

Project Cornerstone

I am happy to introduce you to the **Project Cornerstone Program** called **ABC** which stands for **Asset Building Champions**. It is a program that is provided through the YMCA. The purpose and goal of the program is to help children and adults learn basic tools and skills for peaceful conflict resolution that also provides skills in how to respond to bullying behavior, which in turns helps to create a more caring, respectful, positive school environment.

The **Asset Building Program** (ABC) was started in 2004 by Felecia Mulvany, a parent, who wanted to create a safe, caring climate at her son's elementary school. Her idea was to use books to teach students tools to deal with bullying behaviors, while learning positive interpersonal skills.

Each month a parent volunteers will be reading an assigned book in your child's class that will introduce assets that are part of the ABC Program to help build Asset Building Champions at our school. The goal is to also create a common language and vocabulary that is shared amongst the staff, teachers, and students to help create a safe and respectful school community. This supports Principal Duncan's 3B's of Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe program that is already in place at Paradise.

We will kick off the ABC program this Fall semester, 2012! We are in need of parent volunteers. If you are interested in joining the team, please contact me at debbie@boyd.com. There will be a formal training, in August, conducted by Project Cornerstone here at Paradise Elementary.

Thank You!

Debbie Boyd
ABC Lead

Sue Stapleton & Diana Gill
ABC Support Team

Box Tops and Labels for Education

It's almost Summer! What a great time to continue collecting **BoxTops** and **Campbell's Labels for Education** from family and friends while on vacation! Remember that Box Tops have expiration dates, so please check before submitting them. The new coordinator will need all the help they can get, so please remember to LABEL your submissions with your child's name and teacher information!

We are still looking for a new **Box Top/Label's for Education** coordinator for the coming school year. If you are interested in this very important position, please contact me.

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Lastly, I would like to thank everyone for all their collecting efforts in raising over \$3,000 for Paradise Valley in the last 2 years!! Great job PV families!

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Home & School Association

Hello Panther Families. This month has flown by. I hope you enjoyed your Spring Break and that you were able to have fun in the rain!

At our **Home and School Association** meeting we discussed several important topics. We had several committee chairs share about the event of their committee such as **Assemblies, Script, Panther Den, 6th grade, GATE, 5th Grade**, and of course **Parent's Night Out!** Laura Freeman and Cristy Gieg did an amazing job hosting PNO 2012. Our event was a huge success! We had a buffet dinner, Silent and Live Auction, Dinner and Dancing! The evening was a ton of fun! I already can't wait to attend next year's event.

Thank you Laura and Cristy for all of your time and dedication to our school. Our children are going to have their last assembly of the year, which will be a wildlife exhibit. **Script** orders are due Friday May 4th, please send them in! This is a great way for our school to earn money by doing your regular weekly shopping with gift cards. We have cards for local stores such as Safeway, Walmart and Target. We also discussed **Technology** improvements for our school. We have a technology group formed that meets to discuss items such as our current computer lab and how we can improve technology in our school. We have an assessment completed and are currently seeking input from our teachers and families. We have also reached out to other schools in or district in order to be able to put together an action plan for our school. If you are interested in participating please send me an email and I will forward it to the technology committee chair. We also **nominated our next 2012-2013 executive board for the Home and School Association**. We would like you attend our next meeting, which will be Tuesday, May 8th, after drop off at 7:45 in the morning.

When we returned to school we hit the ground running right into preparation for our **STAR testing**. The kids seemed to be a bit nervous before the testing began but they are doing a great job!

Hope you are busy making plans for your kids, summer is right around the corner! Hope to see you at the next Home and School Association Meeting as this is our last meeting of the year!

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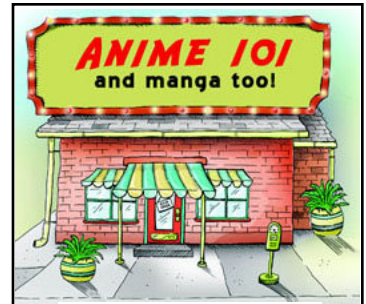
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