



Our Theatre Department Needs Help!

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We have an incredible group of young men and women who are taking acting at PAPA. They are creative and inspiring artists. Some are new to the art of acting; others are involved in Shakespeare productions. All want to put their best foot forward. However, our stage is in need of help. We have no curtain, lights, or sound and it is presenting its own problems. We are in desperate need of help in creating a curtain, and obtaining sound and lighting equipment. Jeff Tabet, one of our 8th graders, has sent numerous letters to different organizations and professional theatre groups asking them for help. So far, we have received one letter from Barnes & Nobles. If you or anyone you know can help us solve any of the above staging issues, please contact me.

We are also in the process of creating two different acting

classes for the next semester. We want to perform not just for the student body and their parents but also for other schools in the area. We also want to be able to invite other schools to come in, participate in our school, and see what we have to offer. We need to expand our costume department and our props and scenery departments. If you have any scenery that you feel would benefit the school, please contact Michele Benavidez or myself. As you know one of the big problems we are having at the school is with storage so, at present, we don't have a lot of room for major scenery but we definitely need to create a reservoir for it.

If any of you can sew and would like to come in and work with one of the classes to create a curtain for the stage, we would really appreciate it. In the 11:30 class, we have a number of students who sew and have their own sewing machines. They have agreed to bring their machines in to school to create costumes, etc. We could use any help with this project from parents to grandparents who love to sew.

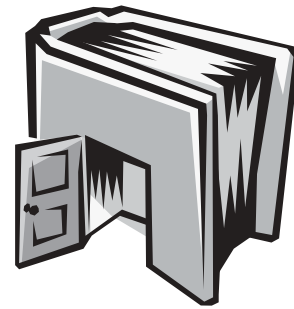
Again, please let me know if you can help us with any of these problems.

Sincerely,
 Darlene Vivian Hansen
 Theatre Teacher

Please, Please, Please...

Send all 8th grade Physical Science and 9th grade Biology books back to school to be counted. Until all of the books come back, I will no longer allow students to check them out.

~ Amy James
 Science Teacher



PAPA CALENDAR

Friday, March 1

Deadline for returning pre-lottery enrollment forms for returning students and siblings

Friday, March 7

5:30 p.m.

Governing Council Meeting ~ Town Hall 7-9 p.m. ~ tentative

Friday, March 8

4:30 p.m.

Admission Lottery for 2002-2003 School Year

March 12-14

TerraNova Standardized Testing for all students

March 25-29

Spring Break ~ NO SCHOOL

Photos and Photographers Wanted!

PAPA is creating an archive of professional quality photographs of our students suitable for use in future advertising, brochures and other public relations activities. If you have any professional quality photos of students in poses or with backgrounds reflecting their participation in the arts, fencing or martial arts, please bring them in to Carol Ammary, with information about any professional photographer whose authorization is required for use by PAPA. If we have any professional photographers in the PAPA community who would be willing to come in and take some photos, please contact Michele Benavidez. We would also LOVE to have a digital camera at the school, if someone is in a generous mood.

Health and Safety Office

Hi! My name is Jean Fitzpatrick, RN, MSN. I became the new PAPA School Nurse this past February. I am enjoying getting to know the students, parents, and faculty members here at PAPA. Please feel free to contact me if you should have any concerns regarding your child's health. My office hours are M-F, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

We are in the process of recruiting for the Safety Committee to continue our efforts towards maintaining a

safe environment for our students and compliance with set school safety standards. We are interested in having a parent and a student participate on this committee. Please contact the Health and Safety Office if you would be interested in working on the Safety Committee. Our work is ongoing to ensure safety awareness.

A special thanks to all of you who donated your time toward the development and completion of the Safety Policy and Procedures Guidelines for our school. We look forward to continuing our work together here at PAPA.

STUDENT HALL OF FAME Congratulations!

Please congratulate the first ever PAPA Science Fair participants.

- Caitlyn Brody
- Ian Brody
- Seth Adkins
- Morgan Moraga
- Alexandra Goslow

All worked extremely hard on their projects. Two of the students will represent PAPA in the Northwest Regional Science and Engineering Fair at the UNM campus in March. Caitlyn Brody will compete in the Senior division and Ian Brody will vie for honors in the middle school division. Good Luck to both of you.

Vandalism in the School

We read about it in the papers: schools being vandalized. The #1 suspect: students! It is disheartening when you have been part of a team of hard working parent's, community members, faculty, staff as well as students to see the destruction on our campus.

The student bathrooms are the number one target, but the new fence outside has seen its own share of destruction.

I would like to remind "everyone" that this school was put together by many committed and dedicated individuals. They put their heart and soul into this project. This behavior will not be tolerated. If you know of anyone who is involved in this type of behavior, I ask that you contact me (Ms. Benavidez) immediately. All informants shall remain confidential. This is "your" school. take pride in it!



Box Tops for Education

Betty Crocker and General Mills cereal "tops" should be put in Susan Reuler's mail box or given to homeroom teachers. Ms. Reuler will get them sent in and taken care of – at least it will be a few more pennies for PAPA.