



Anthem Rocket Monthly

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Message from the PTSA President

Newly Elected 2010-2011 PTA Board

Congratulations to our newly elected PTA Board for the 2010 - 2011 school year! Thank you to everyone who is staying in their current positions!! It's been a great year for us and your dedication and commitment to Anthem School PTA is appreciated! And congratulations and welcome to our newest team members Trish Widhalm (VP) and Melanie Bachman (Secretary). The current board's term runs through the end of the school year and we look forward to working with our new board members to help transition them into their positions.

2010 - 2011 PTA Board President - Talley Sieglen

Vice President - Trish Widhalm

Treasurer - Barry French

Secretary - Melanie Bachman

Membership - Cameron Starkey

Volunteer Chair - Stephanie McLean

PR/Website - Traci Dixon



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Walk-a-thon



The Anthem School PTA is sponsoring a Walk-a-Thon on Wednesday, April 21st at Anthem School. Anticipated budget cuts state-wide mean less money for Anthem School. Money collected from this fund raising effort will go towards school enhancements and technology.

Our goal for this Walk-a-Thon is to raise \$10,000.

You can help support our school by sponsoring a child in this Walk-a-Thon. They will be walking for approximately 30 minutes on a track that is 1/8 mile long. You can sponsor me on a per lap basis, or you can show your support by offering a single donation for this event.



Family Pool Party Saturday May 8th 6:00 - 8:00

Anthem Community
Center

Children 13 and
under must be
accompanied by a
parent.

\$5.00 per person
Concessions will be
for sale!

Arizona PTA Supports Prop 100

The Arizona Parent Teacher Association, one of the State's largest and most prominent child advocacy groups, has extended its support by publicly backing Prop 100, the 1-cent sales tax increase proposed by the Arizona State legislature to generate revenue to fund K-12 public education, public safety, and health and human services. School district officials across the state face dramatic cuts in education funding for the 2010-2011 school year. The decision on the size of cuts will be left up to the public since they will be voting in May on Proposition 100, a 1-cent sales tax to help fund education.

Arizona per-pupil funding is currently among the lowest in the nation. Public schools across our state have already absorbed several rounds of cuts in 2009. Arizona public schools are experiencing increased class sizes, cuts to extra-curricular activities and athletics, and the loss of PE, music, librarians, books and even paper as a direct result of these cuts. Arizona PTA feels that this 1-cent sales tax will help ease the burden of having to do more with less that our children face in the classroom, especially in our most economically depressed areas. The 1-cent sales tax would be in place for three years and would generate \$900 million in revenue, and \$428 million of this amount would be used for K-12 education. Arizona PTA has over 23,000 members spanning the entire state. It was founded in 1906, prior to Arizona's official statehood. The current President of Arizona PTA is Betty Garcia-Pendley.

The Arizona PTA encourages all of its members & the public to VOTE YES on May 18, 2010 in the special election in support of Prop 100.



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Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

**Thank you to all of our wonderful
Volunteers!**

Please join us on Friday April 23rd for a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast in the Anthem School Cafeteria from 8:00 - 9:00 am.

Thank you for all that you do!!!

Anthem School PTA's Annual Community Yard Sale

Anthem School PTA will be hosting the Annual Community Yard Sale Saturday April 17th. The event will run from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm with set up beginning at 5:00 am.

Spaces are \$15 each and can be purchased in the Anthem School Front Office until April 14th.

We have 140 spaces available and we look forward to having each one filled.

Anthem School PTA brings you Family Bingo Night on April 30th @ 6:00 - 7:30

Join us for an evening of family fun playing Bingo!

We will have pizza and drinks for sale. We will also be selling raffle tickets for a \$50.00 PF Chang's gift card. Tickets are available in the Front Office before and after school for \$1.00 each.

We will also be selling tickets at the Bingo Night and will be drawing the winner that night.

Lots of fun prizes provided for winning at Bingo.

Get in the Back

Here's an important safety rule: sit in the back seat. Kids 12 years old and under need to be sitting in the back. Period. It's simply the safest place to be. If the car you're riding in gets into an accident, you have much less chance of hitting something hard like the windshield if you're in the back.

If you're in the back seat with friends or brothers and sisters, everyone needs to keep their seat belts on and not horse around. It can be hard for the driver to concentrate on driving and see what's going on outside the car if you're jumping around back there. Short story: It can be dangerous and everyone could get hurt.

What About Air Bags?

You might know a little bit about air bags because many car commercials on TV talk about them. If a car with air bags is in a front-end accident, the bags burst out of the steering wheel and dashboard and — whoosh! — blow up like big balloons. This happens very quickly — in the blink of an eye. Air bags cushion passengers during an accident to keep them from hitting the dashboard or windshield.

But even though the bags have saved many adults' lives, kids 12 years and under should **never** sit in the front seat of a car that has air bags. That's because air bags are made to protect a bigger person's body, and when they open they can hurt kids.

But what if you're going to ride in someone else's car and you're asked to sit in the front seat? First, make sure the adult driver knows the rule: No one age 12 or under in the front. If you have no choice but to sit in the front, follow safety rule #1: Wear your seat belt!

Air bags do not — and should not — take the place of seat belts. Have an adult help you push your seat all the way back so you'll be as far away from the air bag as possible. And keep your back against the seat — don't lean forward or wiggle around.