



THE BOBCAT

REED ELEMENTARY PTA NEWSLETTER

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Second Harvest Food Bank Food Drive

Our annual food drive has started! The last day to bring in your donations is November 13th.

Please support our community neighbors with donations of healthy food such as;

- canned stew, chili, and soup
- tuna/ canned meat
- canned/dried beans
- peanut/other nut butters
- low sugar/ high grain cereals
- canned fruit & vegetables
- 100% fruit juices (multi-packs)



Every item is appreciated as is every generous heart. A Bobcat will be given when items are donated in the cafeteria into the marked bins. Monday, November 9th will be double Bobcat Day! Please check your items carefully to make certain of valid expiration dates.

If you have any questions, you can contact the food drive coordinator at fooddrive@reedpta.com.

Hillary Young

One Warm Coat Drive

Next week the Girl Scout Troops at Reed will hold our third annual One Warm Coat Drive. Please sort through your closets and bring any coats your children have outgrown or ones you have grown tired of. **We will gladly accept any used or new coats, jackets, or sweatshirts in child or adult sizes.**



The coat drive starts on Monday, 11/9, and ends at the Reed Family Service Night on 11/13. Please bring your coats to the bins in the cafeteria. We are eager to see how many we can collect this year! The coats will be donated to United Foster Care Homes, Acts of Mercy (Church of the Chimes' outreach program), and Sacred Heart.

If you have any questions or would like a receipt, please contact Amie Rodda at amie@troop.61361.org. Thank you for your support!

Spirit Day EVERY Friday

Let's all support our school-wide Spirit day by wearing our Bobcat t-shirts **every Friday**.

Walk-a-thon, Chorus, Variety Show, or Play shirts all work! Don't have a Reed shirt? Wear blue or yellow!! Go Bobcats!

Dinner Night Out Tuesday, November 17th



Baja Fresh Mexican Grill is hosting our Reed Elementary families this month for our Dinner Night Out! 15% of all sales (10am- 9:30pm) will be given in support to our school to fund our music and arts programs, and sports equipment.

With a wide selection of burritos, fajitas, Fresh-Mex salads, and kid-friendly meals items (quesadillas and more!), Roberto and his staff are eager to help you have a fun night out.

Be certain to bring in the bright green flier when you order. For even more convenience, go to BajaFresh.com, select the 1008 Blossom Hill Road location, and place an online order for easy pick up!

Thank-you to all the families who continue to attend these dinners! Let's set a goal of 100 participants this month!

Say Cheese!! Please take photos of your family or friends and submit to Yearbook@reedpta.com

Hillary Young
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Popcorn Fundraiser!



Our winter fundraiser starts on November 12th! The popcorn will arrive before the holiday break, so order some as a gift for co-workers, friends and family or for yourself! The popcorn comes in a variety of flavors and sizes! Order forms will go home in the white envelopes. Please make checks payable to REED PTA.

Monies earned will go towards paying for the numerous PTA sponsored programs at Reed! If you are not interested in ordering popcorn, flat donations are welcome. Donations can be made via check or Paypal, <http://www.reedpta.com/>.



Thank you for your generous support!

Emergency Kits for Classrooms

Our classroom emergency/disaster kits are very old and the supplies desperately need to be replaced. Please help us by bringing in a donation of the following:

Package of gauze pads 4x4, Medical tape, Baby wipes, Small travel kleenex packs, LED flashlights
Emergency blanket (mylar- thin silver type that folds flat)

We greatly appreciate your help in refreshing these disaster kits.

Please bring your donation to the office or give to your teacher on or before November 13th.

Reed is partnering with the Assistance League of San Jose as part of our **Family Service Night**, please help us collect any **New or Gently Used Children's Books**. These books will be distributed to organizations such as the **Boys and Girls Club, Family Supportive Housing and Valley Pediatric Unit**. You may bring the books to **Family Service night on Friday, November 13th**, or drop off your new or gently used children's books in the office. We will collect books between now and Nov. 13th.

Thank you for your kind support!
Cheers, Mrs. Bailey



Fall Festival was a HUGE Success Thanks to YOU!

On behalf of the entire Reed community, we would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all the volunteers who helped make this year's Fall Festival a grand success! Our festival is entirely dependent on the time, skills and efforts of our wonderful volunteers. If you contributed in any way, and attended the Fall Festival....THANK YOU!!! It was definitely a team effort! It is because of YOU, that we were all able to come together as a community and enjoy the night!

There are some key individuals that we would like to acknowledge. If you see the following volunteers on campus, help us shower them with appreciation!

Kara Hodgman, Hailey Williams and the Silent Auction Committee - THANK YOU for volunteering to take on the SILENT AUCTION! Your "can-do" positive attitude and highly organized skills were inspiring to watch!

Candy Flett- You dedicated several hours to locating, contacting, scheduling and making sure we had enough volunteers available to help set-up, run our games, be "scarers" for the Haunted House and clean up after an evening of fun! We cannot THANK YOU enough!

Laura and Manny Hernandez- THANK YOU for stepping up to chair this for the FIRST year and for tirelessly working on the HAUNTED HOUSE! This year's haunted house was stunning ...you really out-did yourselves!

Laura Cornett- We LOVE the creative signs to help direct our families where to explore throughout the night. Joe Cornett, Chris Rosa and the Teixeira Family- THANK YOU for helping set up the lights, inflatables and game booths! Michelle Greenwood- You stepped in whenever we needed help and did so with a smile on your face! Jimm and Rhonda Vosburgh and West Valley Construction- a HUGE thank you for your extremely generous donation of the light towers!

All Room Parents, THANK YOU for setting up our amazing CARNIVAL GAMES! You volunteered your time by creating or improving the games, setting them up, checking in on the student volunteers, and putting everything away! If that wasn't enough, you also helped coordinate the CLASS BASKETS and SCARECROWS! Your contribution to Reed is invaluable!

DJ Tanaka- THANK YOU for providing us with the gift of MUSIC! We always look forward to seeing your smiling face and hearing your encouraging words! Mr. and Mrs. Griffith- THANK YOU for being our wonderful emcees for the evening! You really brought the excitement to the night! Maria Mancera...our absolutely WONDERFUL custodian...words truly cannot express how much appreciation we have for you and all of your hard work the week prior to and during the night of the event. Maria...you ROCK!

Faculty and Staff - THANK YOU for manning our TICKET BOOTH, letting us borrow your CLASSROOMS and the OFFICE, and donating TEACHER EXPERIENCES and, much, much, more! Your willingness to contribute to our Reed community really means the world to us!

The PTA BOARD Members for assisting in organizing and coordinating the numerous moving parts for this night. In particular we want to thank Ann Sawicki for finding our tasty food trucks, coordinating tickets sales and of course for choreographing an amazing DANCE CREW, who provided us with awesome performances throughout the evening. Chelsey Souza was key in ensuring the class baskets and scarecrows were a part of the silent auction. We want to thank Andrea Ulicki, Tracy Vezien and Julie Pozzi for assisting with decorating and helping us create a festive atmosphere! Caroline Youkhanna- THANK YOU for working closely with our amazing room parents and assisting them with games for our "GAME ALLEY".

We hope you all enjoyed the Festival as much as we did!

Anitha, Stacey and Camila



FAMILY SERVICE NIGHT

Friday, November 13th, 6-8pm

What can you expect at Family Service Night this year?



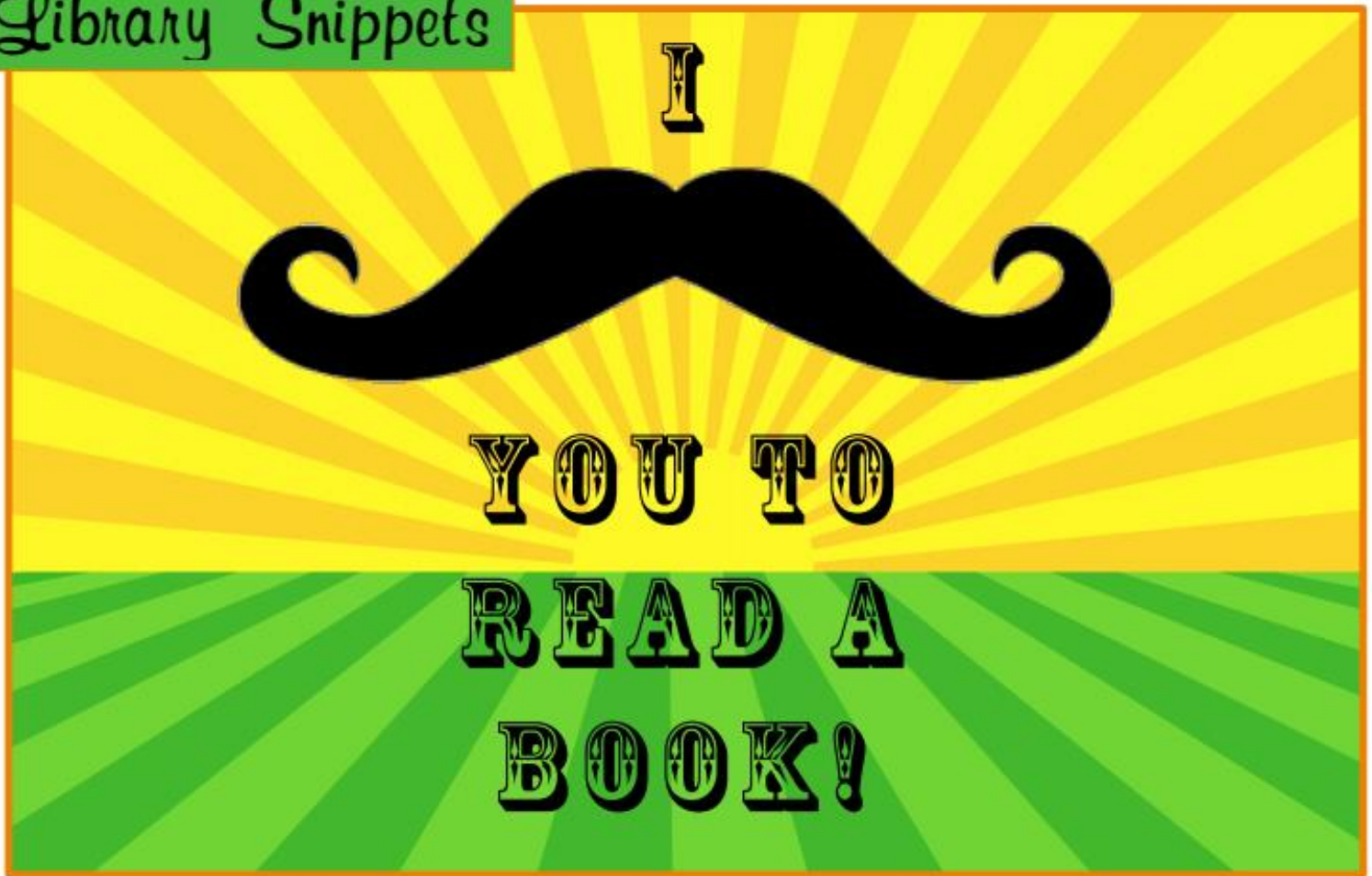
Can you help?

The FSN Committee would love a few more willing hands to help. Volunteers are needed to:








- reach out to the Reed staff to identify projects they would like to initiate (1-2 hrs)
- shop for holiday card supplies for the military service men and women (1-2 hrs)
- take a shift at a station on the night of the event (1-2 hrs)
- borrow 5 Rainbow Looms for the night of the event (1 hr)
- assist with set-up or clean-up on the night of the event (1 hr)
- donate construction paper, scrapbook paper, stickers, fleece, pre-cut paper shapes, business envelopes, watercolor paints and brushes, looming bands, or gift cards to Michael's or Joann's Fabrics

Please contact Debbie Navratil at familyservicenight@reedpta.com if you can pitch in!


Library Snippets



Why is reading important? It develops the mind in many ways:

-  Understanding the written word grows the mind in its abilities.
-  Develops your language skills: you know more words!
-  It improves your listening skills. Reading helps you focus on what someone else is communicating.
-  Reading develops the imagination.
-  Reading improves spelling.
-  Reading allows you to experience new things, situations and interactions.
-  Reading for fun improves your ability to **read to learn**.

These are just some of the reasons why....

I  you to read a book!

- Mrs. Bailey
Library Media Center

PTA Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, November 3rd, 2015

We would like to say THANK YOU to those who were able to attend our PTA Meeting for this month! If you were unable to make it, take a moment to read over the highlights. We look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting on Tuesday, December 1st, at 9:15am..

- **Welcome:** Stacey McLaren and Camila Rosa, the PTA presidents welcomed everyone.
- **Student Programs:** The play is called “Tut Tut” this year! If you have any Egyptian costumes or props, please contact Michele Greenwood.
- **Principal’s Report:** Measure H – Smartboards will be purchased for each classroom. The plan is to have them installed during the holiday break. Please plan to attend the “Common Core Academy for Parents” on Monday, November 16th from 5:30pm-7:00pm. Reed is partnering with Hacienda and Schallenger. Mrs. Mendoza will send out another parent link so you can fill out a survey if you plan on attending the meeting.
- **Fall Festival:** Thank you to everyone who volunteered! It was a huge success. If you have any feedback, please send an email to fallfestival@reedpta.com.
- **Dinner Night Out (DNO):** It will take place on Tuesday, November 17th at Baja Fresh on Blossom Hill Road. It will be from 10:00am-9:30 pm. Don’t forget your flier, the school will receive 15% of your purchase.
- **Family Service Night:** It will take place on Friday, November 13th from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Volunteers are needed, please contact Debbie Navratil at service@reedpta.com.
- **Second Harvest Food Drive:** It will take place from Monday, November 2nd – Friday, November 13th. Volunteers are needed for next week, please contact Hillary Young at fooddrive@reedpta.com.
- **One Warm Coat Drive:** Donate your used coats to those individuals in need this season. It will take place Monday, November 9th to Friday, November 13th. Please contact Amie Rodda at amie@troop.61361.org.
- **Popcorn Fundraiser:** The order forms will go home on Thursday, November 12th and need to be returned by Tuesday, November 24th.
- **Toys for Tots:** It will take place from Monday, November 30th – Wednesday, December 9th.
- **Holiday Gift Shop:** It will take place on Monday, December 14th afterschool and Tuesday, December 15th afterschool and in the evening.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			5 Parent/Teacher Conferences Early dismissal: TK-K: 12:55pm 1-3: 1:02pm 4-5: 1:07pm	6 Principal's Chat 9:15am Early dismissal: TK-K: 12:55pm 1-3: 1:02pm 4-5: 1:07pm
9 Cornerstone Docent Meeting 9:05 (Library)  Coat Drive Begins	10 SELAC 9:15am Bobcat Store	11 No School Veteran's Day	12 Popcorn Fundraiser Begins 	13 Family Service Night 6:00pm-8:00pm Food Drive Ends Coat Drive Ends
16 Common Core Academy Parent Meeting 5:30pm-7:00pm (Cafeteria)	17 SSC 5:15pm Dinner Night Out  10:00am-9:30pm	18	19	20
23	24 Bobcat Store	25 Minimum Day	26 No School Thanksgiving 	27 No School
30 Toys for Tots Drive Begins 				

*All dates and times are subject to change