

Debra Hetrick, Principal

David Cooper, PTA President

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

First Day Packets: Be on the lookout for the first day packets coming home. Please fill out the emergency card, library agreement and internet usage agreement. We need the emergency cards to update your student's information in our attendance program.

Site Council: We are in need of a few parents to serve on our School Site Council (SSC). SSC meets about 4-5 times a year for an hour. SSC helps us make decisions about budget and strategies for your child's education. Applications to have your name placed on the ballot are located in the office. Ballots for voting will take place during Back to School Night on September 18th. Our first meeting will take place on October 1, 2014.

Back to School Night: Back to School night is a time when parents meet with the teacher to find out what the academic goals are for your child's grade level, discuss and review expectations and support for the classroom.
5:45 – 6:00 – In the Multi – meet the staff and here what exciting events are planned this year
6:00 – 6:30 - In the classroom
6:30 – 7:00 - Switch to the next classroom (if you have more than one student at the school)

Traffic: We have almost 500 students enrolled at Pony this year. Traffic will be heavy and parking difficult. Designate a pickup area that you and your student agree upon. That will eliminate some confusion. **Please continue to encourage your child to use the cross walks for their safety.**

Our parking lot is only open to staff and individuals that have business on campus. Park only in the designated parking slots as we need to keep the fire / bus zone clear of cars. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Book Fair: Come visit our book fair being run by our dedicated Librarian, Mrs. Haleem. The book fair will be open the week of Sept 15-19. Parents are welcome to stop in 15 minutes before school starts on each of those days. The book Fair will be open during back to school night from 5:30-7:15. Please stop by and support your child's love of reading.

Purchasing Lunches: Students purchasing hot lunch must remember an eight digit number that identifies the students which will follow them throughout their 13 years of school. Lunch time may experience slowdowns in the beginning as students adjust to this schedule. Please be patient during this transition period.

Let's have a great year!

Sincerely,

Debra Hetrick

Important September Dates:

Sept. 9	PTA Meeting @ 6 p.m.
Sept. 18	BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT (5:45-7:00 PM)
Sept. 15-19	Book Fair

PTA President's Message

Welcome Pony Express Families!

Despite what the thermometer says outside, summer is over and classes are in session. That means the PTA is putting away the sunscreen and getting to work on making this the best year ever for the students at our incredible school.

The Pony PTA meets throughout the year to plan social events and organize fundraisers benefitting our school. Events such as the Harvest Festival, Movie Night, and the Family Dance offer a fun way to bring our Pony Express community together, while the money we raise supplements vital school services, such as paying for school assemblies, contributing to the cost of field trips, and helping our teachers pay for classroom supplies.

I'm inviting you to play a part (big or small) in this whole production. From clipping Box Tops for Education to saving your E-Waste, from signing up for the Nugget and Raley's scrip programs to shopping online using the Amazon School Associates Program, there are many opportunities to contribute and enhance your child's Pony experience. Please check out the Pony website for details.

At the very least, please consider joining the PTA. September is PTA Membership Month and we need our membership to grow. PTA is open to any adult at \$6 per member. Meetings are usually the second Tuesday of every month at 6 pm. We provide food and drink and try to keep the meeting under an hour. You don't have to be a PTA member to attend – just show up and check it out.

Our first meeting is Tuesday, September 9th. This is my first time as PTA President, so I guarantee it will be entertaining watching me run the show! The class clown finally grows up? Feel free to send questions and comments to ponypta@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

David Cooper

PTA President

Crossing Guard's Message

Dear Students and Families,

I hope everyone had a great summer. I would like to thank everyone for the surprise I received at the end of the 2013-2014 school year. I really enjoyed reading the student's personal messages made just for me. With the donations I received, I took a trip to Moses Lake, Washington to visit my sister. I have enjoyed volunteering my time to help keep everyone safe. Please remember to use the crosswalk. Let's have a safe year!

Sincerely,

Rick Covington

Volunteer Crossing Guard



PTA General Association Meeting Agenda Tuesday, September 9, 2014, 6:00 PM

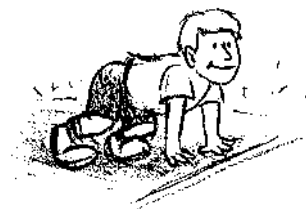
2014-2015 Board:

President	David Cooper	Fundraisers	Erin Fong
Vice President	Rod Fong	Newsletters	Rebecca Ramirez
Treasurer	Teresa Kim	Newsletter Distribution	Erin & Rod Fong
Secretary	Rebecca Phillips	Website Administrator	Paul Hemesath
Raley's/Nugget		Marquee	Dave Kim
Scrip Program	Matina Bragas	Box Tops for Education	Matina Bragas
Membership	Wendy Lee	Harvest Festival/ Family Dance	Patricia Cooper
Assemblies	Audrey Hemesath		

- ◆ Call Meeting to Order David
- ◆ Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes. Erin
- ◆ Financial Report Teresa
- ◆ President's Report David
- ◆ Principal's Report Mrs. Hetrick
- ◆ Teacher's Report
- ◆ Report of the Executive Board Erin/R. Phillips
 - ▲ Jun 30th Board Mtg
 - ▲ Aug 7th Board Mtg
- ◆ Reports by Committee Coordinators
 - ▲ Fundraising Events. Erin
 - ▲ Student assemblies. Audrey
 - ▲ Membership. Wendy
 - ▲ SCRIPS/BoxTops for Education. Matina
 - ▲ Harvest Festival. Patricia
- ◆ New Business/Open Mic David
- ◆ Dates and Announcements
 - ▲ Back to School Night, Thursday, September 18
 - ▲ Harvest Festival, Friday, October 24
 - ▲ Next PTA meeting, October 14
- ◆ Adjourn

Thank you for supporting the PTA

Jump Start to a Great Year!



Visit Our Website!

Everything you need to know about Pony is on our school website at <http://ponyexpress-sacramento.weebly.com>. Use it, bookmark it, add it to your favorites! We even have a Google Group for online discussions at <http://groups.google.com/group/ponypta>.



Go Paperless!

Help eliminate the desk and backpack clutter. Sign up at <http://ponyexpress-sacramento.weebly.com/going-paperless.html> to receive e-mails on school events and happenings. Somewhere out there, a tree is grateful.



Use the Raley's and Nugget Scrip Cards!

If you're going to spend it anyway, why not help our school at the same time? With the Raley's and Nugget scrip cards, a percentage of your store purchases will go to Pony Express. Simply scan the card every time you check out, anywhere in the store. Go to <http://ponyexpress-sacramento.weebly.com/scrip-programs.html> to request your cards now!



Shop Amazon.com!

Again, if you're going to spend it anyway.... Shop Amazon via our school link at <http://ponyexpress-sacramento.weebly.com/amazon.html>, and anywhere from 4% to 15% of your purchase will go to Pony Express. Pass it on to family and friends!



Collect Box Tops for Education!

Another easy way to make money for our school all year round! Clip out Box Tops for Education logos from participating products, and turn them into the school office regularly.