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Red Ribbon and CHARACTER COUNTS! Week Begins



Thank you to those who attended our Palomar Council in-services last month! It was lovely to see our council board and our units so hard at work. And my thanks to those of you working so hard to get your unit remittances and forms turned in on time. Should you ever have any questions on what is due when, please visit our council website (link at the bottom of this page and at the top).

One program that we are very proud to support through council is the Red Ribbon and CHARACTER COUNTS! Week that begins October 17th and runs through October 21st. There is information from the Poway Unified CC!/RRW flier in this newsletter, so please feel free to distribute it to your unit and schools. Many thanks to PUSD's provision of ribbons to our elementary schools this year.

Reflections are coming due soon—please see our latest article from Gail Matson. We are all looking forward to the Reflections Gala hosted by Palomar Council PTA later in the Spring of 2012. I also hope to see many of you with high school students at our High School College Fair on the 18th at Del Norte High School.

As you go about your Fall festivities this October, please be safe and courteous to others. Our “season of thanks” is soon upon us, and I am hoping we all have good times and good health to enjoy and be thankful for in the weeks ahead.

Just a quick reminder, we have our rescheduled Facilities Use Training at the District Offices—we need your RSVP! Please contact me soon if you plan to go. It takes place Thursday, November 3rd at 9am.

See you there!

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Look For Current Palomar Council Information on the Website.

All information emailed to you throughout the month will be posted on the palomarcouncil.com homepage under "Hot Topics." So if you can't find that information in your email inbox, you will be able to find it at the website.

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Got a High School Student? Come to the 2011 PUSD High School COLLEGE FAIR

The PUSD College Fair, hosted at Del Norte HS, is on Tuesday, October 18th from 6:00 - 8:30. If you haven't been to this before, it is an informative event to introduce students to a variety of college options.

If you would like to volunteer, or have any questions please contact this year's CF Volunteer Coordinator, Rebecca De Long, at rdelong@san.rr.com.

Visit online at <http://www.powayusd.com/news/college/collegefair/>

for more details as well!

Attention All Units-- **RESCHEDULED:** Facilities Use Training at PUSD

Please take note of the NEW PC Facilities Use Training date, rescheduled from earlier this month:

PLEASE ****RSVP**** to Jen Zaheer @ jen.zaheer@gmail.com so that we know how many are coming!

When: *Thursday, November 3rd,*
9 AM – 11 AM

Where: at the District Office,
15250 Avenue of Science
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in the Training Room located on the second floor, check in at the front.

RSVP TODAY!



Reflections "Diversity means . . ."

Students are creating, I can feel it in the air (and in the computer vibes). Remember to celebrate the creativity brought forth by your students at the unit levels and send the top 24 pieces forward to Palomar Council PTA Nov. 11-14. Our committee will then be doing the same judging process, etc. that you are at your level and announce the top sixty pieces moving

forward to Ninth District PTA. Yes, 60 pieces, ten entries in each art category move forward from our PTA Council to our PTA District. With four age levels and only 10 pieces moving forward this means we have room only for a few pieces of music, dance, visual arts, photography, film and literature that make it up to the next level of the program from each age level.

Our Palomar Council PTA Reflections Committee has arranged to have an art show and reception on May 4, 2012 at the Poway Performing Arts Center for the Awards of Excellence (top 60) and Awards of Merit (another 80) pieces. This means this artwork will be available for all to view in our community. All other pieces will be returned to the unit chairs in December along with certificates.

Please fill out the necessary forms and follow the rules for presenting these finalists forward to our level of this National PTA arts program. We wish our young artists the best in their mediums and hope they advance at the Ninth District PTA level to the CA State PTA level in January.

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Governor signs PTA's anti-bullying bill

At the close of the most recent legislative session, Governor Brown had hundreds of Bills to either sign or veto by October 9th. Occasionally, he included a signing statement. After signing a bill sponsored by a republican state senator that would impose a 1% tax on the sale of olive trees, the Governor stated the following:

To the Members of the California State Senate, I am signing Senate Bill 707 which imposes a 1% fee on the sale of olive trees. The author vouches for this fee by stressing the need to ensure that olives are "healthy and viable for California farmers." I agree. Perhaps the author and his colleagues might apply the same solicitude—and revenue—to ensure the health and viability of our schools? Just a thought. Sincerely, Edmund G. Brown, Jr.

Several education related bills were signed into law:

AB250 - The State Board of Education adopted Common Core Standards in August 2010. This bill sets out the timetable for creating curriculum frameworks to better guide teachers on what students are expected to know. The math frameworks will be completed by May 30, 2013 and English language arts a year later. That in turn will lead to the process for textbook adoption. The bill also extends the contract for the current California Standards Tests through 2014, at which point, if all is on schedule, the new Common Core assessments being developed by a consortium of states will replace them.

SB300 - Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson will appoint a committee including elementary and secondary science

teachers, school administrators, and university professors to revise science standards for the first time since they were created 13 years ago. Their product will go to the State Board no later than March 2013 for its approval by July 30, 2013. The new standards will be based on the **Next Generation Science Standards** and will be the science version of the Common Core standards, a multistate effort, led by Achieve Inc.

AB189 - Ever since 2008, when the Legislature approved flexibility in categorical funding, school districts have been able to take money that had been targeted for specific programs, like adult education, and put it into their general funds. Until now, the state hasn't been able to track where the money is going and the public has had little say in what happens to categorical programs. AB 189 requires districts to hold public hearings when they propose eliminating categorical programs and creates a new resource code for reporting the expenditures to the state. The law also helps preserve some adult education programs by allowing districts to charge fees for classes in English as a second language and citizenship. AB 189 sunsets on July 1, 2015. For more information on particular bills, go to www.leginfo.ca.gov.

Locally, the Poway Unified School District Board of Education just approved changes to graduation requirements. Beginning in 2013, computer proficiency and practical arts are no longer required.

Please contact Kimberley Beatty, kbeatty@san.rr.com, 858-335-4878, with any questions or comments.



POWAY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
celebrates

CHARACTER COUNTS! & RED RIBBON WEEK *October 17-21, 2011*

This year's theme is:

The Choice for Me Is Drug Free



This is a great opportunity to combine the message of awareness for character education and the anti-drug abuse initiative.

This year Student Support Services staff will coordinate the distribution of red ribbons to all elementary students, and assist with campus-wide activities in middle and high schools.



As you recognize CHARACTER COUNTS!

and Red Ribbon Week in your classrooms, the following websites may help you emphasize the Six Pillars of Character as part of an anti-drug abuse campaign.

List of Helpful Links for information and activities:

- <http://www.preventionpartners.com/stuff/activities.cfm?rand=76604957>
Red Ribbon Week, School and Class Activities
- <http://charactercounts.org/programs/ccweek/index.php>
Lesson Plans and More for CC! Week
- <http://charactercounts.org/pdf/ccweek/resources/2011/4-red-ribbon-tie-in.pdf>
Activities that combine CC! Week and Red Ribbon Week
- http://www.usdoj.gov/dea/ongoing/red_ribbon/redribbon_factsheet.html
For middle school and high school students, the origin of RR Week is explained.

Many thanks to our Partner in Education and Sponsor, Aurora Behavioral Health, for underwriting the cost of ribbons, "The Choice for Me Is Drug Free."



Reminder: Membership Drives are now YEAR-ROUND

Please contact PC VP of Membership Carolyn Beckwith at beckwith@san.rr.com if you need more cards! Remember to turn in your remittance to council when you get the remainder of what's coming to your unit. See PC Treasurer page 5

Pilar Gross at pgpta1@yahoo.com for details.

Your membership drive should not stop in December—keep those cards coming in! The more members we get, the stronger we are. For tips on how to continue on your drive throughout the year, visit www.capta.org.



A List of Important Dates for You to Note and Share

October 17-21—Red Ribbon and CHARACTER COUNTS! Week

October 18—PUSD and Palomar Council High School College Fair at Del Norte High School 6pm

October 25—Adopt-A-Family wishlists due to council

November 1—Palomar Council Monthly General Meeting PUSD offices 7pm

November 3—Facilities Use Training for PUSD 9am at District Offices

November 4—Adopt-a-Family Wishlists Distributed

November 10—Tax Lab with Ninth District PTA

November 11-14—Veteran's Day—NO SCHOOL, Unit Reflections Entries due to Palomar Council

November 15—CAPTA grants applications and government forms due, see www.palomarcouncil.com at calendar tab for details

November 17—Ninth District PTA grant applications due—see www.ninthdistrictpta.org for details

Halloween Safety for Your Goblins & Ghouls:

This Halloween season, play it safe: equip your kids with some safety tips and keep a watchful eye out for tricks as you go door to door looking for treats:

Hold a flashlight so drivers can see you, Always trick-or-treat in groups, Look both ways before crossing your streets, Limit the treats by eating healthy food before you go, Only let your teen attend parties of parents you know who'll supervise, Wear well-fitting costumes and shoes to avoid trips and falls, Eat only store-wrapped treats, unless you know the chef, Examine treats for choking hazards and tampering, and Never go into a stranger's home unless you're with a trusted adult.

Calendar info at a glance:

October/November 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16	17 CHARACTER COUNTS! & Red Ribbon Week Begins	18 HS College Fair at Del Norte HS 9 th D Board mtg 9:30 am SDCOE	19	20	21 CC!/RRW Ends	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1 Palomar Council Monthly General Meeting 7pm PUSD Offices	2	3 PUSD Facilities Use Training 9 am PUSD Offices	4 Adopt-A-Family Wishlists Distributed	5
6	7	8	9	10 Tax Lab at Ninth District PTA Time/Loc TBA	11 Veteran's Day/No School Unit Reflections Entries Due to Palomar Council Begin	12
13	14 Unit Reflections Entries Due End	15 Gov't docs due CAPTA Grants Apps due to CAPTA see www.capta.org for details	16	17 Ninth District PTA Grant Apps Due	18	19

Have you...?

- Turned in your membership remittances and your council assessments?
- Sent in your CAPTA and Ninth District Grant Applications?
- **Attended the PUSD and PC High School College Fair?**
- Shared with council your RR and CC! Week activities at your school site?
- Made plans to keep your membership drive going all throughout the year?



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