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Coming Up

Wed, Nov 30	Science Olympiad Club Application Deadline
Fri, Dec 2	Coat Drive Ends
Wed, Dec 7	PTA Meeting, 9:30 AM
Thu, Dec 8	Spirit Night, True Crafted Pizza, StoneCrest
Wed, Dec 14	Staff Cookie Exchange
Thu, Dec 15	Metro School Lunch

Next Rocket Review on Tue, Dec 13



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Capital Donations...Did You Know?

Did you know that Capital Donations are one of our top 4 fundraisers, along with GoPlaySave book sales, Book Fair, and Rocket Raffle?



At a recent PTA meeting we became aware that many families, especially those newer to PSE, did not know we rely heavily on Capital Donations. We do this because parents have told us they would rather make a straight donation than be asked to participate in "sales-type" fundraisers. GoPlaySave is the only selling-type fundraiser we use, and that is because it has such a high profit margin (\$15 per book sold), and it can pay for itself by using the coupons.

In addition, we learned that parents sometimes did not know the kinds of things PTA money is spent on. **The PTA pays for things that our school relies on every day.** For example, so far this year we have paid for printer ink, costs associated with moving the computer lab (to make room for needed Kindergarten classrooms), teacher training and professional development, carpets for the new cottage classrooms, and the use of the Accelerated Reader (AR) program. Furthermore, costs for things like printer ink, teacher professional development, and outdoor maintenance are expenditures we continue to incur throughout the year.

If you haven't given to the capital fund, but would like to, you can do so at anytime on Pay4SchoolStuff.com (donations are tax deductible!). In addition, we love employer matching programs! Company matching funds are consistently a significant portion of our Capital Donations. Some of the employers we regularly receive matching funds from include:

Ally	Ameriprise	Bank of America
Duke	Google	Microsoft
Schwab	TIAA	Travelers Insurance

As always, thank you for your support!!!!

December Spirit Nights

Because you know you will be too busy to cook...

True Crafted Pizza

Thursday, Dec. 8

Chick-fil-A

Monday, Dec. 19

Loaves & Fishes Grand Total



PSE was able to collect 10,389 items to donate to our local Loaves & Fishes community helpers. We would like to give a special Thank You to the parent volunteers who helped with our collection parade and to our PSE Rockets for bringing in all those items!!!

Happy Thanksgiving to all our PSE Rocket families! We are grateful for YOU!

– Dana Brincefield, PTA Vice President of Outreach



The coat drive runs **until this Friday, Dec. 2**. Please consider donating new or gently used coats to benefit Crisis Assistance Ministry. **Coats in all sizes are needed.** There is a donation box in the school's front hallway.



It's Cookie Exchange Time!

It's time to tie on your aprons and roll up your sleeves! You are invited to love and serve our wonderful faculty and staff by contributing to PSE's annual Holiday Cookie Exchange! We need dozens of cookie bakers to make this much anticipated tradition a sweet success. This is the highlight of the season for our faculty and staff, as they enjoy fellowship and a chance to bring home a heaping plate of delicious homemade goodies to their families to enjoy during the holidays.

This year's cookie exchange will be **Wednesday, Dec. 14**. For all details and to sign up to participate and bake, please visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4aaea8292-pseholiday>.



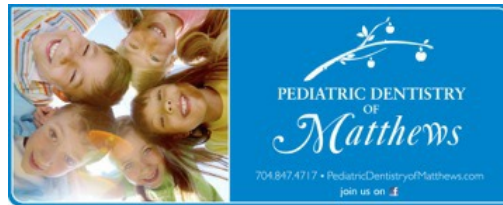
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