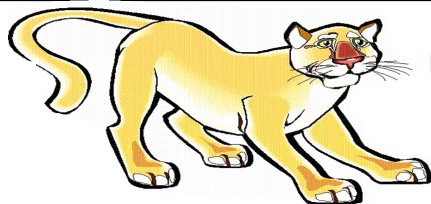


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Next Week: Feb. 11-15

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| Mon. | |
| Tue. | |
| Wed. | Dining Out Day California Pizza Kitchen 11:00 am-10:00 pm |
| Thu. | |
| Fri. | Chorus 1:00-2:00 pm MPR |

Future Important Dates

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| Feb. 18-22 | Washington & Lincoln Birthdays/District Recess No School. |
| Fri. Feb. 29 | 50's Sock Hop Dance. 6:00 pm MPR. |
| Tue. Mar. 4 | PTA Board Meeting 6:30 pm Room 17. |
| Wed. Mar. 5 | Assembly: <i>Literature Alive</i> K-2: 9:00 am; 3-5: 10:00 am. |
| Mar. 10-14 | Read-a-Thon. |
| Thu. Mar. 20 | Foundation Art Show MPR. |
| Mar. 31-Apr. 4 | Scholastic Book Fair. |
| Thu. Apr. 3 | PTA Association Meeting 6:15 pm MPR. Open House 6:30 pm. |

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Focus on the Fraternity

A series about people who make our school great!

This week:

Joan Boccio

Computer Resource Aide

This week we feature another of our school specialists who provides a valuable function in support of our students. Sometimes our young people surprise us with their computer skills, which may exceed ours. Many of these skills have been acquired from Joan during the forty minute weekly sessions each student enjoys in the computer lab., the place where we caught up with her for a chat.

Puma Tracks: Thank you for taking the time to tell us about yourself. You seem to have a very intensive schedule managing two rooms full of desktop computers and up to thirty students with whom you are communicating while they are wearing earphones! How long have you been teaching?

Joan Boccio: I am a credentialed elementary teacher and worked for thirty years in Long Island cities of New York State. Most of the time I taught third and fourth grade students and six of those years were spent teaching sixth grade science. My husband was a computer technician and I got interested in the rapidly expanding capabilities of the technology and became a 'computer teacher' for two years using Commodore PET equipment, (anybody remember those slow pokes?)

Four years ago we moved to San Diego where I have taught as a substitute for three years for PUSD before being appointed as Computer Resource Aide at Rolling Hills. My job here is part-time and I use some remaining time to teach an Adult Education class at Rancho Bernardo High School on Relaxation and Meditation: *Stress Less*.

PT: Wow, what an experienced and varied background you bring to our school. What are your main responsibilities here?

JB: I try to ensure that all students acquire good keyboarding skills where they can use all fingers and thumbs proficiently to enter data and text. Most are quite accomplished by fourth grade. Word processing proficiency is another objective and, for fifth graders, the ability to develop presentations using the MS PowerPoint application. Fundamental to all this is developing the skills to perform and report the results of online research and to use the internet to supplement classroom learning. This has been extended to support Brita Posedel's ELL/Title I after-school program and to do impact teaching of math for our fourth graders. I have created a pictorial American History Timeline, which starts at the year 1490 and surrounds one of our lab. rooms, to demonstrate the capability of the internet to research and display important and very interesting subject matter.

PT: With twenty computers in each of two rooms, you must find instruction a little challenging sometimes.

JB: Yes, particularly when I have two very eager kindergarten classes simultaneously with only the home room teachers to help!

PT: How about the rewards?

JB: To witness the incremental improvements that come quite rapidly. Kids are fascinated with computers and it's not difficult to motivate them.



Joan Boccio, Computer Resource Aide, seated at her desk in the computer lab. where every student enjoys forty minutes a week of instruction.

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Joan Boccio

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PT: What can we parents do at home to support your work at school?

JB: "Find the weakness and find the website." There are so many quality websites available that support learning in all subjects and for all ages. A good place to start is at the district's website:

<http://pusdparentguide.com/>

Puma Tracks' Computer Corner is featuring a different website most weeks that I feel may be particularly worth a visit for our students.

PT: The next question was going to ask how you relax after a busy day here at Rolling Hills, but to find that answer all we need to do is to pay a visit to a certain RBHS Adult Education class!

During your short time here, you've certainly had a big and positive impact on our kids. Now if only some of us parents could become as computer literate... Thanks Joan.

Attention fifth grade students and parents

BMMS Academy Sign Up is Feb. 27

The Black Mountain Middle School Academy New Student Information Night will be on Wednesday, February 27 at 6:00 pm in the school gym.

The Academy at Black Mountain Middle School is open to middle school students throughout Poway Unified School District. It embraces a *no excuses* philosophy and makes the same commitment to our students. The goal of the Academy is to help all students develop knowledge, skills, and character traits needed to excel in academically advanced high school programs, distinguished universities and in the competitive world beyond.

Applications for the Academy will ONLY be available on this night to parents who attend. For more information go to: <http://powayusd.sdcoe.k12.ca.us/pusdbmms/Academy/> or contact Mr. Moore at 858-243-8779 or dmoore@powayusd.com.

Box Tops campaign starts NOW!

Deadline is Monday, February 25

Start cutting out the *box tops4education* tokens on specially marked packets of General Mills brands such as Pillsbury, Green Giant, Yoplait, Betty Crocker and Chex, Wheaties and Cheerios cereals and encourage your classmates to do the same! The class that collects the most per student by the deadline, Monday, February 25, will receive a special treat.

Rolling Hills receives 10 cents for each token redeemed. Also, if you sign up at www.boxtops4education.com you will automatically earn five box tops. That's an easy \$200 for our school if everyone participates. Would you believe we have received thousands of dollars since starting our participation in the program? All this money has gone to support our school.

Thank you April Labrador and Diane Sevin for volunteering to count and send off the box tops for the second campaign of the school year. If you have questions, please contact April at alabrador@san_rr.com. Look for the results and how much was collected in a future edition.


Correction

The 50's Sock Hop on Friday, February 29 in the MPR, starts at **6:00 pm** and not as stated in previous issues and the monthly calendar of *Puma Tracks*. We apologize for the error. Enjoy the extra half hour of *rock n roll!*

February Dining Out Night at CPK

Whether it's lunch or dinner (or both), this month's dining out event caters to all schedules. California Pizza Kitchen is hosting our next fundraiser next Wednesday, Feb. 13 from 11:00 am until 10:00 pm and will donate 20% of the receipts to the PTA upon presentation of the flyer-coupon that your student will be bringing home. If it somehow morphed into an airplane that flew off somewhere between school and home, just clip the coupon below and present it to your server when ordering.

This easiest and most delicious way of donating to the PTA, which uses the funds for numerous activities not supported by your tax dollars, is proving to be very successful. Last month's Dining Out event returned a total of \$313.50. Thanks. We'll see you at CPK.



**Eat, Drink
and
Raise Money!**

You are invited to a very tasty FUNdraising event at California Pizza Kitchen. Simply bring in this flyer and present it to your server when you order and 20% of your check will benefit this great organization!

**Rolling Hills PTA
Dine Out Fundraiser
11am-10pm
California Pizza Kitchen
11602 Carmel Mountain Rd
(858) 675-4424**

Wednesday, February 13th, 2008
Questions? Call Pam Logemann 672-0898

Please make sure to present this flyer when ordering.
See you there!

Donation amount excludes proceeds from alcohol, tax and gratuity. Manager, please attach this flyer to the guest check.
Valid for dine-in and take-out only.

www.cpk.com

COMPUTER CORNER

The computer lab is a weekly activity for every class and now we are publishing websites for you to visit at home.

Language Skills: Grades 1-3

[http://www.iknowthat.com/com/L3?
Area=L2_LanguageArts](http://www.iknowthat.com/com/L3?Area=L2_LanguageArts)