

November 2006 Coyote Update

PARENT QUESTIONS OF THE MONTH

Have a question for Principal Johnson??

A question box is available at the front office. Drop your questions in and look for a response in the next Coyote Update.

Congratulations to our 2006-2007 National Junior Honor Society Members

The Induction Ceremony was held on 10/19/06.

Lorenzo Anaya, Vice-President Alyssa Arce , Noelle Ashoo, Melody Begay, Ellyssa Czajkowski, Sarah Dilley, Haleigh Ferguson, Treasurer Allyson Flynn, Leann Gallegos, President Adrienne Gillespie, Taylor Gonzales, Laura Hayes, Brittany Jackson, Marissa Lawrence, Chelsea Lockhart, Monica Lopez, McKay Lindsey, Secretary Andrew Melendez, Christopher Romero, Jessica Salazar, Rachel Salvato and Alexandra Sweeney
Mr. Scott Jeffries - Sponsor

The winners for the October Coyote Update drawing were

Sara Reilly and Ms. Fabiani
Alex Hess and Ms. Clark
Lynelle Shaw and Ms. King
Dominic Wethington and Ms. Jefford
Devereaux Goodwin and Ms. Dunlap

Thank you to our administrative staff for assisting with the drawing.

ENCHANTMENT FUNDRAISER

The PTSA raised over \$30,000.00 in the fall fundraiser. Many thanks to all who participated. The overall Top Seller was Ina Parrent. The other top sellers for the school were: Dustin Vanalstyne (8th grade), Nicholas Trujillo (7th grade), and Rebecca Bachicha (6th grade). In addition to the prize the top sellers earned from Enchantment Sales, the PTSA awarded each of them a gift certificate to the LBJ Book Fair.

A special thanks also to Shari Turner, Gina Arsenault, Kathy Bramley, Debra Ashoo, Sherri Dudley, Debbie Madrid and Laverne Garcia for their help with the fundraiser.

Kathryn Auh. Committee Chair

Character Counts T-shirt contest

13 students submitted designs for our T-shirt contest displaying the pillars of Character Counts. During the October 11th PTSA meeting, the members present chose the winner. Abram Lane's design was selected. Abram received a \$30 gift certificate to Hastings. The other 12 students also received a prize for their participation in the contest: Teachers will now submit names of those students they feel are deserving of the Character Counts Award. Selected students will receive a T-shirt and certificate and will be allowed to wear the T-shirt and dress down attire on Mondays and Fridays.

Thanks to all the students who participated:

Abram Lane, Chris Duran, Gabriel Sanchez, Sebastian Sandoval, Mariah Donnelly, Tony Sheppard, Dusty Rhoades, Emily Bork, James Walker, Jessica Archibeque, Justin Pettit, Dylan Dudley, and Emily Kennedy.

Character Counts Students for October

Aubyn "Dusty" Rhoades, Justin Cuadra, Nicole Russ, Clayton Everett and Angel Ortiz.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Social Action Kids

A new program to LBJ this year is Social Action Kids (SAK). LBJ is the only school in New Mexico to offer such a program to their 6th grade students. During Friday lunch meetings, students will be selecting, discussing, and committing to after school community service trips, as well as in-school fund raising drives. We hope to visit a minimum of 40 shelters, day care centers, and other wonderful facilities this school year. Some of our trips will include Project Share (serving dinner to the homeless), Joy Junction, Assisted Living Facilities (playing Bingo with the residents), Cuidando Los Ninos, Peanut Butter & Jelly Preschool, Casa Angelica, and so much more.

Louise Adelstone, 6th Grade Counselor

Advisory Program – Nancy Traylor

We launched the LBJ Advisory Program last month and have had four meetings so far. In Advisory, each student is given an adult staff mentor with a small group (11-16 students); they meet on Mondays and Tuesdays for about twenty-five minutes.

Building connections among students and staff has been among the positive comments that we've been hearing. One goal of the program, to help students feel they have a place to belong in a large school setting, appears to already be

happening. In Ms. Pena's Advisory, students decided to take turns bringing food that represents their families' traditions. It's a great way for the members to appreciate each other's heritage and to bond into a cohesive group.

Ms. Garcia's eighth grade computer classes produced podcasts which address several of the topics on the Advisory schedule. These include mini-videos on peer pressure, achieving goals, how media affects us, and underage drinking; these student works can be used to stimulate a discussion during the Advisory period.

The focus during November will be on goal-setting (and how that relates to agenda use!) followed by several sessions devoted to peer relationships: cooperation, gossip, and tolerance. Advisors have an activity manual and are continually bringing in new ideas for approaching these topics with their advisees. For example, Ms. Johnson's students wrote a letter about their goals for the year to themselves, to be opened in May.

We hope and expect that this program will create a sense of community and result in improved student behavior and academic motivation. Ask your student about their Advisory experience.

PTSA Meetings

11/14 & 12/12 6:00 PM-Media Center

October PTSA Meeting

10 members were present during the meeting. The treasurer's report and committee updates were presented. The 2006-2007 proposed budget was accepted. The board is still in need of a chairperson for Craft Fair, Reflections and Uniform Clothing Bank. Please let Debra Ashoo know if you are interested in taking on any of these positions. For a copy of the minutes, please contact Secretary Cynthia Pettit.

LBJ Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA) 2006 - 2007 PTSA Officers

Debra Ashoo (President), Melissa Bash (Vice-President), Ann O'Rourke (Vice-President), Laverne Garcia (Treasurer), Cynthia Pettit (Secretary, Coyote Update, Student Recognition), Josie Walton & Kathryn Auh (Fundraising), Gina Arsenault & Stephanie Thompson (IC Representatives), Rose Baca (Membership), Cheryl Jorgensen & Roberta Hamilton (Parent E-mail and Web Page), Sherri Dudley (Teacher/Staff Appreciation), Melissa Bash (Volunteer Coordinator), Reflections, Craft Fair and Clothing Bank are available.

Reflections * My Favorite Place*

Reflections is a National PTA program that focuses on art in the school.

The program is divided into different categories: Visual Arts, Photography, Music, Literature, Dance Choreography and Video/ Film Production.

Applications and Rules for competition are at the Front Desk. Please read the rules carefully.

All entries are due by Friday, January 12, 2007.

For the last 5 Years, LBJ has had entries forwarded to National Competition.

APS Nutrition Nuggets

To get your youngster moving more, suggest a specific activity instead of just telling him or her to get some exercise.

Many kids are turned off by the word *exercise** they don*t see it as fun.

Limit salt. Most children get all the sodium they need in everyday food. Help limit extra intake by shopping carefully (buy unsalted pretzels, non-processed foods, and low-sodium soy sauce) and watching salt when cooking. Idea: Leave the salt shaker off the

table. It probably won*t be missed! Being overweight makes kids * and adults * more likely to develop Type 2 diabetes. Because of rising childhood obesity, one in three boys and two in five girls born in 2000 are now at risk for the disease.

Help your child avoid

diabetes by showing him/her how to maintain a healthy weight.

Running is a lifetime sport, and childhood is a great time to start. If you*re a runner, invite your youngster to go along with you. If you*re not, take them to your local high school, and cheer them on as they jog.

LBJ Chess Team

The 2006-2007 1st Chess Meet, Albuquerque Scholastic Chess League was held on Tuesday evening, October 24, 2006 at Madison Middle School.

Participants from the LBJ Chess Team:

Team 1

Marcelo Rosales Jr.

Joel Saenz

Tyler Anderson

Trevor Anderson

Abraham Lin

Team 2

Stephen Torres

Gerardo Rodriguez

Miranda Nelson

Michael Orwat

Robert Hankin

Team 3

William Brown
Preston Humphries
Jonathon Lewis
Taylor Pullen
Brandon Grein

Team Captains:

Marcelo Rosales Jr.

Tyler Anderson

Alternate:

Isaiah Andrade, Chamiza Elementary School

Winners were:

Marcelo Rosales Jr.

Tyler Anderson

Trevor Anderson

Abraham Lin

Miranda Nelson

Michael Orwat

Preston Humphries

Jonathon Lewis

Taylor Pullen

Brandon Grein

Congratulations to the LBJ Chess Team!

Coach: Marcelo V. Rosales Sr.

Assistant Coach: Guadalupe L. Rosales

Assistant Coach: David Orwat

Team Manager: Claudia Rosales-Andrade

LBJ COYOTE CARDS

Still Available

\$10.00 each.

1 year of unlimited use Discount Card for Local Merchants. Cards are on sale at the Front Desk.

Many buy one get one free offers*(just 3 free Blizzards at Dairy Queen or 30% off at Applebees pays for the card).

OLD CELL PHONES STILL WANTED!

THE PTSA IS COLLECTING OLD CELL PHONES. We do not need accessories, just the old phones. There is a box located in the front office for your donations. All monies received will go to support your PTSA. Thanks!

LUMINARIAS FOR THE HOLIDAYS BY L.B.J. MIDDLE SCHOOL CBI

***\$6.00 PER DOZEN, ORDER BY DECEMBER 1, 2006

For more information call: Steve Covington 898-1492 - Ext. 21116

LBJ Carnival for Breast Cancer Research Fundraising:

Thank you so much for the help that every family brought to the school on October 27th. The carnival is a difficult thing to organize even at the class level, and without the support of the families bringing in supplies for the booths and the parent volunteers that were the eyes and ears in the halls this would not have happened. There were scary haunted houses, sumo suit wrestling, a chilly dunk tank, and whipped cream pie throwing just to name a few of the activities. All in all the carnival was a safe, and effective fundraiser.

The total funds raised for Breast Cancer Awareness were \$2934.00 all in 1 1/2 hours of the carnival.

The talent show was a success. Thank you to all of the participants and a great thank you the parents I saw at the talent show. I am amazed at the talent we have here at LBJ.

Thank you all.
LBJ Student Council

The Student Council November Project

A fundraiser through second period where students will be collecting money to support orphans* education in Malawi, Africa. It costs one hundred dollars for an orphan to receive training for a year in a particular trade. As a community we would like to raise as many scholarships for these orphans as possible. A reward will follow for the class that raises the most money.

Michael Jaecks