



# GROWLING GAZETTE

Schumaker Elementary Parent-Teacher Club

February  
2009

## Principal's Pen

By Julie Laird, PhD

Dear Families,

January has gone by quickly, and February will go by even faster as there will be lots going on. On February 13 we will play **Sweetheart BINGO**. We are still seeking prizes for this as well as the carnival that will be here before we know it. If you are able to get donations for these events, it would be greatly appreciated. This will also be the week we celebrate **Love of Reading**. Ms. Riveras has arranged some incredible story tellers and authors to share stories with our students. Classrooms will have lots of exciting activities.

The **science fair** will be the following week. We would love every child to participate in the science fair. Projects don't have to be elaborate. It is the process of engaging in the scientific process that is so exciting.

Please note that in the last newsletter, I informed you that there would be two Wednesdays (Feb 25 and April 1) that we would not get out early. The district has since changed its mind regarding the **Feb. 25** date, and **students will be dismissed early as usual (1:12)**. The April date is still pending.

For those who live out of the Schumaker Boundaries, thank you for choosing Schumaker as your child(ren)'s school. All families living outside our boundaries, need to fill out a **school choice** application. Once your child is attending, our school, and you have a school choice application on file, you no longer have to repeat the application each year. New applications are due February 6.

Kindergarten Open House (also known as Kindergarten Round-up) will take place on February 18. School choice applications for kinder are due Feb. 25. Please call the office for more information about enrolling a child who will be five on or before August 31.

Thank you to the families who have been selling **chocolate!** If you still have chocolate or haven't returned your money, please do so tomorrow!

Our **PTC** meets the first Monday of every month at 6:30 in the library. Please join us to plan for our spring events. In March we will begin discussing nominations for PTC officers for the 09-10 school year.

Just a reminder that when you pick up your child early, that counts as a **tardy**. (Any time missed from class, either at beginning or end of the day, is considered a tardy. Please pick up early only when absolutely necessary. Finally, thank you to the families who help your children **get to school on time**. We have had a significant increase in children coming late which causes a disruption for the late student as well as the rest of the class.

## Parking Reminders



- Student Drop off and Pick up should be in the front of the school ONLY
- The bus bays on the north side are reserved for daycare vans and school buses.
- The parking lot is for parking only. No drop off and pick up there.

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

## Spirit Day Winners for January

Primary- Finley  
Intermediate-DeNoon

### ☆ Star Students

Victoria Norton

Cory Sulger ☆

Rochelle Johnson

Tristan Lowry Poe

Elijah Leverton

Tava Garrett

Devon Torre

Haris Rana

☆ Lanae Finley

Juliet Sumba

Teya Blood

Rebecca Edwards

Ryan Kaiser ☆

Thank you to  
McDonald's at Broadway  
and Camino Seco for  
donating Happy Meals

### 2008-2009 PTC Officers

#### President

Bobbie Koistinen

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### Growling Gazette Editor

Cheryl Sulger

# What A Wonderful Idea

Dear Schumaker Community,

Do you have some used children's clothing you would be willing to donate to our school? Some of the staff at our school is interested in organizing a one-day-only clothing trade. This idea was created as a way to help ease the clothing costs that our families experience through retail shopping. The idea is to collect a substantial amount of used clothing that would be sorted and placed on view for trade. Those interested would "shop" and trade for an item that they are finished using.

Previous to this event, we will need to collect clothing from those who are willing to donate to our reserve so that we initially have things with which to swap. We are asking for your used clothing with the understanding that a trading day cannot happen without enough of a supply; that in the event that we are not well supplied, the donations will go to another charitable cause.

If you are interested in our endeavor, please bring your used clean children's clothing to Marjorie Miller in room 12. As soon as there are enough items to open our "Trading Day" we will inform our school community.



The deadline to turn in permission slips for the science fair is Friday, February 6. Be sure to list your question. Remember that a science fair project must include an experiment, and it must follow the experimental method (question, hypothesis, procedure, materials, results, and conclusion). Once you turn in your permission slip, you will be given a handout with additional necessary information.  
February 16 Projects are due. Judging in afternoon.  
February 17 Parent Viewing 6-7 p.m.



## SCIENCE FAIR

## Sweet Heart BINGO

February 13 6:30-8 This is a family fun evening full of wonderful prizes.

Cost: BINGO cards are .25 or 5/\$1.00

Markers .25

Daubers \$1.00

Snacks will be available. Volunteers needed for set up/take down, snack bar.

### Festival of Books

Reading Seed and hundreds of other groups are proud to be participating in the first, *Tucson Festival of Books*. This event is free to attend and will host over 300 authors including JA Jance and others. There will be a food court and cooking demonstrations, a children's area, workshops for young writers and booths to explore and meet your favorite authors! This Event will take place March 14 and 15 on the Uf A mall.

## Track Team



### Welcome to Coach Ryan Jensen

who will be our new track coach. Track is available to all 3rd-5th graders. A permission slip should have already come home. We need lots of parents to help as it takes a lot of volunteers to manage the many different events. All are able to participate, and we will have practice Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:15-3:30. Events are 100 m dash, 500 m dash, 500 m relay, high jump, long jump, and softball throw.

# Counselor's Corner

## SITE COUNCIL NEWS

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

## 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.

## Student Council News

**Have you sent in your pop tabs?**

**We are still collecting.**

Student council will host a pancake breakfast on February 25 from 7-8 a. m. Come enjoy some wonderful food and company.



## HAVE YOU BEEN USING THE "MAKE MEALTIME FAMILY TIME" TABLE TOPPERS?





I AM hearing a lot of excitement from your children that their families (or most of the family members) are taking the time to get together to have fun with the Make Mealtime Family Time "Table Toppers." (The Table Topper is made out of newspaper. The printing on it is bluish-purple.) It has games on it and family fun questions for all ages. You just put it on the table where you eat your meals and let the fun begin. Your family will probably not finish it so save it and finish it later at another time. In the years past, MMFT has not been able to give every student a table topper. The "great news" this year is that every students receives one each month. Recently, you may have received several table toppers because they have been stock piling in my office. I hope you kept them for future use. The current Table Topper (#4) was/will be given to your student sometime between January 26-February 6.


I know there are families that can't get together for meals. Here are some solutions: Turn off the TV/ Computer/Game Systems (Wii/ Xbox/Play Station/Nintenedo DS/etc.) and do it as a family activity. OR make a certain day and time each week a Family Time. There was a family who took the table topper to a restaurant and another family took it on a picnic. Be creative!!! The payoff is: IT WILL STRENGTHEN YOUR FAMILY'S RELATIONSHIP AND COMMUNICATION. If you want more MMFT activities, you can find them at MMFT on the internet [www.makemealtimefamilytime.com](http://www.makemealtimefamilytime.com). (Email me at [debra.daley@tusd1.org](mailto:debra.daley@tusd1.org))



This is a great job that pays minimum wage but has the incredible benefit of making a difference in the lives of many students. We are in need of a playground monitor before school 7:30-7:55, during lunch 11:00-12:30, and after school 2:12-2:30. You could choose one of these times or all of them. If you are interested, please contact Dr. Laird.

# February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Site Council 3:15pm PTC 6:30pm 	3	4	5 Science Fair Permission slips due tomorrow	6 Sprit Day Wear yellow and blue or Schumaker shirt	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Sweetheart BINGO 6:30-8:00	14 Happy Valentines Day 
15	16 Science Fair Due/Judging	17 Science Fair Viewing 6-7	18 Early Dismissal 11:12 for conferences	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Student Council Pancake breakfast	26  <b>No School Rodeo Break</b>	27 	28

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29	30	31				

# March