

August 10, 2009

To: Radford Parents and Teachers

From: Rocio L. Viesca, RPTO President

Welcome, whether returning or new, to Radford School for the 2009/2010 school year! The RPTO will have its first meeting of this year on Wednesday, August 19th at 3:45 p.m. in the Dining Room. Please join us if you can!

The members of the RPTO board this year are: Rocio Viesca, President; Veronica Murguia, Vice President; Anneliese Castloo, Treasurer. If you need to contact us, please leave a message at school, or you can reach me at (915) 726-0711.

The position of Secretary is vacant at present time and Mrs. Murguia has been invited to join the Board of Directors and the position of Vice President will be vacant also.

Radford School is implementing the C-Scope system with funds provided by RPTO and we are very excited about the positive changes it will bring. I will like to remind you that the school hours are 8:25 a.m. to 3:25 p.m. As parents, we are responsible for getting our children to school on time; also, please remember that our children should look their very best following the uniform code, starting this year, girls in grades up to third are the only ones allowed to wear pants. Please refer to the Student handbook for more information on uniforms.

The RPTO is *your* organization; our goal is to help teachers and administrators provide our children with a great school experience. We are thrilled at how vibrant our school is, especially now that we are getting ready to celebrate 100 years of many traditions that make up the Radford experience, but the RPTO board can't do it all. We need volunteers who are willing to take on specific once-a-year or short term projects. I know Radford parents are very busy – my fellow RPTO officers and I work, go to school and/or take care of our families too and we absolutely understand the demands of juggling schedules. With this in mind, our great projects can be done on your own time and some requiring a commitment for a short, specific period. Our aim is to offer simple, easy ways for individual parents to get involved at Radford. When you volunteer, you will be surprised at how much fun it is to interact with the teachers and the students at your child's school.

Specifically, here are some of the things we need your help with:

- ***Family Night***
Organize, set up, decorate and help with games and activities. If you are good at giving parties this is right up your alley!
- ***Teacher Appreciation***
Purchase (you will get reimbursed), wrap and coordinate teacher birthday gifts, help with teacher events at book fairs and coordinate the annual teacher appreciation luncheon in May. If you love our teachers, this is a great project for you!
- ***Fall Festival***
Organize and sell tickets. Help at different booths and dress in costume if you'd like!
- ***Book Fair***
Work half day at the cash register or volunteer for set up/clean up. You will be amazed at how enthusiastic our students are about reading! This is a very rewarding activity, it is easy to learn and you will love being involved!
- ***Operetta Bake Sale***
Collect home baked goods for a one night sale event before Operetta. If you love baking or if you have a sweet tooth, don't miss it!
- ***Holiday Decorations***
Coordinate Christmas and special events decorating and help with centerpieces for our special luncheons throughout the year. We are looking for someone who has artistic flair and loves to decorate.

- **Science Fair**
Coordinate with the science teacher any parent help that is needed during science fair days.
- **Bulletin Boards**
Are you creative? Decorate the two RPTO bulletin boards and keep them updated throughout the year.
- **Recycling**
Coordinate recycling efforts. This involves generating interest, collection, packing and shipping, and RPTO gets financial benefit from your hard work. We are currently collecting Box Tops, Price's products caps, Capri sun pouches, Nestle Water labels, Campbell's labels.
- **Community Service**
Start a project to benefit the less fortunate in our community. We have helped our local orphanages and a school for children with special needs in Juarez, collected Holiday gifts, etc.

If any of these jobs are of interest to you, please fill out the **Parent Involvement Sheet** (*attached*) and send it in to the attention of the RPTO.

Our efforts to recycle uniforms are still underway; we keep them in the RPTO office. If your children have outgrown their Parker uniforms and they are in good condition to be shared, please bring them in or if you would like to look at what we have, you are welcome to do so.

We also participate in the Albertson's rewards programs and have cards available. If you have a Target Credit Card and/or Office Depot account, be sure to enter Radford as the beneficiary of the back to the community programs.

I'm excited to work with you to make the 2009/2010 school year a great one for our children. I look forward to hearing from you and hope to see you at our first meeting.

Thank you!

Rocio L. Viesca, President
Radford Parent Teacher Organization

Mark your calendars for this year's RPTO meeting:

Wednesday, August 19th at 3:45 p.m.
Wednesday, September 16th at 3:45 p.m.
Wednesday, October 14th at 3:45 p.m.
Wednesday, November 18th at 3:45 p.m.
Wednesday, January 20th at 3:45 p.m.
Wednesday, February 17th at 3:45 p.m.
Wednesday, April 14th at 3:45 p.m.
Wednesday, May 12th at 3:45 p.m.

En nombre de la mesa directiva de la Asociación de Padres y Maestros de Radford (RPTO), les damos la bienvenida al ciclo escolar 2009-2010.

Todos los padres de familia y maestros somos miembros de RPTO y los invitamos a participar en las juntas y actividades que promovemos en apoyo a la educación de nuestros hijos.

Para mayor información, favor de comunicarse con Rocío Viesca al (915) 726-0711 o dejar un recado en la oficina.