



PTO Newsletter

June 2010

From the President

This past year has been amazing and I have felt tremendous support from those ladies on the PTO board and from all of the staff and parents of Southland Elementary. I have often thought about how many different people it takes to run not just the educational part of our students' day, but to also carry out the programs that add so much to that education. We have incredible teachers, administration, parents and equally incredible students.

We have worked through a process this year that has changed our parent group from a PTA to a PTO. I believe that because we chose to follow this process, our students and the school in general will benefit in many ways in future years. Part of the change to a PTO includes the understanding that all parents are considered members of the board. There are no dues or rights to membership. We welcome all parents to our meetings and each one has a vote and an equal say. I would encourage you to get involved in your child's education, in the classroom and also as a member of the PTO board or School Community Council. There are many ways to help whether you have little time or more time to spend at the school.

We have also attempted to "go green" and appreciate the support from parents who have agreed to receive correspondence by email.

As Southland undergoes changes this next year I hope that each of you will continue to take an active part in what happens there. These next few months will be a time of transition and change on many levels, but those changes will make us a better school as we choose to spend our time in support of our teachers and our programs. Thank you, thank you, thank you, for a truly fantastic year.

—Sharla Moody, PTO President 2009-2010

Thank-you to all of the parents who helped with the Science Club. It is because of you our club was a huge success.

Thank-you Aileen

Save these Dates

CRT testing dates: Please make sure your student is in attendance during these times.

C & D Tracks - June 7 - 11

June 11-18 No Kindergarten-out for testing

May 21– Country Fair, 5-8 p.m.

May 31– No School

June 11– Last Day for A track

July 2– Last Day for B,C,D tracks

Way to Go!!!

Congratulations to **Lauren Costanza and Jackson Cavaneer**. Both of these Southland second graders won a national third place title at the Junior American Citizen art contest. We are so proud of our great Southland students and their teachers.

Evening of the Arts

Kindergarten-Second Grade

3-D Participants	Trent Nathan Marrott Aaron Munson
Photo	Gage White Ricky Andrew Marrott
Visual	Erin Doyle Packer Evans Timothy Nathan Horner Sydney Horner Derek Banner Bradley D. Burton David Dean Goble Erin Doyle Kaden Borg Bradon Laws Aaron Munson Patrick Kastner Erin Doyle
Literature	

Third-Fourth Grade

3-D	Emily Burton Alise Rigby
Photo	Rachel Rowland
Literature	Adrienne Matthews Sunshine Vakauta Sarah Laws Sunshine Vaka'uta Ashlee Kae Drennan Danielle Mendenhall Adrienne Matthews Kassadee Apgood Kirra Ann Goble Sarah J. Laws
Visual	

Fifth-Sixth Grade

3-D	Brycelee Johnson Eric Henry Mathews
Photo	Brycelee Johnson Kamille Skolmoski
Visual	Rhett Moody Austin Hutch Peisley Kamille Skolmoski Michael Clark

**Thanks for participating in our
Performing Arts Night!!**

Winners

Kindergarten-Second Grade

Aaron Munson	Visual Arts Teacher Choice Award
Ricky Andrew Marrott	Photography Student/Teacher Choice Award
Trent Nathan Marrott	3-D Art Teacher Choice Award
Erin Doyle	Literature Student/Teacher Choice Award
Kaden Borg	Visual Art Student Choice Award
Aaron Munson	3-D Art Student Choice Award

Third-Fourth Grade

Sarah J. Laws	Literature Student/Teacher Choice Award
Sarah J. Laws	Visual Art Student/Teacher Choice Award
Rachel Rowland	Photography Student/Teacher Choice Award
Alise Rigby	3-D Art Student/ Teacher Choice Award

Fifth-Sixth Grade

Kamille Skolmoski	Visual Arts Teacher Choice Award
Michael Justin Clark	Visual Arts Student/Teacher Choice Award
Brycelee Johnson	Photography Teacher Choice Award
Kamille Skolmoski	Photography Student/Teacher Choice Award
Brycelee Johnson	3-D Art Student/Teacher Choice Award

Performing Arts Awards

Brock Curtis– Drums
Anitha Nayar– Violin
Joshua Robertson– Keyboard
Quinsi Johnson– Piano
Tylar Bonell-Singing
Nicolle Nordhoff– Piano
Julia Clark– Dance

We've been waiting nine months for a summer vacation...and now it's here. What do you in the summertime when all the kids are home? Here's a few fun ideas to help you have a great summer.

- Visit a local park and take a picnic
- Visit the library
- Take a walk and pick up trash around the neighborhood
- Visit a splash pad like the Riverton Splash Park or Gateway fountain
- Visit Wheeler Farm
- Go on a nature "treasure" hunt for interesting rocks or flowers
- Take pictures of all your summer fun and keep a scrapbook
- Write a letter to a soldier or relative far away
- Organize a food drive with your neighbors and friends
- Make S'mores
- Make cookies and surprise someone with them
- Do chalk art on the driveway
- Attend a dollar movie, or Riverton's Night Out Family movie in the park
- Go to a fast food play land and get a treat
- Have a swimming party or water balloon throwing contest
- Learn a new skill or teach someone a new skill
- Make a new recipe