



Fountain Hills Charter School

PTO "Eagle" News

OCTOBER 2010

Important Dates:

Every Friday –
 Spirit Day
 10/13 Candle Sales
 Begin
 10/13-10/15 Half Days/
 Conferences
 10/18-10/22
 Fall Break
 2/23 Art Walk/
 Silent Auction
 3/26 Spring Gala
 Live Auction

PTO Meetings

3rd Wed of Month
El Pueblo Campus
 October 27th – 3:30
 November 17th – 3:30
 January 19th – 3:30
 February 16th – 3:30
 March 16th – 3:30
 April 20th – 3:30
 May 18th – 3:30

**Check us out
 on the Web!**

www.fhcspto.org

**Questions?
 Comments?
 Volunteer?**

Contact us at:
pto@fhcspto.org

PTO Officers:

President:
 JL Jackson
Vice Presidents:
 Gina Duxbury
 Donelle Johnson
Treasurer:
 Lydia Dunham
 Linda Pileggi
Secretary:
 Sari Roth-Roemer

Hello Families and Teachers of FHCS:

This week marks the end of our first grading period. If you have not done so already, schedule a conference with your kid's teacher(s). These conferences are an ideal time to get a true "pulse" on your kid's day-to-day learning activities. Our teachers are experts in knowing the best approach to teaching your kid. They also welcome your input.

Speaking on behalf of the entire PTO, we strongly encourage you to attend our monthly PTO meetings. We realize that not everyone can attend a 3:30 meeting. Our fabulous secretary, Sari, gets our PTO meeting minutes up on the FHCSPTO web site very quickly. If you cannot attend a meeting, you can still stay "on top" of what is happening at our school by reading these minutes.

As you now are aware, our Silent Auction and Art Walk will be on Wednesday, February 23. We need ALL of our families to contribute to this event. You can do so in one of three ways:

1. Donate an item or service worth \$75 (starting silent auction bid)
2. Reach out to a business in The Valley and obtain an item or service worth \$75 – starting bid at the silent auction
3. Write a check to the PTO for \$75/family

There are loads of businesses willing to donate a product. We know that within our FHCS families we have many talented people that have services, connections, or items to donate. All of the proceeds raised at this silent auction will go directly to your kid's classroom or things within the classroom. ***We all win when we all pitch in!*** (That rhymes.)

If you have questions about the silent auction, just ask! Let your kid's teacher know when you have your item/service to donate – and she will let the PTO know so we can keep track.

Thank you so much!

Sincerely-
 JL Jackson, PTO President

DEADLINE FOR BOXTOPS – FRIDAY 10/15

Please remember to turn in your boxtops BEFORE FALL BREAK. Place the boxtops in an envelope then put them in the BOX located in the office. You can also bring them to your child's conference. The check will be sent to the PTO in mid December and placed in the school's sustaining fund that is filled by your donations to the PTO. **Remember, we earn 10 cents for every box top turned in** – this adds up quickly!

Gold Canyon Candle Fundraiser Begins 10/13

The annual Gold Canyon Candle Sales fundraiser will begin this Wednesday, October 13th and end the Friday after Fall Break (October 29th). **All profits from the sales of the candles will be donated to the PTO to help support your children's education.** Gold Canyon Candles make wonderful hostess gifts and great holiday presents! The candles smell wonderful (not waxy like many candles) and last along time...

PTO Meeting Wed 10/27 at 3:30

Be part of the fun by helping plan our social and fundraising events! The PTO usually meets on the third Wednesday of the month but due to Fall Break, we are meeting on the fourth Wednesday in October. The teachers and administration participate in the meetings along with other parents from FHCS. **The Trendsetters always keep the younger kids busy so you can relax** and be a part of the meeting. It's also a great way to get involved and to meet other parents from the school.

Thank You Mr. Michael!

As we were enjoyed last summer with our children, Mr. Michael spent most of his mornings at the school writing up grant requests so our school would not be hit as hard financially by the governmental school cuts. Since Michael is a great grant writer and goes after what is available and best for our school, our children and staff benefit by retaining the smaller class sizes and keeping all of the specials classes. Please join in by thanking Mr. Michael directly and donating your tax credit dollars to the school to show him how much you appreciate his hard work. And participate in the PTO fundraisers since the money donated supports the school. Thank you Mr. Michael!

Thank you for supporting your FHCS PTO!