



GROWLING GAZETTE

Schumaker Elementary Parent-Teacher Club

September
2008

Principal's Pen

By Julie Laird, PhD

Our last newsletter informed you that we were losing a teacher. It was with great sadness that we said goodbye to Mr. Rider. The class changes went into effect last week, and students and teachers are adjusting well. Thank you for your continued support through this difficult process.

You may have noticed on our district calendar that conferences are September 17-19. (Students will be dismissed at 11:12 those days). If you haven't already received it, you will soon be receiving a notice asking you to schedule a time to come in. Having conferences this early gives you the opportunity to communicate earlier with your child's teacher to ensure that we are working together to help your child achieve to his/her greatest potential.

We have a wonderful group of parents on our Parent Teacher Club (PTC) Board this year, we hope that you are able to find time to attend a meeting or two this year to become involved at our fantastic school.

- PTC Meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month at 6:30 in our library. (Our first meeting of the year will be September 8).
- We kicked off our catalog fundraiser last Thursday. There are a number of exciting prizes that students can earn based on the number of items they sell. Please help your child to sell safely. We are seeking a \$15,000 sales goal .
- Other "non-event" fundraising opportunities are listed on page 3 of this newsletter.

Your child's teacher is the best resource for information specific to your child, however, please contact me if you have questions or concerns. I look forward to a great partnership.

On Sunday, August 24, there was a break-in at our school. We suspect that a door must not have latched securely because there was no sign of forced entry, but school safety informed me that several silent alarms were set off throughout the building. One classroom door was open, and it appears that some portable cassette players with headphones were stolen from that classroom. If you hear of any information related to this incident, please contact the office. If ever you notice suspicious behavior after hours, please call school safety at 584-7676.

2008-2009
PTC
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Thank you to the anonymous donor who prints this newsletter every month. We are grateful for your generosity!

Growling Gazette Editor Needed

We are looking for someone who is experienced with Publisher Program to edit this newsletter once a month. The editor does not have to write the newsletter just spend about an hour or two each month placing the articles forwarded to him/her into this format. If interested, please contact the office.



Box Top Bonanza 2008-2009



The race is on! Schumaker's Box Top Bonanza is a year long race to see which class can collect the most Box Tops found on Big G products.

Check the monthly newsletter and the bar graph located in the main hall to get current updates on how the classes are doing. The class with the most Box Tops on **May 1, 2009** will win a Pizza party.

Expired Box Tops do not count toward classroom totals.

Ms. Gouidielock	TBA
Mrs. Cota-Robles	TBA
Mrs. Brooks	TBA
Mrs. Towle	TBA

Mrs. Herfkens	TBA
Ms. Mol	TBA
Mrs. Payne	TBA
Miss DeNoon	TBA

Mrs. Miller	TBA
Mrs. Warburton	TBA
Ms. Laura	TBA
Mrs. Smith	TBA

Last year
Mrs. Thaxton's
class won with
774 box tops!

Visit us on the web at <http://edweb.tusd.k12.az.us/Schumaker>



It's never too early to start thinking about Tax Credit Donations. It costs you nothing to make a donation to Schumaker Elementary School! The Arizona School Tax Credit allows you to receive a tax credit of up to \$200 for single taxpayers , or \$400 for married taxpayers filing jointly.

Who can donate? Any Arizona taxpayer (parents, grandparents, friends, neighbors. . .) may make a donation to qualify for the credit. Because the credit is available to *all Arizona taxpayers*, please encourage as many individuals as you can to contribute the maximum to Schumaker.

What do I do? You donate any amount up to the maximum allowed to Schumaker on or before December 31, 2008. The school issues you a receipt for the donation, which you use when preparing your 2008 state tax return. When preparing your taxes, subtract the amount of your donation from the taxes you owe the state! If you are expecting a refund, the amount of your refund will be increased (dollar for dollar) by the amount of your contribution (up to the maximum allowed). The total amount can be tough on anyone's checking account, so we even accept payments if you want to donate a little at a time.

How does my donation help? Your donation is used to support extracurricular activities such as music and physical education.



Another easy fundraiser that costs you no money is escrip. We are registered with Safeway, and all you have to do is

- Have your Safeway Club card ready
- Log on to www.escrip.com
- Click on "1-Sign Up"
- Present your club card every time you shop and our group earns!
- **YOU HAVE TO RENEW EVERY YEAR BY NOVEMBER 1**

It's easy to renew: Just visit www.escrip.com and click on "YES RENEW"

If you have registered for Schumaker Elementary, between August 6th and September 9th, Safeway will be donating 10% of your grocery purchases of participating products to our school. From September 12th through October 6th, ask the cashier for your register receipt, and you can go online to www.backtoschools.escrip.com or call 877 561-8048 to help us earn even more money.

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It's Free • *It's Easy* • *It's Powerful*



Register Your Safeway Club Card Today and Earn Money for Your School

Safeway Club Card Number

Group Name

Group ID # (if unknown, leave blank)

Last Name

First Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Email Address

Phone Number

Note: All lines required. Confirmation email will be sent to email listed above.

Return form to:

Schumaker

Counselor's Corner

SITE COUNCIL

The site council is the decision making entity of the school. We meet monthly to discuss issue related to student achievement. Site council is responsible for decisions related to staffing and budget. All parents and community members are welcome to join. We meet the first Monday of each month at 3:15 in the library.

The School Community Partnership Council (SCPC)

The School Community Partnership Council (SCPC) has been an integral part of TUSD for thirty years. It is the official Board-approved instrument for communicating with parents. SCPC was responsible for initiating the creation of the TUSD Parent Access page, and through their organization, they facilitate information from the school sites to the District and from the District to the school sites' parents. The importance of parents and their contributions is immense and immeasurable. We have one representative, and are looking for another. Please contact Dr. Laird right away if you would be interested in being a SCPC representative for Schumaker.

VOTE HERE**VOTE HERE

Student council officer elections will be held on

Wednesday Sept. 17th

Interested students in 3rd-5th grades should contact Miss Riveras in the library to obtain an information packet.

Beginning September 10, each Candidate may post up to 2 posters.

VOTE HERE**VOTE HERE

Once again, Schumaker is participating in

Make Meal Time Family Time:

Food for Thought

For Parents/Guardians

One of the most important things you can do to build a strong family is to share meals with your children, including teenagers.

Benefits of family mealtimes suggested by research:

- Gives kids an edge in school.
- Reduces kids chances of using alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.
- Improves family communication and family relationships.
- Fosters more emotionally healthy kids.
- Reduces fighting in school.
- Helps you know what's going on in your kids' world.
- Creates fond, lasting memories for you and your kids.
- Helps your kids to feel needed, knowing that they belong in your family.

Safety Alert- Please do not pull into the parking lot unless you are parking and getting out of your car. The only place students are permitted to be dropped off and picked up is the bus bay in front of the school. Thanks for helping to keep everyone safe!

Skate Country Night

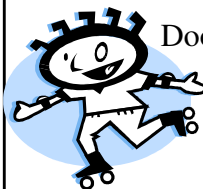
Wednesday, Sept. 3 6:30-8 pm

Admission: \$3.50

Skate Rental: \$1.50

Blade Rental: \$3.00

*Our first Skate Country Night of the year!
Join us for a fun filled evening of skating with
friends to your favorite music.*






Door Prizes will be awarded.



September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	¹ <i>No School Labor Day</i>	2	3 <i>Skate County Night 6:30-8:00</i>	4	5 <i>Spirit Day Wear blue and yellow or Schumaker shirt</i>	6
7	8 Site Council 3:15 PTC Mtg 6:30 pm	9 <i>Fundraiser orders and \$\$\$\$ due</i>	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 18 19 Parent/Teacher Conferences 11:12 am Dismissal			20
21	22 <i>First Day of Fall</i>	23	24	25	²⁶	27
28	29	30 <i>Rosh Hashana</i>				

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12	13 <i>Columbus Day observed</i>	14 <i>Picture Day</i> 	15	16	17	¹⁸
19	20 <i>Last Day of Sukkot</i>	21	22	23	24 <i>Masquerade Dance 6:30-8:30</i> 	25 <i>Make a Difference Work Day</i>
26	27	28	29	30	31  <i>Halloween</i>	

October