



# The Paloma Partner

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Happy New Year Paloma Families!

 A Note from the Board: 

We have had a busy January packed full of fun events! Please continue to watch for emails and check out our website for details on upcoming events in 2011! We would love to see you at our next PTA meeting on **Tuesday, February 1st at 6:00 pm in the Paloma Library**. Childcare provided for potty-trained children ages 3 and up. Please note our earlier start time of **6:00pm**. The site council, along with **Ms. Tobias**, will be presenting their new traffic procedures at the meeting. It is also the time to consider being on the PTA board for next year. Our current PTA board will be stepping down in May and welcoming in a new board. Please consider this opportunity to work with parents and Paloma staff to create a fun-filled year for our students and discuss issues that impact our great school. If interested, please contact any of the current PTA board members.

## Upcoming Events

The PTA will be hosting a Family Pizza and Game Night on January 28, 2011 at 6:30. Dust off your board games and come join us for a fun family night. Papa Murphy's pizza will be available for purchase. There will also be drinks, popcorn and bingo. See you there!



Save the date girls! The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Father/Daughter dance will be held on Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30. We still need donations and volunteers to help with this fun event. If interested, please contact Brenda O'Meara at [omearafamily@cox.net](mailto:omearafamily@cox.net) or by phone at 480-705-9502.



## No Cost Fundraisers

If you haven't already, please link your Fry's or Bashas' cards to our Paloma codes. The codes are provided on our website at <http://www.palomapta.org>. **Box Tops** - Please continue



to turn in your Box Tops to your teacher with the teacher's name on it. We have another contest running through Feb. 18th.

The winning two classes will once again earn a popsicle party!



## Save the Dates in 2011!

Please save the date for these upcoming events:

- Feb 1, 2011: PTA Meeting at 6:00 pm in the Library
- Feb 8, 2011: Restaurant Take Over TBA
- Feb 11, 2011: Father/Daughter Dance at 6:30

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## Thank You!

We have had a very fun and busy month! Thank you to the committee chairs and countless volunteers for each event that help make Paloma the great school that it is!

Thank you to **Bea Cowan** for organizing our Read-a-Thon! We have a school full of readers! Way to go!! Congratulations to Mrs. Fletcher's class for winning the pop-sicle party. The Read-a-Thon raised over \$1200 for new library books!



A big THANKS to **Cheryl Thompson and her committee** for all their time and effort for the Family Fitness 5K and 1 Mile Running Event. And THANKS to the combined efforts of **Mrs. Striker, Mrs. Pooler, Cheryl Thompson, Lloyd Thompson and Kyra Staples** for helping with our running club which prepared the kids for the running event! It was a huge success and lots of fun! What a great way to begin a new year of family fitness!

Another big THANKS goes out to **Dawn Mack, Sherry Stephenson and Kyra Staples** for the Wellness Challenge and **Debbie Striker** for hosting Family Activities as part of the Wellness Challenge. Many children and their families were able to participate through the many different activities offered throughout the last several weeks. It was a great time for all. There were lots of smiles, but most importantly, it was a fun way to learn how to be healthy!



Our latest restaurant takeover was held at Jason's Deli. THANK YOU **Shiela Jarvis** for organizing our restaurant events!

THANK YOU to **Valerie Kippes and Molly Swindler** for organizing the Fresh and Easy Shop for Schools Night and thank you to the **Paloma Teachers** who volunteered their time bagging groceries!

## Help Wanted

Our Spring Carnival is one of the biggest events of the year, which means we need a lot of help from the Paloma community. It will be held on Mar. 26<sup>th</sup> from 4-8pm. We are especially looking for dads who can help with set-up of our booths the morning of the carnival. If you are willing to help, please contact **Cindy Cullings** at [palomacarnival@gmail.com](mailto:palomacarnival@gmail.com). Thanks!



Planning is underway for the annual Mother/Son Event. This year the fathers of Paloma are taking the lead in making this event one that both mothers and sons will enjoy together. Therefore, we are looking for a few good men (specifically Paloma Dads) to come out and support this Mother/Son night through the planning, staffing and setup/teardown for this fun-filled event. Please contact **Glenn Gray** at [4vradvlasu@gmail.com](mailto:4vradvlasu@gmail.com).



We are still looking for pictures of school events to add to our yearbook. Please contact **Kristi White** at [white.kristi@gmail.com](mailto:white.kristi@gmail.com) with any pictures or questions.