

July 30, 2009

Dear Sonoran Sky Families,

It is hard to believe summer is almost over! I hope you and your family were able to spend some time relaxing and escaping the heat.

My name is Crissy Malouf, and I am thrilled to be serving as PTO President for my fourth and final year. Sonoran Sky continues to be an excellent school. I am excited for you to meet our new principal, Jennifer J. Minor. She is enthusiastic about working with our students, staff and community. I believe she will be an incredible leader. Please visit the website and view her Meet the Principal letter.

Due to budget cuts, we are making some changes this year. First, the Meet the Teacher event will be on Thursday, August 13th in the morning, not Thursday afternoon as it has been in the past. Teachers and PTO Board members will be available to meet and greet you in Thunderbird Hall. Classrooms will NOT be open on this day, with the exception of Kindergarten. I know many of you brought your supplies in on Thursday. Remember, all supplies do not have to be in the classroom on Monday morning. I encourage you to send a few things in each day to lighten the load. Thank you for your understanding.

Another change we are making is one we started last year. The PTO will be trying to send most of our communication home via the website. We will also be using the call service to notify you of important information. Please bookmark Sonoran Sky's homepage for easy reference: <http://cm.pvschools.net/ssesweb/>. The PTO will continue to use purple paper if a hard copy needs to be sent home.

The PTO is very excited to begin another school year. The Board is made up of volunteer parents of students at Sonoran Sky. Our mission statement says: "The Sonoran Sky Parent Teacher Organization exists to provide the means to enhance the education and well being of our children. We establish relationships between our parents, teachers, and community members that secures for every child the optimal education, social, and cultural advantages." I hope you will walk alongside us this year as we attempt to fulfill this goal.

At the Meet the Teacher event, PTO will have several informational booths set up. You can purchase new t-shirts, sign up for enrichment classes, and drop off your voluntary donation forms and directory forms. PTO Board members will also be available to discuss service opportunities with you. If you are unable to attend the Meet the Teacher event, PTO will be available on both parent orientation nights (August 18 & 19). PTO will also be hosting an informational Volunteer Workshop on Thursday, September 3rd at 9:00 am.

I love the start of school. There is something magical about buying school supplies and new clothes. I hope you feel the same excitement as we begin a new year together. I'm always available if you have any questions or concerns. Please don't hesitate to contact me.

See you in a few weeks!

Sincerely,

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