

THE BCPTC'S NEWS PUBLICATION

MISSION STATEMENT:

TO CREATE A COMMUNITY THAT CELEBRATES LEARNING AND CULTIVATES AN ATMOSPHERE THAT WELCOMES FAMILY INVOLVEMENT



Remarks from the Parent/Teacher Club President

Happy New Year and Welcome

As parents, we all want and expect the best education for our children. We at Ballico-Cressey are fortunate to have excellent teachers and an outstanding learning environment. Our school community thrives through the dedication of the staff and parents in partnership. As the focal point for parental involvement, the Ballico Cressey Parent-Teacher Club (BCPTC) is essential to the continuing excellence of our school.

school staff just like you, volunteering their time and talents to enrich the school experience of our children. Many everyday items and special activities would not be available to our students without the parents and school staff. Many thanks to all!

With Warmest Regards,

Diana Dickey



Did you know...

Our BCPTC sponsors and funds a number of special items and activities like Family Movie Night, Halloween Event, Walk-a-Thon, Connect Ed, Dinner/Dance/Auction, Ag Week, Reward Field Trips, Athletics, Teacher Appreciation Lunch, and much, much, more!

The BCPTC is comprised of parents and



And the Halloween Trunk Winner is...

the Redmond Family! Hooray for the best decorated trunk! This year's Halloween Carnival was a great success, thanks to the help of all of our parent and teacher volunteers. Kids were able to decorated their own pumpkins with fun foam face stickers and paint, win bags of candy and Halloween toys in a Halloween Bingo

game and enter the costume contest in their won age level. We had all kinds of beautiful and scary costumes and many that showed off kid's wit and humor. To end the evening, people went Trunk -or- Treating outside, around the 15 or so decorated

trunks. Thanks again to all of the volunteers for making this such a successful and fun Halloween event!

By Sheryl Okuye Sauter



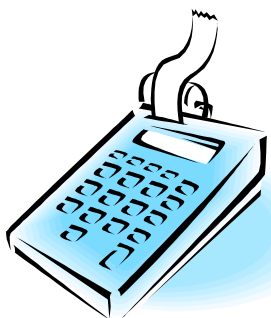
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Dates to Remember:

- Dinner/Dance/Auction is set for February 27th
- Pre-School Easter Egg Hunt at Cressey School is on March 31st





Crunching the Numbers.

Our treasure reports the latest... Our Ballico Cressey Parent Teacher Club paid for the First Quarter Honor Roll incentive fieldtrip for third through eighth graders. Students climbed aboard the school bus and went to Bellevue Bowl and bowled during the morning time. A total of \$642.00 was spent there. Our club also

provided our awesome walkers with water, bananas, and granola bars during the annual walk –a– thon in early November. The total amount spent equaled \$200.00. Our PTC spend between \$400.00 to \$500.00 on the Halloween Event. Going back to the beginning of the year in September the club spent \$125.00 for wa-

ter and popcorn for the Family Movie Night. Our current available balance is \$12,318.53

Thank you to Mrs. Chance who has been our club treasure for years and who does a wonderful job in making sure our records are correct.



EXCELLENT SCHOOLS DON'T JUST HAPPEN... THEY'RE CREATED! HELP RECOGNIZE AND PROMOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT AT OUR SCHOOL.

Keep those feet walking...

In November we had the best school fundraiser! The schools' walk-a-thon was a huge success! Students from both Cressey and Ballico Schools enjoyed the music and the snacks as they did an awesome job of going around and around the designated tracks.

Once again this year there was plenty of parent volunteers and the PTC was able to supply everyone with cool bottled waters in ice chests, fresh bananas, and nutritious snack bars that kept the walking going. Our principal and staff was so encouraging. We want to thank all who

participated, helped, and donated to this day! Go Braves!



Did your address or email change?

We just had PTC Members on our email list vote on our brand new mission statement or motto. Would you like receive news, updates, polls, and information from our very own Ballico Cressey Parent Teacher Club? You will be able to know

what is going on...if your email changed or if you would like to be added to our mailing list please send your email to jnairn4@me.com

We will make sure your email is just for PTC use only. Check out our new mission state-

ment voted by PTC members on our email list.



Let's eat Dinner, Dance, and Donate in Denair!

Mark your calendar everyone for Saturday, February 27, 2010 at 6pm for our annual Dinner/Dance/Auction! Tickets for the event are on sale NOW thru February 19th. We sold out of tickets last year and we can only print 200 so get your tickets early! Tickets are \$25.00 each and may be purchased at both school offices. Come to bid, dance, and enjoy a delicious tri-tip and chicken

dinner with all the great sides. We have a silent auction challenge-every PTC member(that is all of you) is being asked to get 3 to 5 silent auction donations. Please contact Kelly Conour our coordinator at

mjconour@yahoo.com

The goal is 100 baskets for the silent auction! Who will win the challenge and prize?

Each classroom will also

put together a themed basket for the silent auction and if you can help with that please let your child's teacher know. You may also contact Jana Naim at jnaim4@me.com to donate high dollar items like guns, bikes, sporting event tickets, vacation homes, and dinners for the live auction.

THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR SUPPORTING THE KIDS IN OUR DISTRICT!!



Thought of the Day:

"I think every working mom probably feels the same thing which is you go through big chunks of time where you're just going 'this is impossible -- oh this is impossible.' And then you just keep going and keep going and you sort of do the impossible."

-Tina Fey

"Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back."

Our very own Ballico-Cressey Community will be represented at Livingston's 2nd Annual Relay for Life on April 17th and 18th. Relay for Life is an exciting community event that brings people together to celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and empower individuals and groups to fight back against this disease. At

Relay, teams of people will camp out at the LHS Football Field and take turns walking or running around the track. Each year, more the 3.5 million people in 5,000 communities in the United States, gather to take part in this global phenomenon and raise much needed funds and awareness to save lives from cancer. Thank you if you already committed to helping create a

world with more birthdays! We are in the process of building a team of 24 members. If you are interested in uniting and taking part of this very fun and worthy event please email Michelle Thompson at mshell18182aol.com or visit www.relayforlife.org/livingstonca for questions, more information, or to sign up. Go Relay!



And the Scholarship goes to...

Our club has really done some wonderful things for our students and community. Let's add one more! We are happy to share that our PTC will be putting out information on The Ballico Cressey Parent Teacher Club Scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school senior in 2010 based on

student achievements. The student applying must be an eighth grade graduate from our Ballico Cressey School District. The recipient will be selected in May and be presented at the June 8th Ballico School Graduation. We will keep you posted with more details to come.



Helpful web sites for your child and family.

www.rif.org/parents

www.factmonster.com

www.howstuffworks.com

***Our Next Parent/Teacher Club Meeting is set for March 2 , 2010
at 7pm at Cressey School Cafeteria***

PTC EXECUTIVE BOARD

**PRINCIPAL: JOSE GONZALEZ
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VICE PRESIDENT: VACANT
CO-SECRETARIES: SHERYL OKUYE
SAUTER AND MARY ALLDRIN
TREASURE: GINGER CHANCE**

**The next PTC Braves Beat will
be distributed in May with the
Smoke Signal. Contents for
this issue are due on Friday,
April 23, 2010
email Diana Dickey at
ddickey7@gmail.com**

**The Braves Beat and PTC
Minutes are NOW on-line!
Log on to ballicocressey.com**

PTC Committee Members

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Family Movie Nights: Ginger Chance

S.H.A.R.E.S. Cards: Jill McGinnis

Raley's Quality of Life Cards: Jill McGinnis

Newsletter: Diana Dickey

**Halloween Event: Sheryl Okuye Sauter and
Jana Nairn**

Walk a Thon: Ginger Chance and Jill McGinnis

Scholarships: Monica Dunford

Girls and Boys Basketball Tourney: Kelly Moreda

Dinner/Dance/Auction: Jana Nairn

Pre-School Easter Egg Hunt: OPEN

Ag Week: OPEN

Sale 1/2 OFF *Adult Booster Shirts in Navy

Men and Women Sizes

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ALL Polo Shirts ONLY \$10.00 each

Make checks out to Ballico School

Sizes : Small, Medium, Large, XLarge, XXXLarge

