

# Foulks Ranch Elementary School PTO Newsletter

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## Meet your new PTO president

First, let me introduce myself. I am the father of a first grader at Foulks Ranch and am proud to be the new President of your Parent Teacher Organization at Foulks Ranch

## Crab feed tickets on sale in December

Another fabulous night for parents is promised at the Foulks Ranch 5th annual Crab and Shrimp Feed with a *Fiesta* theme! This year the grand event will be held on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2008, at Laguna Town Hall. News 10 anchor Dan Elliott will once again emcee the festivities, which include a cocktail hour, fabulous raffle prizes, a silent and live auction extravaganza, as well as dinner and dancing. Tickets will go on sale in December and historically sell out very quickly, so act fast!

Some fliers have already been sent home with your children, and more info will soon follow, including this year's special launch of the "Golden Ticket" (exciting details soon to be released!). Sponsorships/donations look especially promising this year, but we would always welcome our valued parents who have any personal or professional connections within the community to step forward. (All donations tax deductible). The fun and entertaining event is also the largest PTO fund-raiser for our school. Plan to be at the best crab feed in Elk Grove—OLE!

For questions/info please call or email Eileen Peterson, Crab Feed Chair: 684-6927/ [epnutrition@yahoo.com](mailto:epnutrition@yahoo.com) or Maureen Long, Fund Raising Chair: 714-7911/ [mlong@atc-ca.com](mailto:mlong@atc-ca.com)

Elementary. We are already into a new and exciting year of events and activities supporting our children and their teachers.

The list of the contributions our Foulks Ranch PTO makes to Foulks Ranch each school year is long. This list includes many student events & activities, classroom improvements & equipment, scholarships and much more. These contributions help create the best learning environment possible for each child at Foulks Ranch. Your PTO is a proud supporter of Foulks Ranch Elementary School. Without the support of each parent, we could not continue to reach the high levels of support our past PTO has achieved. I urge each and every parent to **become a member**, then find an event, program or position and to **get involved!**

**Not a Member?** Turn in the attached membership form to your child's teacher. The Foulks Ranch PTO meets 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the library. Please come by to see what's happening and share your thoughts!

Special thanks to Jane Ross, Paula Hansen, Terri Briggs and Eileen Peterson for their hard work on the Entertainment Books, See's Candies, cookie dough, gift wrapping, and the crab feed fund-raisers.

Eileen Peterson has been hard at work leading the Crab Feed. She has taken on a big job and it's an event nobody wants to miss. The **Crab Feed** is on Feb. 23 this year. Mark your calendars and **tell your friends**. Tickets go on sale Dec. 15. Get ready for another great "Fiesta!"

Sincerely, Bill Briggs

## PTO Fund-raising

In an effort to help you understand our PTO fund-raising efforts, we want to tell you what the PTO supports and let you know the fund-raising opportunities planned for this year. We hope throughout the year you will select the fund-raising opportunities that appeal to you and not feel obligated to participate in every one.

Foulks Ranch PTO supports the following:

- + Pays for the school copiers, supplies and maintenance contracts for copiers and computers to free money in the school's budget for a librarian (*without this, our school would not have a librarian!*)
- + Fully funds the accelerated reader program
- + Fully funds the accelerated math program
- + Partially funds the FRAP program
- + Provides \$100 in classroom supplies to all classrooms
- + Funds scholarships for field trips
- + Provides spiral agenda/planner for each student
- + Sponsors family and classroom events such as SPARK, movie night, B Street Theater, and Science Night

**In order to provide these benefits to our children, the PTO needs to raise approximately \$50,000 per year.**

*PTO is also raising funds for a running track for our children. This is a significant undertaking and will require PTO support as well as partnerships with community members.*

Our fund-raising events for the 2007-2008 school year are already under way:

- + Entertainment books
- + Fall gift wrap/cookie dough campaign.
- + See's Candy at Christmas and Easter
- + Mandarin orange sales
- + Spring cookie dough campaign
- + Annual Crab Feed

**The Foulks Ranch Elementary School Mission:** *The Foulks Ranch community, consisting of students, staff and families, has the shared responsibility to infuse essential skills necessary for each student to:*

- ◆ Experience academic and social success
- ◆ Provide a safe and nurturing learning environment that fosters responsible citizenship
- ◆ Model and develop respect for diversity while recognizing commonality