



KP PTA Coyote Tales

Staff Appreciation

Anyone wishing to help serve staff please arrive in library around 11:15 and stay until lunch is over. We are having a Sandwich and Salad Buffet to celebrate our wonderful staff! In lieu of gifts or the car wash this year, the PTA Board opted to donate five new computers in honor of our staff to complete a 2nd computer lab for the school. Now there are two computer labs, which will be put in full use during MSP. Let a staff member know they are appreciated this week (or any week between now and the end of school!). Send them a note, bring them a coffee, have your child write a note or color a picture, make them a simple dinner or dessert, just say THANK YOU for the job they do daily with our children.

Science Night

PTA was proud to sponsor KP's first ever presentation of Pacific Science Center's "Really Cool Science Show." There were approximately 150 people in attendance and students and adults alike were "wowed" at the presentation about liquid nitrogen. Everyone loved seeing the balloon crinkle to nothing and then revive itself as well as the BIG balloon fitting into the LITTLE jar! Thank you for supporting PTA and this event. We hope to make Science a new tradition at KP.

Yearbooks

Yearbooks will be printed soon. We will hold another sale the first week of June. Flyers will go home with kids who have not yet ordered. After delivery if the books, we will sell any remaining books before school those last few days

Principal's Message

Dear KP Families, as I near the end of my responsibilities as Principal of Kent Prairie, I want to send out a big thank you to all of you who have worked hand in hand with the staff at KP to teach our children responsible behavior and who have supported the efforts our most wonderful PTA! I also want to send a shout out to the best PTA ever! I have so appreciated the friendship and support from the KP PTA. They are such a hardworking bunch of parents who have the growth of the KP Students at the center of their hearts. Most of all I have loved the friendship and fun times. I leave with lots of great memories, only a few are embarrassing, some are hilarious, and some are touching and poignant. Thank you for the rich experiences and letting me work with your kids. I will always be a KP Coyote!

-Kathy Engell, Principal

Box Tops and Labels

The total amount of Campbell's Labels we have accumulated is now 50,175 points. This will enable us to provide educational supplies to the school, staff, and playground. Please keep clipping and saving your labels and box tops to turn in the fall!

Next General PTA meeting

Thursday, May 16th at 4:00 pm in the library. We always have refreshments, childcare, and door prizes. Please plan to attend this SHORT meeting and meet the new Board for next year, consider signing up to chair a committee next year. We will also be presenting our budget.

School Supplies

We provide this service to save you a little time and money preparing for next school year. Scholarships are available. We will be offering preorders for school supplies. Order forms will be coming home around May 15th and you can return them to the school with a check before school ends, or pay online until July 15th. Orders will be delivered to your child's class before the first day of school.

President's Message

Wow! May is here, and I'm always amazed at how fast the school year goes. It seems like only yesterday we were preparing for the Back-to-School BBQ and delivering school supplies to teacher rooms. Yet here we are this month looking ahead with planning for the 2013-14 school year. As we start to wind down this school year I wanted to take a moment to reflect on all the activities and events that PTA brought to our school.

Your PTA kicked the year off in Sept with the school-wide "back to school night bbq" that had record attendance. Then there was the first of two box-top/Campbell's labels contests and our annual fundraiser. October had ghoulish Pumpkin Carving night and the conclusion of a smashing fundraiser that provided funds for the remainder of our year. We also sent legislative reps to Olympia to advocate for kids. November was the book fair, Love & Logic class, KP apparel sale and staff appreciation soup luncheon. December hosted two of our favorite events: the Holiday Shoppe and Toy Garage Sale.

The new year kicked in with a second box top/Campbell's soup label contest. A total of 50,175 Campbell's Points were

collected and over 30K box tops!!! Keep clipping!! February was a month of love with Staff Appreciation treats on Valentine's Day, a second Love & Logic class and KP Night at the Silvertips with a sell-out crowd. March roared in with one of the most anticipated events of PTA, The SPACE Carnival and Silent Auction. If you missed this event make sure you make it next year - KIDS LOVE IT!

April brought our final Family Fun Night with a Really Cool Science Show by Pacific Science Center. May will wrap up our year long activities with the PTA Convention and Staff Appreciation Luncheon. During the entire year there were monthly board meetings, four general membership meetings, yearbook development, popcorn at events, safety backpacks provided in every classroom, and a new website and Facebook account developed. Five new computers were granted for the completion of a second computer lab for the school and over \$10K granted to teachers for student field trips and enrichment activities.

None of the above activities would have been possible without the countless hours provided by MANY parent and staff volunteers and the dedication of students/parents to raise funds at the annual fundraiser and silent auction. Thank you for a fabulous year. Don't forget to budget for next school year to become a member of your KP PTA. Enjoy Summer!
-Kimberly Meno

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