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Change of Focus for 2012-2013 Year

As a result of Bond 222 passing, the hope is that monies will be awarded to Air Base to provide SMART Boards in the classrooms. Therefore, we would like to shift our focus from technology to student based programs. Specifically, we would like to continue to support the Accelerated Reading program incentive parties, Red Ribbon Day festivities, Character Education Program incentives, Yacker Tracker and Perfect Attendance incentives, etc. Monies for these programs have been allotted in the budget that has been presented to you.

Shade Structure Set to Begin This Month

We are pleased to announce that the building of the shade structure is ready to begin this month. And, our hope is that it should be finished by the end of the month or early January 2013. Thank you again, parents, students, and staff for your support in helping make this a reality!!

Results of the K-8 Survey

With respect to an onsite expansion of the Air Base Elementary Magnet Program to a K-8 configuration, there were 525 responses received. 93% of the persons surveyed strongly agree. If the expansion resulted in an off-site,

permanent 6th-8th grade structure, 60% strongly disagreed and 15% disagreed. If the structure for 6th-8th was temporary with the permanent structure being on-site, 33% strongly agreed, 18% agreed but 33% strongly disagreed. Thank you parents for your time and opinions!!

Homeroom Communicator

Parents, in an effort to be able to disseminate information to you effectively, PTA had you submit the Homeroom Communicator Form. This program has grown with the many advance of technology. Your e-mails were inputted into an ABE computer system that can email you with the upcoming announcements. This system can also target specific grade levels. Thank you for your support!!

Membership Information

The class parties for those who had 100% membership happened on Friday, November 30th. We celebrated with doughnuts and coffee for the teachers. Our sincerest appreciation goes out to all those who support the PTA through membership!!

PTA Funds

Currently in the General Account there is \$1,111.68.

Fundraising

Krispy Kreme Doughnut Cards fundraiser will begin on Friday, November 30th and continue until Tuesday, December 11th with delivery of the cards being Tuesday, December 18th. We will be selling punch cards for a dozen free doughnuts when you purchase a dozen

doughnuts. The card has 10 free dozen doughnuts and will be sold for \$12.

Scholastic Book Fair and Holiday Shop

This event will occur from Friday, December 7th through Friday the 14th. It will also be opened during Reading Around the World on Wednesday, the 12th. The hours will be from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm daily and until 8:30 pm on the 12th. Thank you to everyone, who has volunteered for this event. If you are still interested, please contact us via email at airbaseelementarypta@yahoo.com or Mr. Nate Mateo, Volunteer Coordinator at 305-586-7614. We are looking forward to this being another wonderful fundraiser for the school!!

Strings of Christmas Lights Needed for Reading Around the World

As part of the decorating for this event on Wednesday, December 12th, we are in need of lights. If you can let us borrow any unused lights, we would be very appreciative. We will return them to you following the event. Please bring the lights in to the Magnet Office to Ms. Corrales at your earliest convenience. This is one of the highlight events at Air Base, and we look forward to seeing you there!!

Happy and Healthy Holiday Break

We would like to wish everyone a restful and enjoyable winter recess!! Enjoy the time with your friends and family!! We will see you back in 2013.