12.01.2023 Cat Track PTA Items

Upcoming PTA Events & Volunteer Links

12/2 - Holiday Bazaar 10am - 4pm

12/8 - Popcorn Friday

12/8 - Equity Coffee Talk 8:40-9:40am

Ongoing - Mystery Reader: https://bit.ly/3FVfGPk

12/2 ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR 10-4 pm

The 7th Annual Juanita El PTA Holiday Bazaar is December 2! Come shop from local crafters and artisans for all your holiday gift needs. We are also hosting a Food and Personal Care items drive at the event.

Highlight for the Event:

- Silent Auction is now LIVE: https://app.galabid.com/2023hbauction/
- Doors Open 10am for shopping and dropping off food and self care items.
- Concessions and Raffle tickets for sale at 10:15.
- The Juanita El Choir performs at 1:00-1:30pm
- Auction and raffles close at 3:45pm

All proceeds from Bazaar benefit our 5th Grade Outdoor Ed Program. <u>Click here for more details.</u> **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**: We still need a few volunteers to help make the Bazaar a success.

Sign up here: https://bit.ly/3LMk5HS

THANK YOU! - GIVING TUESDAY SUCCESS

We cannot thank our community enough for their generosity and support on #givingtuesday in support of new books for the Juanita El library. We raised over \$2,800 so Mr. T can buy new books about spaceships, trucks, dogs, snakes, and sharks! Coupled with a \$1,200 grant the PTA made to the library earlier this year, our kiddos are going to have lots of new books to fuel their imaginations. Thank you!





GREEN TEAM: During our last meeting we met in the arboretum and had students pick up litter, rearrange the rocks and gather brush piles. A few upcoming projects will be a recycling audit,

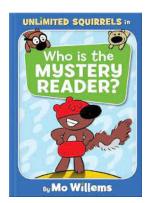
educational videos for Cat Tracks and brainstorming ways to keep Juanita sustainable.





Green Challenge: Do you drive to pick up from school? The pick up and drop off zones at Juanita El are anti idle zones. This means you need to turn off the engine if you are in the car for more than 3 minutes. Exhaust from cars is not only harmful to the environment but there are many kids and parents who have to breathe that toxic air and it has harmful effects.

ENRICHMENT: Reading out loud not only builds vocabulary but it also improves comprehension and active listening, reduces stress, strengthens fluency, helps improve memory and it is a fun experience to share with your child. Juanita PTA is piloting a Mystery Reader program and we need readers like you! All you need to do is sign up, send your child's teacher 4 clues about you then come and read a book to the class. Please sign up if you, or a family member, are interested in being a Mystery Reader this year. Dates and times will be scheduled directly with the classroom teacher. Sign up here: https://bit.lv/3FVfGPk



Juanita Math Challenge

The Math Challenge is a math enrichment program to entice, engage and challenge students to solve interesting math problems while strengthening their math fundamentals, critical thinking, problem solving skills, reading comprehension and improving confidence in math. Students strengthen family involvement by asking parents or siblings for help and by engaging in a fun discussion to solve math problems.

This program is FREE, and no sign-up is necessary. All students K through 5th grade students are invited to participate.

Find the Math Challenge #5 (Due 12/5) and participation instructions at

https://www.mathinaction.org/juanita-elementary.html

12/8 POPCORN FRIDAY

It's the last Popcorn Friday before break! Every student received one free bag of popcorn at lunch recess. Students may purchase one additional bag for 50 cents. All proceeds go to support our Outdoor Ed Program and help send our 5th Graders to camp in May!

Spiritwear Sale ENDS Dec 8!

Don't miss your last chance to purchase some Juanita El Spiritwear at a discounted price! There is a wide variety of items to choose from including some items your teacher or favorite staff person would love to get as a gift! Shop now at 1stplace.sale/100076.

10% of all orders is donated to our Outdoor Ed Program



DONATE TEXTILES & SUPPORT OUTDOOR ED!

Are cleaning out your closets this winter? Did your kid grow 2 sizes suddenly? Just bag up your used textiles, shoes and accessories and place them in the white Tree Machine Bins at Juanita El. Once the bins are full, Usagain will empty the bins, plant a tree and Outdoor Ed receives a cash donation based on the weight of the items collected! Check the chart below for items that are accepted and items can be donated year-round!



SIGN UP TO BE A VOLUNTEER

Sign up to be on our volunteer list! All volunteers must be LWSD approved volunteers prior to events. Check out the upcoming volunteer opportunities below:

Sign up to be on the PTA volunteer list: https://bit.ly/3sM0MYD
Become an approved LWSD volunteer https://www.lwsd.org/get-involved/volunteering-in-lwsd