is a raffle that gives participants a 500 to 1 chance of winning \$10,000 cash! Purchase a raffle ticket for \$100, get a rubber ducky placed in a swimming pool with no more than 500 other ducks. If your duck is plucked at the end of the day, you win *\$10,000. There is also a second and third place prize of \$2,000 and 1,000.

Duck sales, which are limited to 500 ducks, are happening now. Contact Rori Wright or Lynda Malka to purchase your duck today!

Sponsorships are available. Go to www.duckpluck.com for more information.

Admission to this event is free.

*Cash prizes will be proportional to duck sales based on the grand prize of \$10,000 if 500 ducks are sold.



Please help us raise money for P.A.C.T.!

Enjoy the City is a terrific coupon book that only costs \$20.00! There are several coupons that are buy 1 get 1 free offers so the book pays for itself quickly. See Lynda to sign out a book to show family and friends. The begin date is February 25th and will end March 19th. If you sell 5 books you will receive one for free! Also for every \$15.00 you sell you will receive 1 parent hour! These are 2 great incentives. Our school will receive \$8.00 for every book sold. If we sell more than 351 books then we will receive \$10 for every book sold. Let us make this a great fundraiser that will help our school and save our family and friends money!

Are You Wearing Your School

Does your P.A.C.T. pride show when you are at P.A.C.T.? How about when you are away from P.A.C.T.? Wear your P.A.C.T. shirt or sweat-shirt proudly especially when you go on field trips! Don't have a P.A.C.T. t-shirt? Buy one now from the front desk. The prices are great! Make your check out to NEF.

T-Shirts:

Mens: \$12

Womens V neck: \$12

Youth \$10

Hoodies: \$22