

## **PTO NEWSLETTER, 11-3-2017**

Dear Parents,

With the month of November we have decided to focus our theme on "I Can Change the World" by being GRATEFUL. We had all the kids fill out fall shapes with things they are grateful for and put them on our bulletin board. Be sure and ask your kids what they wrote and have them ask you what you are grateful for as well. We hope to spread these feelings of gratitude throughout the whole season.

### **TEXT and PHONE REMINDERS-**

We are happy that we now have the ability to send text reminders and phone messages to all of you through an emergency system, "One Call Now". CRA will send messages periodically to help remind about different activities or things happening at the school or with PTO, but more importantly it will be used to give parents emergency information about school closures for snow days or other emergency situations. We hope this will be a great addition to make communication easier and help everyone be more informed. There is an option that parents may opt out from receiving these communications, but we would encourage you not to opt out. If an emergency occurs at the school, this is the way we would communicate that to you, and we feel that it's essential that we can quickly and easily contact parents with important information.

Our first text and phone message was sent last night, Thursday evening. Because this was the first time this system was used, we are curious and concerned that our families received the message – it was about picture day today. The caller ID connected with "One Call Now" is 877-698-3261. If you didn't receive the message, please contact Shawnette Abraham, [sabraham@canyonrimacademy.org](mailto:sabraham@canyonrimacademy.org) so that we can make sure your phone number is included in the system.

### **BOOK FAIR-**

Our Book Fair is coming up on November 15th and 16th, during Parent Teacher Conferences. We have a great selection of books from the Storybook company. We hope you'll come visit us in the library and check out some of the great books and possibly do some fun Christmas shopping at the same time. We are there from 11:30 am to 8:00 pm on both days.

### **VIDEOGRAPHY-**

We are still looking for a volunteer to be our videographer for the year. The kids look forward to the end of the year video so much and we would love to have someone's help in putting that together and doing some filming at our events. Please let us know if you can help us out with this!

### **BOX TOPS-**

We will be handing out otter pops next week to all the kids for reaching our 4,000 goal. Keep bringing them in or signing up for extra ones online to reach our next goal of 6,000. Way to go CRA!

### **AMAZON-**

With the holidays right around the corner, we know many of you use Amazon to do your shopping. When ordering anything from Amazon, please go through the canyon rim academy website ([canyonrimacademy.org](http://canyonrimacademy.org)) and push on the Amazon link in the side panel on the homepage. This is such an easy way for our school to earn money and doesn't require much effort at all.

Thank you again for all you do to support us and the school!  
Jill and Michelle