

All City Elementary PTA Newsletter

Week 2
September 12, 2011

Our Mission: "To create a community of learners: children, teachers, and parents working cooperatively to maximize individual growth and success in a changing world."

Deadline: Friday, noon
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At a glance Calendar Events

- **Monday, Sept 12th**
PTA Board Meeting
Noon
- **Tuesday, Sept 13th**
Picture Day
***don't FORGET**
Picture packets!!
- **Friday, Sept 16th**
Choice Day
1:45 pm
- **Friday, Sept 23rd**
Kids Care
2:00 - Dow Rummel
- **Friday, Sept 30th**

**Complete
School Year
Calendar is available at
www.allcitypta.org**

Reading is "Fun"damental

When I was younger and in elementary school, playing mat ball and kick ball were the two things that got me fired up. I usually was picked as a captain of one of the teams while my best friend was picked captain for the other team because we weren't allowed to be on the same team. I was quite the "baller" back in the day. I loved football and basketball with same vigor and passion. The teachers would tell my parents at school conferences that they thought of me as a leader and they saw great potential in me. When my parents came home from these conferences they usually went something like this, "Mrs. Koob says you are a wonderful student, polite, interactive in class, a little too social; a gift I passed along to my kids, and always attentive. Then the proverbial "but" would always follow; reading is area that needs improvement.

My oldest son Peyton loves to read. He is well rounded in what he likes, but mostly he gravitates towards series books. Kade on the other hand loves to read anything that has to do with sports. His favorite gifts from his Aunt and Grandma this year for his birthday were the early season football preview magazines. Ask Kade about any college team in the country and he will tell you where they are located, what the stadium is called, who the mascot is and where they are projected to finish. Ella's choice would be anything to do with animals or mysteries. We love reading the Scooby Doo mysteries.

I am so thankful to our teachers for placing a huge emphasis on the importance of reading. Reading is a huge part of education. Not only is it fun, but it also reaches over to the other subjects that you might not think of like math, those dreaded story problems. Having good reading skills is also beneficial in social studies and science. I have noticed as the years go by how much more time we add to the reading log each month, in fact I'm thinking of starting my own reading log! I wonder if I can get a Pizza Hut personal pan pizza for turning in my log? I'm thinking this needs to be added to the next PTA meeting agenda! Can I get a second? Continue the good work with those reading logs and keep reading.

Scott Stearns

PTA President



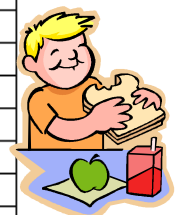
Cell phones and mobile devices (Speaking, texting, e-mails, internet use) should NOT be used during Commitment time. Please power them down and do not carry them during this commitment. Thank you.



The First Lego League team at All City is picking up steam!! We need to have a team of 3-10 students age 9-14. There is still plenty of room for more participants!! A coach has been identified. The school has the robot for the team. Contact Michael Hall if interested in becoming a part of the team. Deadline is September 16!!!

**2011-2012
PARENT
LUNCH ROOM
RESPONSIBILITIES**

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | |
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| Server (PLEASE COME TO GYM AT 11:45) | | | | | | |
| If no other parents are available to serve from a classroom as scheduled, All Day parents may need to serve lunch, eat at 12:10 and are excused from noon recess duty. | | | | | | |
| Aug/Sept/Oct | 2 | 1 | Sadula | K | 5 | |
| Nov/Dec/Jan | 5 | 4 | Sadula | 3 | 2 | |
| Feb/Mar | 3 | 5 | Sadula | 2 | 4 | |
| Apr/May | 1 | 3 | Sadula | 4 | K | |



Treasurer's Notes:

If you have not already done so please **please pay your activities fees**. The activity fee is \$30 per child at ACE. Make checks payable to ACE PTA. Also if you would like to become a PTA member the fee is \$8 for an individual member and \$12 for a family. You can give the checks to Mrs. Helming.

Spirit Wear

The **deadline** to order Spirit Wear is **September 13th**. Order forms are available next to the parent sign in area in the office. Make checks payable to ACE PTA and submit to Mrs. Helming.



Reading and Math Lab

Starting September 19th, we will have reading and math lab in the mornings before school in the library from 7:30 to 7:55. The green "Go" sign means you may come in, and it will be displayed from 7:30 to 7:45. Reading days will be a time for silent reading before school starts, and math days will be using games and manipulatives to practice math skills. This year Monday, Tuesday and Friday Mrs. Wells will have Reading Lab and Wednesday and Friday Mrs. Vos will have Math Lab. We hope to see you soon!



Monday's folders are not to be used to circulate any information that is not approved by the school. If you would like to send things out in Monday's Folders, check with Mr. D. The exception is if you are using circulating invitations to STUDENTS to a party for your classroom, and it includes all students, or all students of the same gender in a single classroom. Thank you notes will need to be mailed home via USPS.

Handbook Highlights

Choice Day

Choice Day
Information and Sign up Forms
can be found on the website allcitypta.org
Click on the green "Documents" tab

The goal of Choice Day is to provide a parent-developed, enriching learning experience with a community focus for students. All choices are at no cost to the children. Choice Day may be field trips, craft projects, guest speakers, sports and many other activities chosen with learning as the guiding focus.

Content: Program proposals MUST be submitted one (1) month in advance of presentation date.

The reason for this is for the administrative approval portion. Once the proposal is reviewed, you will be notified that you may proceed with the chosen topic. If the proposal is not educational in nature or not enough details are given, the proposal will be returned and alternative content will need to be secured. **Do not assume that your choice of activity is guaranteed until you get the approval.**

There is a parent signature line that must be signed or the proposal will be returned. **Please sign up only your child that this activity is assigned commitment for, not other siblings (this child's name will be on the top of the Choice Day form). Do not sign up other children. If you do not sign up your child, they will not be assigned to you.**

What should I present? Consider your workplace, personal interests, simple cooking topics (1 allowed each month), physical activity (gym will be available), community resources, etc. Each month there are national themes and lots of ideas on the internet!