



# PTO NEWS

## Harelson Elementary School

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### From the Vice President



Hope everyone had a fun and safe fall break. I can't believe how fast the school year is passing but we have had lots of fun already with the Open House & Ice Cream Social, Boys Bowling Bash and second PTO meeting featuring the PTO funded Smartboard in Computer Lab 1. On behalf of the PTO Executive Board, I want to acknowledge those people that have made our special events possible and that make this school so awesome. Only the committee chairs are listed but no event happens without many other volunteers behind the scenes. You know who you are and we appreciate you so much!!!

A huge thank you goes out to Caryn Wall for all of her hard work organizing the Ice Cream Social. She got lots of great food donations from local businesses and had wonderful volunteers who made the event run very smoothly. Thanks to all of our teachers for decorating their classrooms and being available to talk with families. A special thanks to Mrs. Caris for the putting together and spotlighting the art boards featuring students' creations.

As you know, the Ice Cream Social is the kick-off event for Harelson's Direct Giving Campaign. Most of the items listed in the PTO budget, which includes salaries, teacher supplies and technology items, are funded with the proceeds from this drive so its success is critical to the success of the PTO initiatives. At the 09/21 PTO meeting we listed some of the nearly \$2,000 in teachers' funding requests granted since the budget was approved at the August meeting. So thank you to those who donated, those who volunteered collecting envelopes before and after school and to Jenny Carrillo for chairing this year's campaign. While the Campaign has ended, it is still not too late to donate to the PTO. We are hopeful that families will continue to give to the campaign as you are able throughout the coming weeks and months.

Bedroxx was the scene for this years' revamped and revitalized Boys Bowling Bash co-chaired by Sonya Gauna and Charlotte Dobson. Attendance was up due to the new venue, pizza party plus great door prizes all which helped make this Harelson family event a big success. We appreciate Sonya and Charlotte's time and dedication tremendously.

Be watching for your 2009-2010 Student Directory to come home sometime in the next few weeks. Many, many thanks to Dyani Blanchard for volunteering to take on the project this year. She, her family and other volunteers are putting the

final touches on the expanded directory which includes a Business Directory section, faculty and staff listings, PTO event and contact information and much more!

We had over 50 parents registered for the Love & Logic seminar that was sponsored by the PTO and held on Thursday, October 22nd. A big thanks goes out to Mrs. Wherry for helping to organize the event and overseeing childcare. Thank you also to Susan Leader and the Girl Scouts for helping with childcare.

Please join us for the next PTO meeting on **November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm!**

Teri Phillips

Vice President  
Harelson PTO

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## Direct Giving Campaign Raises \$18,709

Many thanks to all of the families, students, grandparents, friends and staff who contributed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bobcat Builders Direct Giving Campaign! We know that this was a difficult time to find "extra" money to give. Your contributions and participation are appreciated now more than ever before. Your support enables the PTO to provide for many unfunded needs at Harelson, including classroom supplies, instructional tools and technology that benefit all our children.

Unfortunately, we fell short of our goals of \$20,000 and 100% participation. We are hopeful that families will continue to give to the campaign as you are able throughout the coming weeks and months. If we do not reach our goal, important items may need to be cut from our budget. Every contribution we receive, no matter how big or small, helps tremendously in meeting the needs of providing our children with a quality education.

#### Direct Giving Campaign by the Numbers

- ☑ Total raised in 2009: \$18,709
- ☑ Number of families who contributed: 174
- ☑ Number of grandparents/relatives who contributed: 20
- ☑ Percentage of participation: 47%
- ☑ Range of gifts: \$1 - \$1,000

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**Thank  
you for  
your  
support!**

## *Bowling was a Bash!*

The Boys Bowling Bash was a smash!! The new location, Bedroxx, was a big hit! There were 130 participants registered for this event, and Harelson nearly completely took over all of the Bedroxx bowling lanes! Mothers and sons laughed and bowled and over \$400 was raised for the Harelson PTO.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Sonya Gauna and Charlotte Dobson for organizing this event and doing an outstanding job getting donations for raffle prizes. Sonya, thank you for doing a fantastic job MCing the event and for ensuring that well over 20 bowling lanes ran smoothly! We greatly appreciate all of the efforts of both Sonya and Charlotte to make this event such a great success.

Thank you also to Karen Wright for her assistance with the flyers and to Candace Treiber, Nicki DiCampli, Lisa Ferko and Laura Atkinson for their assistance the day of the event. A very special thank you goes out to Frost, Cold Stone Creamery, Starbucks, Mary Elder, Sport Clips, Bedroxx and Coral Hendon, manager of Chipotle at the Foothills Mall, for their generous donations of raffle prizes!

### 2009-2010 Harelson PTO

#### ☆ Officers ☆

<b>Lisa Ferko</b> , President sosathebadger@msn.com	940-5132
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## Dates to Remember

November 11	Veteran's Day - No School
November 16	Site Council Meeting - 5:30pm
November 16	PTO Meeting - 6:30pm

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## Way to Go!

The next time you see Joel Johnson, our very own PTO treasurer, give him a big pat on the back! Joel was chosen as one of the Arizona Daily Star's "40 Under 40" for 2009! This program honors Tucson citizens from all walks of life who are recognized as leaders in their communities and businesses. And they're all under 40 years old!

Joel was nominated for his leadership expertise as Chief Financial Officer for Paragon Space Development Corporation as well as his contributions to his community. We here at Harelson definitely appreciate his time and dedication to the PTO - we couldn't do it without you, Joel! Congrats!



Mark your calendars for a fun-filled day on December 12 at the annual Harelson book fair and art show with Barnes & Noble and Chipotle!

Your PTO has again teamed up with the Foothills Barnes & Noble store for this annual event. For the entire day, a percent of all purchases at the store using our voucher will go directly to the Harelson Elementary PTO - this includes books, music, gifts, magazines and coffee & goodies at the Starbuck's cafe within the store. Bring your holiday shopping lists not only for your children, but for all of your family and friends! There will also be wish lists for specific books requested by Harelson teachers to use in their classrooms.

Details and the schedule are forthcoming, but plan to bring your child to participate in activities with their teachers. The children's book author, Linda Kranz, will be at the store on that day. In addition, Harelson artwork will be featured. Remember to invite grandparents and other family members, neighbors and everyone you know!

Then, plan to eat lunch at Chipotle at the Foothills Mall between 11:30-1:30 as part of our purchases will also go directly back to our school!

If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Kathy Elliott at 623-5120 or [kjetallgirl@comcast.net](mailto:kjetallgirl@comcast.net).

## Funding Update

**Here's a list of the awards made to teachers by the PTO since the start of the school year. We have been able to award approximately \$5,500 to teachers so far for their classrooms and our students!**

- ✓ K-1 classes were awarded \$186.41 for 7 subscriptions to RAZKids (one for each of the 4 kinder + 3 first grades). The website compliments our Reading A-Z program and gives students more exposure to leveled text.
- ✓ 2nd Grade teacher, Rebecca Anderson, was awarded monies to purchase white boards for her class to be used especially when doing math.
- ✓ 3rd Grade teacher, Peggy Springetti, was awarded \$4,000 for a Smart Board at the August PTO Meeting.
- ✓ 4th Grade teacher, Bonnie Keene, was awarded \$500 for a document camera that she uses with her Smart Board to upload data.
- ✓ 5th Grade teacher, Sarah Andricopolous, was awarded \$195 for a class subscription to Study Jams!, a web tool that helps reinforce math and science topics. The site is also available for the students to use at home.
- ✓ 6th Grade teacher, Susie Herman, awarded \$195 for a subscription to Brain Pop, an animated education site for children that covers science, social studies, English and math.
- ✓ Art teacher Liz Caris was awarded \$125 for 25 art aprons.
- ✓ Coach Madison was awarded \$139 for an electric pump.
- ✓ In addition, two teachers were awarded \$250 each to attend Bal-A-Vis-X Training and the Special Ed Teachers were awarded \$350 for an academic assessment tool.



## Love & Logic

On Thursday, October 22nd over 60 Harelson parents attended a presentation by Steve Barcanic on Love & Logic Techniques sponsored by the Harelson PTO. Steve used humor to share with parents a variety of methods for addressing parenting issues. He offered concrete suggestions on issues from getting children out to door in morning to interacting with an argumentative child. The PTO thanks Mrs. Wherry for helping to organize the event and graciously volunteering to be in charge of childcare, Susan Leader who generously assisted with childcare, the members of Girl Scout Council Troup 895 and 10 who Susan recruited to help with childcare, and the many Harelson parents who came out to question, listen and learn.



## Bobcat Wear

Show your school spirit! We have ordered more fleeces which will be arriving soon and we are accepting pre-orders for the tie dye t-shirts. We hope to have both available before the December break! (An order form is included on the last page ☺)

## PTO MEETING

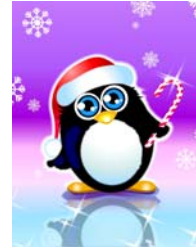
The next meeting of the Harelson PTO will take place **Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Staff Lounge.** Childcare WILL be provided!

Hope to see you there!



Remember to keep collecting those box tops and soup can labels! The more you save the more money Harelson can earn!

# The Holidays Are Approaching!



Just a reminder... your every day purchases can earn FREE MONEY for our kids! All you have to do is shop as normal and Harelson is REWARDED - your purchases earn money for our school!

**Below are a list of Rewards programs that "reward" Harelson when we shop:**

- **Escrip** (Register at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com))
- **Box Tops for Education** (send in to school/office)
- **Recycle your Printer Cartridges – Ink Cartridges – Ipods – Old Cell Phones** (send in to school/office).
- **Target** (see Harelson PTO website for information)
- **Safeway, Albertsons, Office Depot and Frys** (see Harelson PTO website).
- **Campbell Soup Labels** (send in to school/office)

**GO TO THE HARELSON WEBSITE; on left hand side CLICK PTO; then click REWARDS.**  
[www.amphi.com/schools/harelson](http://www.amphi.com/schools/harelson). Or, Call Kathi Roche at 520-668-5206 for more information!

Spread the word to your Friends & Relatives! Happy Holidays!!

*Kathi Roche*

Escrip & Rewards Chair, Harelson PTO

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Don't let Halloween turn from a *ghostly* experience to a *ghastly* experience - follow these easy safety tips!

- Children of any age should be accompanied by a parent.
- Have each child carry or wear something lit, such as a flashlight, glow bracelet or necklace, or flashing attire for visibility.
- Adults should plan out a route in advance.
- Require well-fitting shoes to be worn; preferably sneakers.
- Avoid costumes that drag on the ground.
- Be sure a child's mask allows full visibility and breathing.
- Trick or treaters should walk, not run, and should never cut across lawns or driveways.
- Only carry flexible props, such as knives, swords, ninja items, etc., that can't cause injury if a kid accidentally falls.
- Only trick or treat at houses that are lit.
- Be sure kids don't get over-heated and be sure to keep hydrated.
- Purchased costumes should be made of flame-retardant material.
- Never allow children to eat candy before it is inspected.

- from About.com



**2009-2010 Calendar**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**and Bobcat Order Form**

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return payment and order form to the office.  
Any questions, please call Emily DeFrancesco at 303-1590.*

Item Description	Color	Youth Sizes			Adult Sizes					Price	Total Items	Total Price
		6-8 (S)	10-12 (M)	14-16 (L)	X-SML	SML	MED	LG	XL			
Harelson Calendar (includes testing dates, events and holidays)										\$7		
Tie-Dye T-Shirt	Red/White									\$15		
Red "Respect" T-Shirt (Respect, Kindness, Respect, Excellence)	Red									\$10		
Fleece with zipper \$20/child and \$25/adults	Red									\$20 \$25		
Bobcat Baseball Cap	Red (one size)									\$15		
Bobcat Baseball Cap	Pink (one size)									\$15		
Bobcat Baseball Cap	Red Dyed (adult size only)									\$15		
Women's Shorts	Dark Blue									\$12		
Girl's Shorts	Dark Blue									\$10		
Boy's Shorts – Lined Mesh	Dark Blue									\$20		
Men's Shorts – Lined Mesh	Dark Blue									\$25		

Subtotal \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Make checks payable to Harelson PTO*

Grand Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_