



## Atkinson Elementary PTA Newsletter

March 3, 2020

Hello Atkinson Families!

This week marks the return of students to Atkinson for limited in-person instruction. Wish our teachers and students well in getting back to the classroom. Below you'll find a ton of updates including Lunar New Year, this year's Auction, spirit week, and a reminder about DLI lottery and kinder registration.

### PTA Updates

Only a few days left to buy your **Lunar New Year Raffle ticket** to win one of three gift baskets valued at more than \$125 each. Raffle tickets are \$5 and all proceeds will benefit [APANO](#) and [IRCO](#). We've raised \$500 so far - let's see if we can hit \$800. Students (and siblings) can pick up art kits that include red envelopes with chocolate gold coins at book pickup this week.

Thanks to everyone who donated cards and gifts for the residents at Courtyard Plaza. We dropped off more than 150 cards and two boxes of treats for them last Friday.

Does your student need a new whiteboard marker or a new notebook? There are additional supplies available at book exchange. You just have to ask!

Our emergency preparedness committee is continuing to support our families in need with food boxes. Donations can be dropped off every week at book exchange.

Get ready for this year's **Atkinson Auction!**

- We're going virtual this year but will still have all the great items that are usually up for auction. We've set an ambitious goal of \$15,000 to ensure we can continue the great work that PTA does for our whole school community.
- We are still looking for **donated items** so if you have a beach house you'd be willing to donate or work for a local company that provides a service or product our company might be interested in, please reach out!
- We still need a couple of **volunteers** to help with marketing materials, reaching out to past donors, and prepping auction items for delivery!

### Upcoming Events

**Wednesday March 3 and Thursday March 4 Lunar New Year Pick-Up**

Pick up your red envelopes and Chinese Lion Puppet Kits.

**Today through 5pm March 5th Lunar New Year Raffle**

<https://app.memberhub.gives/atkinsonlunarnewyear>

**Today through March 19 Cloud9 Spirit Wear Store Open**

Our **Spirit Wear** shop is open now through March 19. You can buy sweatshirts, adult shirts and there's even a tie-dye option. Shop here: <https://atkinsonspiritwearspring2021.itemorder.com/sale>

**March 15-19 Spirit Week**

**Monday:** Get Fuzzy - Use a crazy hairstyle or wear a hat for your morning meeting and share a picture/video with a pet, stuffy or favorite animal!

**Tuesday:** Keep Moving - Wear something from a favorite sports team and share how you've been staying active!  
**Wednesday:** Change Your Luck - Wear green and build a leprechaun trap.  
**Thursday:** Rainbow Day - Wear as many colors as you can and chalk a sidewalk with a positive message.  
**Friday:** Cheetah Pride - Wear an Atkinson shirt and share a favorite Atkinson memory.

Enter a prize raffle by sharing on social media with #atkinsonpride, by tagging @atkinson\_pta, posting to the Atkinson Parent FB group, or emailing [president@atkinsonpta.org](mailto:president@atkinsonpta.org) to have it posted for you. Email photos for our yearbook to [Atkinsonyearbookpps@gmail.com](mailto:Atkinsonyearbookpps@gmail.com).

**April 30-May 1st Atkinson Virtual Auction** Save the Date!

### **School Resources**

We are looking for a BIPOC individual to represent the neighborhood program on the SE boundary guiding coalition. We expect work to start in April. If you are interested or know someone that is, please reach

**Limited In Person Instruction or LIPI** begins this week at Atkinson To learn about this program, you can view Principal Biven's [presentation on LIPI](#).

The [Dual Language Immersion \(DLI\)](#) page has important information pertaining to Atkinson's Spanish Immersion Program. The 2021-22 Elementary School Transfer Cycle and **Lottery** opens on February 17, 2021 at 8 a.m. and closes on March 16, 2021 at 5 p.m. You can apply online for immersion on [THIS PAGE](#). You may also go [HERE](#) for a printable copy of the lottery application, available in all PPS supported languages.

To learn more about our **Connect to Kindergarten** resources, supports and events, please watch our [Welcome to Kindergarten video](#). And, on behalf of the Early Learners Department, welcome to PPS! To submit Kindergarten questions and join our PPS Kindergarten mailing list, please complete this short survey: [Kindergarten Interest Survey](#)

### **Anti-Racism Resources**

**Social Justice Uprising Actions WE CAN ALL DO: Donate. Educate. Read. Follow. Listen. Support.**

**Donate** to the [Black Mamas Matter Alliance](#) which advocates, drives research, builds power, and shifts culture for Black maternal health, rights, and justice.

**Read** a book about strong black girls from [Barnes & Noble's list](#) for kids of all ages.

**Support** a Black woman-owned business. Browse and explore the [Buy from a Black Woman Directory](#).

Thank you,  
Harmony Quiroz & Martha Almendarez Langland  
Co-Presidents, Atkinson PTA





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## Ways to Support PTA

- Renew your membership today for the 2020-2021 year. [Online Membership Form](#)
- Businesses you may be using by simply linking us to your AmazonSmile and Fred Meyer accounts. How-to details here: <https://www.atkinsonelementarypta.org/fundraising/>
  - Buy a mattress from Tuft & Needle and 25% goes to Atkinson!  
<https://www.tuftandneedle.com/?p=57af6dfc>
- Donate directly to the Atkinson Elementary PTA general fund set up to sustain projects, programs and events for our Atkinson kids you can find us here:  
<http://www.atkinsonelementarypta.org/donate/>

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