

# Shark Bytes

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## Dates to Remember

### Thursday – Saturday January 21-23

Family Restaurant Night  
Wild Dan's Pizza  
5514 Pacific Street, Rocklin

### Thursday, February 4

PTC Meeting  
3:15PM  
Library

### Friday, March 12

Parents Night Out  
7:00PM  
Bistro 33

**Please visit our school website for the most up-to-date information at <http://ses.rocklin.k12.ca.us/>**

### Spirit Wear Fridays!

Wear our school colors or your Sierra Elementary sweatshirts and t-shirts. Sierra Elementary spirit wear still available for sale in the office!

### Entertainment Books!

There are still a few 2009/2010 Entertainment Books available for sale in the office. **\*They are currently on sale for \$20.**

### Bring in New/Used Sweatpants and Sweatshirts

The front office needs to replenish their supply, which is used when kids come in with very wet or muddy clothes. We can accommodate them if we have them on hand!

## Principal's Letter

Happy New Year Sierra Families!

It's hard to believe that we are rapidly approaching the midway point of the 2009-2010 school year. As your students return after the holiday break, reestablishing regular routines is important to continued school success.

Regular, punctual, school attendance should be a big part of your routine. Lost instructional time due to absence is a direct contributor to difficulty in mastery of grade level skills. It also negatively affects our school budget. Please check out the "Importance of School Attendance" information recently added to our school web page at [www.ses.rocklin.k12.ca.us](http://www.ses.rocklin.k12.ca.us) The statistics are startling.

AR/AM Home Connect

Another new addition to our web page is a link to "Renaissance Home Connect." Once on the link you can easily access your child's AR/AM records using their regular school log-in and password. Records are updated automatically each time your student takes an AR quiz or completes an AM assignment. Make a point of reviewing this information frequently with your son or daughter to help monitor their progress towards meeting their second trimester reading and math goals.

The second half of the school year is a time to ramp up the learning and to make the progress necessary to successfully complete the school year and prepare for the next grade level. Again, regular routines for homework, regular attendance, a balance of schoolwork and unstructured time combined with regular exercise, sleep, and good nutrition all help to insure your student's success each day in school. Your partnership with your child's classroom teacher and the greater school community is a vital part of a successful educational journey.

Karen Huffines  
Principal

## NEARLY EFFORTLESS FUNDRAISING

- Clip BOX TOPS and CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS (drop in office, classroom or library)
- Recycle EMPTY OR FULL INK CARTRIDGES (drop in office)
- Buy SCRIP! Purchase pre-paid cards for places you already shop. Available in the office. (Details available at <http://www.sierraptc.com/index.htm>)

## NEW OPPORTUNITIES!

We are in need of one or more parents to share in the responsibility of managing our SCRIP program. Involvement is 2-4 hours per week at home/school.

Please contact Lisa Nivinski  
[nivinski@starstream.net](mailto:nivinski@starstream.net)

Do you have a business or a product that you sell that can generate a percentage of proceeds back to our school? We are creating a place for that on the PTC website as well as the newsletter! For more information, please contact  
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## PTC President's Letter

Hello Sierra Parents:

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday.

As we begin the new year I have been thinking forward as to what the rest of the year holds for the PTC. We have a Family Science Night and the Parent Night Out "Evening Under the Stars" in March. There are 4 PTC meetings scheduled for the end of this school year. Several restaurant nights are planned, the first in February. So please check the Sierra Elementary web site calendar for upcoming dates.

Recently a detailed letter went out to all the parents via the room moms. This letter had information regarding fund raisers done so far, and one more to come! There was also dates for upcoming events sponsored by the PTC. If you missed this letter, please check for it on the PTC web site [www.sierraptc.com](http://www.sierraptc.com). It will be listed under the forms and publications tab.

We are all looking forward to the "Evening Under the Stars" Parent Night Out/Auction. Because the event sold out last year, the committee has chosen a new location this year. Bistro 33 is a new restaurant in the Rocklin Mercedes Benz dealership. Please mark you calendars for March 12th and look for invitations to come home with your students soon!

The last PTC item that the board needs to start looking at, is a new board and committee chairs for next year. Starting the end of February we will need to have names lined up. In the next newsletter look for a list of open positions and short descriptions.

I hope you will enjoy the events the PTC has planned for the rest of this school year. Please attend a PTC meeting to get the latest news of what is happening in your child's school!

Lori Kambe  
PTC President





## We Want To Hear From You!

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or comments. General questions and comments may also be directed to [ptc@sierraptc.com](mailto:ptc@sierraptc.com).

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## Family Restaurant Night

Each month now until the end of the school year, we will feature a restaurant that has agreed to give back to our school a portion of whatever Sierra families spend on their meal there on specific days! Our first one will be at Wild Dan's Pizza at 5514 Pacific Street in Rocklin. Come in for lunch or dinner anytime on Thursday, Friday or Saturday, January 21, 22 or 23 and MENTION YOU'RE FROM SIERRA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, and Wild Dan will donate 15% back to our school! Wild Dan's is a fun family atmosphere with sports and music memorabilia everywhere. Friday night family-friendly Karaoke, Saturday night LIVE MUSIC! You can view a full menu at [wilddanspizza.com](http://wilddanspizza.com)



## PTC Financial Update

### Income

Jog-a-Thon	\$ 18,821
Fall Carnival	2,803
Scrip/eScrip	1,586
Box Tops	1,104
Ink Cartridge Recycling	120
Entertainment Books	3,472

Total Income \$ 27,906

### Expenses

Art Docent Program	500
Teacher Accounts	7,475
Teacher Resource Library	2,000
School Library	1,000
Garden Maint.	800
Playground Equip	514
Assembly	435
IB Program Incidentals	250
PTC Operating Costs	1,018
(web hosting, tax prep, office supplies, etc)	

Total Expenses \$ 13,992

Anticipated Expenses \$ 20,858

Tech Maintenance, Teacher Work Room Supplies, Auction Licensing Fee, Assemblies, Misc. Teacher Requests, Field Trip Scholarships, AR Quiz Annual Fees, PTC Operating Costs, PYP/IBO Operating Costs, Fundraising Start-Up Costs for Fall 2010.

