



# A Little HOOT

Parents Club Newsletter  
Austin Creek Elementary



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**NEXT PARENTS CLUB MEETING — FRIDAY, JAN. 30, 2009, 8:45 A.M.**

## Sally Foster Gift Wrap

A note of thanks to all the families that participated in the 2008 Sally Foster Gift Wrap fundraiser. Austin Creek's profit from the sale exceeded \$11,000 and these funds will be used to benefit all children at our great school.

We also would like to announce our high seller prize winners!

- ★ Winner of the I-Pod Nano - \$200 in sales:  
**Zoe Teeter - 4<sup>th</sup> grade - Ms. Douthit**
- ★ Winner of the Portable DVD Player - \$150 in sales:  
**Miranda Billings - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade - Mrs. Melton**
- ★ Class with the most sales:  
**Mrs. Patten - 5<sup>th</sup> grade - CD Shelf System**

We would like to acknowledge and thank the following people: **Shannon Baker, MaryEv Betterly, Dana Brede, Cathy deRecat, Jeanne Dinno, Kim Herculson, Steve Robb, and Linda and David Willat.** This fundraiser would not have been successful without your help!

~Linda Fuss and Lorraine Bryars



## Letter from the President

Dear Austin Creek Families,

We had a terrific Parent Club meeting on November 7 and I would like to thank those of you who attended. There seems to be a great deal of confusion with:

- 1) What is the function of the Austin Creek Parent Club
- 2) How money is raised
- 3) Who decides how the funds are spent

I have noticed a trend in the Parent Club and school volunteers. Essentially the same people participate year after year. This small group of parent volunteers shape the decisions with regards to Parent Club fundraising, funded activities and goals. Please know that your ideas can only be heard if you attend meetings or speak with the Board of Directors.

We are in great need for parental participation for our 2009/2010 Goals and Budget. Please consider joining the Goals Committee for the upcoming year. A flyer will be sent home soon, detailing our current goals and budget.

Thank you to **Leticia Sotelo** and **Diana Wilson Todd** for spearheading the first "Bronze Medal" Teacher Appreciation Event for this year. Ladies, you did a terrific job mobilizing all of the wonderful parents who helped!

Happy Fall and enjoy your Thanksgiving vacation!

~Karen Grotte, ACPC President

## Family Fun Nights

Go out for the fun and help our school at the same time. More details will be announced. Special thanks to all who joined us for the Baskin Robbins and Village Market events. They were a huge success. If you happen to stop by either place, you can personally thank **Todd at Village Market and Stephanie at Baskin Robbins.** Looking forward to more fun ahead.

Put the following dates on your calendar:

☞ **November 13 – Sunnyside Cottage**  
7-9 p.m. exclusive shopping for AC.  
20% of proceeds go to AC.

☞ **December 2 – Dinner and Movie**  
Grab a movie from our AC family-owned Video Schmideo and dinner from the local Phyllis' Burger. 20% of proceeds go to AC.

☞ **February 19 – Pamposh**  
Enjoy dinner at this wonderful restaurant owned by an AC family. Generous percentage donated to AC.

☞ **March 24 – Mary's Pizza Shack**

## Black & White Night January 31, 2009

Our auction website, [www.AustinCreek.org/Auction](http://www.AustinCreek.org/Auction), is up and running. Please check it out periodically as it is updated often. Invitations went out in the Thursday folder a few weeks ago. You may now purchase event tickets and donate using your credit card through PayPal on our site. Black Tie and Tuxedo Tables are filling up so get your order in soon to get great seats. Remember there is seating for everyone but only the Black Tie and Tuxedo tables guarantee a specific table.

Solicitation will wrap up in the next few weeks. There are still several calls to be made so if you have time to make a few please contact me as soon as possible.

We will be having a meeting before winter break for packaging, details to come. We need baskets for packaging so if you have some laying around please drop them off at the school before the break.

The Flamingo has discounted room rates for guests of the Black and White night. Deluxe Rooms are \$89, Executive Kings are \$109 and Suites are \$199. Call 1-800-848-8300 or 545-8530 to make reservations and make sure to mention Austin Creek Parents Club to receive this discounted rate.

Any questions or comments please contact me at 591-4637 or [ystillman@gmail.com](mailto:ystillman@gmail.com)  
~Yvonne Stillman

## ACPC Mission Statement

This club is established as an organization to provide service to the school community, to conduct activities to foster community spirit, involvement, and awareness, and to raise funds solely for the purposes of supporting school goals and programs.

## Executive Board

President: Karen Grotte,  
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## ACPC Meetings

Jan 30, 2009 @ 8:45 a.m.  
Mar 5, 2009 @ 6:30 p.m.  
May 8, 2009 @ 8:45 a.m.

## Hoot Deadline

February 6  
March 13  
May 15

Please email newsletter submissions to Karen Gould at [gouldk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gouldk@sbcglobal.net).



## Families on the Move!

Just in case you might not have noticed, we are still running! *Families on the Move* is a great way to get up and get going in the morning! Research states that children who exercise in the morning gain a wide range of brain-related benefits—improved attention and reduced stress and anxiety. And, our children follow our lead—so come out and join them! Showing your children that fitness is important to you will help them to make fitness a regular part of their lives.

This quarter we are offering children who run 100 laps a *Families on the Move* T-shirt that will unite Austin Creek runners at the 2009 Human Race on Saturday, May 9, 2009. If you are interested in sponsoring the T-shirts please contact Nika Bowen or Leigh Hoyt.

Thank you!

~Leigh Hoyt (538-7244 or [LeighSing@aol.com](mailto:LeighSing@aol.com))

## Holiday Greetings from the Rincon Valley Education Foundation

This holiday season, when you let your mouse do your shopping, please remember that RVEF and the schools it serves receive 5 to 17 percent of every purchase you make at [www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com). **But only if you use link at [rvef.org](http://rvef.org).** So, go to [www.rvef.org](http://www.rvef.org), click on the Amazon link and enjoy your holiday shopping!

The Rincon Valley Education Foundation welcomes Jeanne Bevilacqua and Dawn Kruezfeldt to the Board of Directors. They join Megan Sherman as Austin Creek representatives. The board is comprised of volunteers from each Rincon Valley elementary school who work collaboratively toward the shared goal of providing funds to supplement science, physical education and the arts in our schools. The Foundation hosts several fundraising events throughout the year and encourages your support. For more information, please visit [www.rvef.org](http://www.rvef.org).

## Wish Upon A Star is Back!

Due to recent budget cuts, and the need for supplies in our classrooms, the Austin Creek Parents Club is providing our teachers with stars as a way for them to ask for donations for their classrooms. Be on the lookout for stars posted on classroom doors or windows. If you would like to fulfill that wish, just take the star and bring in your donation. Once again, the ACPC and teachers appreciate all of your support.

Thank you.

~Stephanie Shelton, Committee Chair

