



# A Little HOOT

Parents Club Newsletter  
Austin Creek Elementary School

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## President's Corner

The Austin Creek Parents Club extends a warm welcome to the new and returning families to Austin Creek Elementary School. 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.

The hallmark of the ACPC has been excellent parental involvement in the education of our children and supporting the goals of the school. We have a very challenging and exciting year ahead of us and we look forward to the same high level of energy and involvement that our parents have shown in years past. Actually, we are hoping this year there will be even more parental involvement. We really do need everyone to support and participate in the Parents Club. Please take a look at our committee opportunities and see where you can help out.

Please mark your calendars to attend the Parents Club meetings. Meeting announcements are sent home in your child's Thursday folder and your ideas, questions and involvement are always welcome. Attending a Parents Club meeting is a great way to share your prior experience and ideas... and to get involved. The ACPC is a "group" effort and every parent has the opportunity to exercise his or her voice on behalf of our students. You can also share your comments or suggestions via email ([acparentsclub@gmail.com](mailto:acparentsclub@gmail.com)) or on our website ([www.austincreek.org](http://www.austincreek.org)). You can also check us out on Facebook! We would love to hear from you.

Our next Parents Club meeting is Friday, November 6, at 8:45 a.m. in the Multi-purpose Room.

See you there!

– Lynne Trainor, ACPC President



## Author's Day

Award-winning author, Robert San Souci will be visiting Austin Creek on Friday, October 2. Mr. San Souci wrote *Fa Mulan: The Story of a Woman Warrior*. The animated

Disney's movie *MULAN* was based on this story. Mushu, the small dragon, was his creation.

His newest titles are *The August House Book of Scary Stores: Spooky Tales for Telling out Loud* and *Dare to be Scared 4: Thirteen more Tales of Terror*. Just in time for Halloween!

Additional information will be sent home in your child's Thursday folder. You'll be able to pre-order San Souci's books, which he has agreed to autograph during his visit.

If you would like to read more about the author, check out his website at: [www.rsansouci.com](http://www.rsansouci.com).

This visit is funded by your generous donations to the ACPC. Thanks!

## Family Pledge Campaign

*Help us put money back into our classrooms!*

The Austin Creek Parents Club is excited to announce our first annual Family Pledge Campaign.

Last year, Austin Creek parents spent over \$21,000 on wrapping paper and Entertainment books in order to support our school. However, we only received approximately 50% of that amount!

This year we are asking each family for their support with a direct donation to our school. This is the only school fundraiser other than our auction. Every penny you donate will go directly to our school!

We are asking for a suggested pledge of \$75 per family, but would like to see everyone participate within their means. Our goal is to have 100% family participation. This is crucial, given the state of our economy and drastic education budget cuts – we do not want to fall victims to those cuts!

Our campaign will run from September 14th – October 9th with a goal of \$12,000.

Remember: This replaces two fundraisers and goes 100% to our school!



Celebratory Ice Cream Social when we raise \$12,000 by Oct. 9th!!!

Visit [www.austincreek.org](http://www.austincreek.org) to donate securely using PayPal

*The Austin Creek Parents Club Thanks You!*

*Continue on back*



Hello Austin Creek Parents,

Planning has started for the 10th Annual Black & White Night Silent & Live Auction and we need your help. We invite you to come to one of two informational meetings. Last year we raised over \$46,000 and in order to meet our goals for this year we need help with solicitation. Given economical issues your help is even more critical to our success. We are looking for volunteers to do follow-up phone calls on donation letters that will be sent out soon. The time commitment is up to you, even contacting 5 donors is a big help. This is a great way for anyone to get involved, meet follow AC families and serve our community.

We are trying to make it as easy as possible to get involved by having a morning and an evening meeting. Please join us on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at either 8:45 AM or 7:00 PM. The meeting will occur at Samantha Donohue's house at 1536 Spirit Hawk Place and will last about an hour. If you can't attend, but would still like to help with this or any part of the auction, please contact Samantha at info below.

RSVP: Samantha at 849-8001 or [samantha@austincreek.org](mailto:samantha@austincreek.org)

Thanks, Samantha  
Solicitation Committee Chair



*Keep your ears open*

Our first assembly was this month.  
It was called N.E.D.

*(Never give up/Encourage others/Do your best)*

Be sure to ask your children what they learned. As parents we need to be their advocates. Any bully incidents should be reported to the teacher and Dr. Leaf immediately. It is vital to help our children with these essential life tools to be strong, feel supported/support others, and build their confidence.

Also the ACPC is offering something for the parents - Scott Cooper, author of "Sticks and Stones: 7 Ways Your Child Can Deal with Teasing, Conflict, and Other Hard Times" will be giving a presentation to Austin Creek parents on *October 15, 7:00 p.m.* in the Multi-Purpose Room.

If you are interested in being a part of Student Empowerment committee, please contact *Raylene Leavitt, ACPC Vice President at [Austincreek.org](mailto:Austincreek.org)*

*We are all in  
this together.  
It's not cool to be cruel*

# Family Fun Night

**September 17th**

Come to *Baskin Robbins* for fun and to support our school.  
*Baskin Robbins* will generously donate 20% of proceeds!

*Don't miss out on the teachers  
scooping your ice cream.*

**October 22nd**

Visit on the patio at *Skyhawk Village Market*  
and enjoy the delicious BBQ.

*Please check website for details/flyers..*  
[www.austincreek.org](http://www.austincreek.org)



### ACPC Executive Committee, Board of Directors and Members

*The Austin Creek Parents Club is comprised of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors and Members.*

#### Executive Committee

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**Members:** You, right? If you haven't joined already, there is still time! Come to our next ACPC meeting on November 6.  
We've got delicious treats and Starbucks coffee. Join us!