

Welcome to the 2012-2013 Adobe Bluffs School Year!!!

On behalf of the **Adobe Bluffs Educational Foundation and Adobe Bluffs PTA**, we welcome you! Whether it is your first day at Adobe Bluffs or you are a returning student, we are excited about kicking off another great year together! Adobe Bluffs is such an amazing community, and together the Educational Foundation and PTA provide support in many different ways.

The Foundation and PTA work closely together with Mr. Atkins and the Staff to achieve an overall goal of enhancing our children's educational experience. The Foundation and PTA work collaboratively, however serve different roles in supporting our school. **It is important to remember that support of both PTA and Foundation is crucial** to the overall functions at Adobe Bluffs, especially given the cutbacks in government educational spending. To clarify, below is a general description of the roles that both the Foundation and PTA play to enrich our children's learning.



THE FOUNDATION provides a way for Adobe Bluffs to benefit from the power of collective contributions and focuses on larger acquisitions. Since the Foundation's inception in 2002, we have provided computers, wireless networks, Arts Attack program, PE teacher, Impact teacher, Computer Resource Assistant, playground equipment, a running track and Compass Learning (an award winning, research-based curriculum and assessment software package for students and teachers). Your Foundation contributions to the initial fundraising drive and events throughout the year help make these purchases happen.

THE PTA is focused mostly on programs, events and volunteerism. We encourage all family members to be involved in our student's education and provide support in programs such as arts, music, science, PE and many other programs. Your PTA provides supplies and volunteers for Arts Attack, Author's Faire, Ability Awareness & Diversity Day, Mileage Club, Literacy Support, Parent Education, Performing Arts and much more. We also assist with the many different school services throughout the year. Please refer to the volunteer form in the First Day Packet for more information and on how you can contribute your time. Your PTA membership provides financial support to our school, as well as the local, state and national PTA organizations. The association has a strong voice and backs legislative forces to improve educational conditions.



Your generous donations of money and time given to the Foundation and PTA are **CRUCIAL** to any capital acquisitions and all programs and services provided for our children. Current school budgets are extremely tight which makes the investment of your time and money vital to ensure the best success and educational growth of our students. Remember that all donations are tax-deductible and oftentimes companies will match your donation. The time you spend at school is valuable not only to our teachers and staff, but shows our children that we all need to have a sense of pride in our educational achievements.

This Adobe Bluffs community belongs to all of us, and together we all need to be committed to providing the best for our children. Please take a moment to think about how you and your family want to get involved this year. We look forward to seeing you this year and hope that you will contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Go Aztecs!

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