

Hi, just a reminder that you're receiving this email because you have requested to receive our PTO Newsletter, Laguna Eagle News. Don't forget to add lagunapto@lagunapto.org to your address book so we'll be sure to land in your inbox!

You may [unsubscribe](#) if you no longer wish to receive our emails.



Tuesday, January 24, 2012

In this issue:

- Upcoming Events
- Message from Ms. Pizzo, Assistant Principal
- Science Fair/Open House CHANGES
- Greetings from YOUR PTO President
- Albertson's Donation - Thank You!
- New Families Welcome
- Community Service Night
- Laguna Staff Openings
- AZ SciTech Festival at Desert Mountain
- SUSD Announcements

Jan. 25

EARLY RELEASE
12:15 pm

Jan. 26

Laguna Science Fair
Grades 4 & 5
Project Display
8:45 am - 3:15 pm
School Cafeteria
*Outdoor BBQ lunch

MMS Open House
for 5th Grade Parents
6:30 - 8:30pm
Mountainside Middle School

Jan. 27

Laguna Science Fair
8:45am - 3:15pm
Grades 4 & 5
Project Display

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL and VICE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

We have exciting news to report! We have been awarded an Arts Learning Project Grant, sponsored by the Arizona Commission on the Arts. We have been partnering with Theresa Shostakovich, an accomplished mural and arts educator to create a painted mural for display in our school library. The mural will depict the desert ecosystem and visually represent the life science state standards involving the characterization and classification of plants and animals, as well as the intermediate standards for the visual arts. The project will run January 9 through February 1, 2012.

Theresa's mentor approach is designed to facilitate permanent learning for students. We are very excited about this opportunity. Fourth-grade students have been engaging in the hands-on construction of the mural. Every other grade level has received drawing lessons in their classrooms, as well as additional opportunities to paint parts of the mural background. Parents and


8:20 am - 3:15 pm
School Cafeteria
*Outdoor BBQ lunch

Spirit Day!
Buck-a-Bubble
Wear your favorite sports team jersey!



JANUARY'S SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Matthew DeFelice



MEET THE DOCTOR
Dr. DeFelice is a graduate of Kansas State University in 1991. He completed his Doctor of Dental Surgery at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Dental School graduating in 1995. He then completed a General Surgery and Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Residency at Boston University Medical Center in 2000. The doctor has been practicing in the Valley since that time.

He lives in Scottsdale with his wife and two beautiful children that attend Laguna Elementary.

BOARDS/CERTIFICATIONS
-Diplomat American Board of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
-Diplomat National Dental Board of Anesthesia

MEMBERSHIPS
-American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons
-American College of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons
-American Society of Dental Anesthesia
-American Dental Association
-Arizona Dental Association

STAFF ASSOCIATIONS
-Scottsdale HealthCare (Oroton / Thompson Peak)

Desert Ridge Implant & Oral Surgery
Matthew A. DeFelice, D.D.S.
Diplomat American Board of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
Diplomat National Dental Board of Anesthesia
20500 N. Tatum Blvd., Suite #220, Phoenix, AZ 85050
Office (480) 963-3900 - Fax (480) 963-3902

community members will be invited to attend a celebratory event at the duration of the project.

Thank you for your continued support of the arts!

Sincerely,

Lori Pizzo, Assistant Principal
Abbey Bobbett, 4th grade teacher
Linda Graham, 4th grade teacher
Jennifer Moore, 4th grade teacher
Brian Vogan, 4th grade teacher

To learn more about the Arizona Commission on the Arts, click [here](#).

Laguna would like to thank the Four Peaks Rotary Club of Fountain Hills for providing each third grade student with their very own dictionary. President Tony Finocchio and Project Director Steve Ryan presented the dictionaries to the students. This project was supported by Wells Fargo and the Four Peaks Rotary Club to support literacy development. Thank you Club members!



TIME TO TURN IN YOUR BOXTOPS AND CAMPBELL'S LABELS!

Our January contest ends on January 31st. Will your classroom win? Will Vogan's Rockstar's retain their title? Will Ms. Sullivan's class steal it away?! **WHO will win the classroom movie and popcorn party...?**

LAGUNA COMMUNITY SERVICE NIGHT

Community Service Night will be held on February 9, 2012 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. It is a family fun event held in the cafeteria. Come and lend a helping hand!

SCIENCE FAIR / OPEN HOUSE **CHANGES!**

Please note that beginning this year, **Laguna's Science Fair will be held during the day only in the school cafeteria.** The Science Fair will no longer coincide with our Open House held in the spring. As you should already be aware, 4th and 5th grade Science Fair projects are due this Thursday, January 26th. All projects are to be brought to the cafeteria and set up by the student only. **Family members are encouraged to visit the Science Fair anytime during the day on Thursday or Friday.** Winners will be announced Monday on the morning news. Please contact your student's teacher if you have any questions about viewing, award announcements, or anything else related to the Science Fair.

EGG CARTONS NEEDED!

We are collecting 12 count egg cartons--styrofoam or cardboard. We need hundreds of them for this year's Science Expo at Desert Mountain. Please drop them off in the box located in Laguna's office!

Click [here](#) and [here](#) for more information on how you can help out and to check out the participating sponsors!



youchange, an electronic waste collection and recycling program, will be participating in the Laguna Community Service Night on February 9th.

At the event youchange will be collecting your working and nonfunctional electronic items and providing hands on educational opportunities to learn about the growing problem of electronic waste.

Bring all of your unwanted electronic waste taking up space in your garage, closet or drawer (cell phones, computers, monitors, game systems etc.). youchange will remove any of your personal information from your devices and will even pay the school for items that are still functioning!

Click here to learn more about [youchange](#).



LAGUNA SPIRIT STORE Open February 16th 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

Be sure to stop by and check out our cool new t-shirts (\$15.00) and Laguna Eagle keychains (\$5.00).



Order a little bling and show your Laguna spirit with special Mom Laguna tanks/Ts with a portion of proceeds coming back to Laguna PTO. See our vendor [website](#) for ordering information.



GREETINGS FROM YOUR PTO PRESIDENT



Attention "Stage Moms". ***The PTO is looking for a few dedicated volunteers to head up and fill our Variety (Talent) Show Committee.*** Laguna's 8th Annual Variety (Talent) show is currently scheduled for the evening of Thursday, March 4th but will not be held unless we have some terrific folks to coordinate it!

Please, if you are interested in producing this extremely popular event, contact Hillary Mackowski at mackowski2@cox.net today!

Our next OPEN PTO meeting is Wednesday, February 1st at 2:00 p.m. in the PTO room. We will meet our PTO funded aides, hear about positions and have an open discussion on the needs/goals of our annual \$90,000 contribution for aide salaries.

Don't forget! Mark your calendar for the following events:

- **Wednesday, February 1st**, 2:00 p.m. - *OPEN PTO Meeting*
- **Wednesday, February 1st**, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - *Desert Mountain High School Science Expo - click [here](#) to view the flyer.*
- **Monday, February 13th - Friday, February 17th**, In honor of Valentine's Day, "show the love" and help restock your classroom's school supplies!
- **Friday, February 24th**, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - *Talent Show*
- **Thursday, March 22nd**, 8:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. - *All Star Fun Run AND 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Down Home Dinner/Auction/Celebration at Laguna*
- **April 23rd - 27th** - *Scholastic New Book Fair*
- **May 7th - 11th** - *Teacher Appreciation Week*

THANK YOU!

This past Wednesday, our local Albertson's (Via Linda and Drank Lloyd Wright) hosted their grand re-opening. Store Manager, Steve Brown, presented Laguna with a check for \$400 - his way of saying "thank you" for all the community support shown to Albertson's this past year.



PTO FUNDRAISING SUCCESS SUMMARY Year-to-Date

Fundraising efforts during the first half of the school year for Laguna PTO were very successful! We've enjoyed many fun activities, opportunities and meals with our Laguna families. Fundraising is a key component to the success of Laguna. Your generous donations and contributions are used to fund the Science Lab, our classroom aides, the Library and many other areas that our children directly benefit from every school day. Stay in touch for more fun and exciting ways you can help keep these programs going throughout the year!

Here's a recap of how YOU have helped:

- \$14, 800 - PTO Donation Drive
- \$ 9,500 - Spirit Night
- \$ 7,300 - Gift Wrap & Entertainment Book Sales
- \$ 4,123 - Used Book Fair
- \$ 1,605 - Box Tops
- \$ 500 - Jamba Juice Sales
- \$ 350 - Chick-fil-A Night

\$38, 178 - Funds Raised To Date



SUSD ANNUAL PARENT SURVEY

Scottsdale Unified School District parents are encouraged to provide input about our schools in the online Annual Parent Survey. The electronic survey will be available beginning Friday, January 20 through Friday, February 10.



Laguna PTO thanks everyone who shops at Albertson's! In addition to this generous donation, at the end of every academic year, Albertson's gives back even more to Laguna - a portion of what Laguna families spend on groceries is donated back to the school via Albertson's Community Partner card! If you don't have your Albertson's Community Partner card, contact Lynn Nelson at dlsnelson@cox.net to request one. Scan your card each time you check out at Albertson's and Laguna earns a percentage of what you spend.

Hillary Mackowski
Laguna Elementary PTO President 2010-2012



WELCOME NEW FAMILIES

Welcome back to our old NEW families and an especially warm welcome to our NEWEST new families at Laguna! Joining a new school community is challenging, and can be especially so in the middle of the school year. We strive to help you make this transition a very smooth one. We hope you find our campus warm and inviting, exciting and stimulating. PLEASE email Leslee Kelly at lkmomdoc@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns. I will make sure to find answers for you and help any way I can.

Leslee Kelly



LAGUNA STAFF OPENINGS

Attention Laguna Parents,

EXTRA! EXTRA! Just off the presses! Laguna is currently searching for fabulous people to fill a couple of vacant positions at the school. If you are looking for an opportunity to work at the greatest school around and spend time with kids, Laguna is the

Parents are invited to complete the survey once for each student enrolled. Parents who do not have Internet access may use the school's computer lab. Access the survey from the District Web site or your child's school Web site beginning January 20. Your responses will help us make SUSD even better! If you require a paper survey, please contact your child's teacher.

To take the survey click [here](#).



Donate to Laguna PTO today! Click on the above "**Make a Donation**" button.



For more Laguna PTO information, visit us at lagunapto.org

place for you! Our wonderful and beloved Jim Rohde, crossing guard and cafeteria aide, will be out for an extended amount of time. We are looking to hire a temporary, long-term person to fill his position. We are also currently seeking Eagle Pride people to fill other very valuable positions on campus. Take a look at the following open positions:

- Temporary Noon Aide - 2 hours per day
- Kindergarten Aide - 3/4 hours per day
- Kindergarten Lunch Aide - 1 hour per day
- Computer Lab Instructional Support Aide (PTO funded) - 6 hours per day

What an extraordinary opportunity to work with the finest students around! If interested in any of these positions, please contact me.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Ms. Pizzo
Assistant Principal
480-484-2409
lpizzo@susd.org



ARIZONA SCITECH FESTIVAL AT DESERT MOUNTAIN

Learning Communities in the Scottsdale Unified School District (SUSD) will host expos for the **Arizona SciTech Festival**. The Arizona SciTech Festival is the biggest Arizona celebration of innovation ever! More than 250 organizations have partnered to showcase Arizona's leadership in science, technology and innovation.

Desert Mountain Science and Technology Expo - February 1 from 6-8 p.m. **at Desert Mountain High School**, 12575 E. Via Linda, Scottsdale 85259. Schools in the Desert Mountain Learning Community will showcase science and technology related projects that are implemented in their curriculum. For a complete list of events, please visit azscitechfest.org/events.

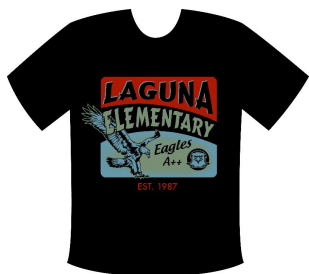
NUTRITIONAL SERVICES PARENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Ever wonder how we come up with the items that are menued each day? Here is an opportunity to find out more about the choices we make! **On January 26th at Saguaro High School Café, 6250 N 82nd Street Scottsdale, we will have over 75 products available for sampling and voting**, as well as nutritional information and guidelines available for your review. We would like to encourage PARENT and STUDENT participation for

this event! Please email your R.S.V.P. with your name and number of attendees by January 23rd to Cindy Byers at cbyers@susd.org. See the flyer [here](#).

Additionally, you are invited to attend the next **Nutrition Services Parent Committee Meeting, Thursday, February 9th, 3:30 - 5:00 pm** at the Mohave District Annex, Apache A room. Please join us to share ideas, get your questions answered and concerns voiced regarding your student's school meal program.

Linda Jenner, DTR
Nutrition Services
3811 N. 44th St.
Phoenix, AZ 85018
480.484.6236
ljenner@susd.org



Thanks for reading the Eagle News! Clip this coupon and turn in to the Spirit Store for your chance to win a **FREE Laguna T-shirt!**

Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Laguna Eagle News - January 23, 2012

[Forward this email](#)



Try it FREE today.

This email was sent to dlsnelson@cox.net by lagunapto@lagunapto.org | [Update Profile/Email Address](#) | Instant removal with [SafeUnsubscribe™](#) | [Privacy Policy](#).

Laguna PTO | 10475 East Lakeview Drive | Scottsdale | AZ | 85258