

Pony Express Newsletter

December 2014

Debra Hetrick, Principal

David Cooper, PTA President

Principal's Message

Dear Parents:

With two weeks of school remaining, the students are still actively engaged in learning. We are taking advantage of every minute we can teach. The staff thanks you for supporting your child's learning at home. All of the research on education points to the importance of parent involvement in a child's education. Educating students is a partnership that requires teamwork and communication to produce positive results. We have that here at Pony! Continue those efforts during vacation. With the Winter Break, it is important that students continue reading, writing, and practicing their math facts every day. Make learning fun by building learning into your daily routine so students understand the importance of being a lifelong learner. Your involvement is not only appreciated, it makes such a difference in your child's education.

Thanks to all of you for attending our annual Parent-Teacher Conferences. The teachers were pleased by the great turnout! We appreciate that many parents rearranged schedules or took time off from work to attend. This extremely high level of participation shows your interest in your child's education. We hope you left the conference with a clear picture of how your child is progressing and questions answered. Working together as a **Team** benefits your child. Please review the report card with your child and set goals together for learning in the New Year.

Open Enrollment: Pony Express will be participating in open enrollment this year. We will update you on the process in January as more information becomes available.

The winter months are upon us so please be sure your child is dressed appropriately for cold weather. Most days we go outside for recess so it is important they come to school with a coat and appropriate shoes. School begins at 9:00 am; therefore, students should **not be arriving** to school before 8:30 am if they are eating breakfast and by 8:45 if they are just arriving to school.

Winter Show: We will be having a Winter Show this year on December 17. The K-3rd grade students will be performing a selection chosen by their teacher. Come share in our joy this holiday season.

School is closed for the holidays from December 22 - January 2. School will resume on January 5, 2015.

We are so grateful to you for sharing your children with us this year. Enjoy your time together during the winter vacation. This busy time of year is a nice time to reflect and prepare for a fresh start in the New Year.

Our Pony Express family wishes you and your family a happy holiday and a safe, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,
Debra Hetrick
Principal

Important Dec/Jan Dates:

Dec. 15	Spirit Wear Order Deadline
Dec. 17	Winter Show
Dec. 22-Jan. 2	Winter Break
Jan. 13	PTA Meeting 6 pm
Jan. 23	Family Movie Night
Jan. 24	E-Waste Fundraiser

PTA President's Message

The holiday season is here so gather your Pony Panthers together and sing this traditional favorite...

The Twelve Days of Pony Express Elementary

On the **first day** at Pony my Panther gave to me
a Membership to the PTA.

On the **second day** at Pony my Panther gave to me
Two Morning Announcements
and a Membership to the PTA.

On the **third day** at Pony my Panther gave to me
Three Crossing Guards
Two Morning Announcements
and a Membership to the PTA.

On the **fourth day** at Pony my Panther gave to me
Four Fundraisers
Three Crossing Guards
Two Morning Announcements
and a Membership to the PTA.

On the **fifth day** at Pony my Panther gave to me
Five Assemblies
Four Fundraisers
Three Crossing Guards
Two Morning Announcements
and a Membership to the PTA.

On the **sixth day** at Pony my Panther gave to me
Six Fun Field Trips
Five Assemblies
Four Fundraisers
Three Crossing Guards
Two Morning Announcements
and a Membership to the PTA.

On the **seventh day** at Pony my Panther gave to me
Seven Track Walkers Walking
Six Fun Field Trips
Five Assemblies
Four Fundraisers
Three Crossing Guards
Two Morning Announcements
and a Membership to the PTA.

On the **eighth day** at Pony my Panther gave to me
Eight Common Core Rules
Seven Track Walkers Walking
Six Fun Field Trips
Five Assemblies
Four Fundraisers
Three Crossing Guards
Two Morning Announcements
and a Membership to the PTA.

On the **ninth day** at Pony my Panther gave to me
Nine Students Studying
Eight Common Core Rules
Seven Track Walkers Walking
Six Fun Field Trips
Five Assemblies
Four Fundraisers
Three Crossing Guards
Two Morning Announcements
and a Membership to the PTA.

On the **tenth day** at Pony my Panther gave to me
Ten Kinders Climbing
Nine Students Studying
Eight Common Core Rules
Seven Track Walkers Walking
Six Fun Field Trips
Five Assemblies
Four Fundraisers
Three Crossing Guards
Two Morning Announcements
and a Membership to the PTA.

On the **eleventh day** at Pony my Panther gave to me
Eleven Office Crises Covered
Ten Kinders Climbing
Nine Students Studying
Eight Common Core Rules
Seven Track Walkers Walking
Six Fun Field Trips
Five Assemblies

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Four Fundraisers
Three Crossing Guards
Two Morning Announcements
and a Membership to the PTA.

On the **twelfth day** at Pony my Panther gave to me
Twelve Teachers Teaching
Eleven Office Crises Covered
Ten Kinders Climbing
Nine Students Studying

Eight Common Core Rules
Seven Track Walkers Walking
Six Fun Field Trips
Five Assemblies
Four Fundraisers
Three Crossing Guards
Two Morning Announcements
and A MEMBERSHIP TO THE PTA!

Memberships still available :)

No PTA meeting this month (my holiday gift to you) and remember, if you're shopping online, use Amazon's School Rewards link at our website <http://ponyexpress-sacramento.weebly.com/fundraising-programs.html> so Pony will receive credit for your purchases without costing you a dime! Also, if Santa gives you new electronics this year, recycle the old stuff at our E-Waste Fundraiser on January 24, 2015.

Happy Holidays from the PTA!

Sincerely,
David Cooper
PTA President

Holiday Fundraiser

Congratulations to David Sakuaye Jr. for being the top seller and to Mrs. SanAhmadi's class for being the top selling class in our Holiday Fundraiser! Thank you to all our families for supporting our school by selling during the fundraiser and buying gift cards. We raised \$3,300!

Pony Express Spirit Wear

Show your school spirit on upcoming "School Spirit Days"! T-shirts, pullovers, and polo shirts are available, with our new Pony SMART Panther logo. Return your order form, with payment, to your teacher or the school office. Make checks payable to Pony Express PTA. Be sure the size, color, quantity and contact information has been filled out. **Order deadline is December 15th**. Don't miss out Panthers!
