



# Anthem Rocket Monthly

Home of the Anthem Aerospace Academy

November 2010

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## Opt-in Rankings through Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>

### School Average Points per Student Enrollment

#### ZONE 1

Boulder Creek High School 31.1

**Anthem School 391.3**

Diamond Canyon 143.3

Desert Mountain 24.1

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**THANK YOU DEER VALLEY  
VOTERS FOR VOTING YES ON THE  
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**School Spirit Night at  
The Yogurt Garden**  
Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> 4-8 pm Fry's Plaza

Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like  
wrapping a present and not giving it.  
~William Arthur Ward

**Don't Miss  
Peter Piper Pizza School Spirit Day**  
December 16<sup>th</sup>

**PTA Member Meeting**  
1/25 at 7:00 pm Anthem School Media Ctr  
Strategic Planning



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## Upcoming Events

- 11/23 Honeybaked Ham Order Pick Up 2:00 - 4:00 Front Office
- 11/23 School Spirit Night at The Yogurt Garden Fry's Plaza 4:00 - 8:00
- 1/25 PTA Member Meeting - Strategic Planning 7:00pm in the Anthem School Media Center

### Random Thoughts from your PTA President:

As we approach the Thanksgiving Holiday it comes to mind how many Parents, Teachers and Staff there are to Thank.

It's with gratitude that I'd like to thank the 2010-11 PTA Board and Volunteers: Trish Widhalm (Vice President), Barry French (Treasurer), Melanie Bachman (Secretary.), Cameron Starkey (Membership), Stephanie McLean (Volunteer Chair), Traci Dixon (Newsletter/Website) Angela Tanigawa (Fall Book Fair) and Carmen Beckner (Fall Festival).

Anthem School is very fortunate to have such a great PTA Board. I appreciate the dedication and commitment you all have for making our school great!

I'd like to thank all of our Room Mothers/Fathers who go the extra mile to help the Classroom Teachers. We are so fortunate to have so many engaged Parents at our school. Thank you to our Parents who may not have a lot of time to give but still take 15 minutes in the morning to help in the Office filling in Tardy Slips. Thank you to our Parents who give 30-40 minutes of your time once a month to help set up the Teacher Appreciation Lunches or put the PTA Flyers into the Teacher's boxes.

To all of our Volunteers, Thank You for all that you do!

Talley Sieglen  
Anthem School PTA President

Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless. ~Sherry Anderson

Appreciation is a wonderful thing.  
It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well. ~Voltaire

50 Opt-In Points  
outlets at Anthem  
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9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
**CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING!**  
Help Light the  
**TALLEST TREE**  
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**HONOR SOCIETY**  
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**FRIDAY, NOV 19**  
**5 - 8 PM**  
**SUNDAY, NOV 21**  
**NOON - 4 PM**  
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## Let's talk turkey!

- Americans feast on 535 million pounds of turkey on Thanksgiving.
- According the U.S. Department of Agriculture, more than 45 million turkeys are cooked and eaten in the United States at Thanksgiving. That number represents one sixth of all the turkeys sold in the U.S. each year!
- Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be our national bird.
- Domesticated turkeys cannot fly, however wild turkeys can fly up to 55 miles per hour over short distances.
- Only male (tom) turkeys gobble. Females make a clicking noise. The famous gobble is actually a seasonal mating call.
- The heaviest turkey ever raised weighed in at 86 pounds – about the size of a German Shepherd! (But turkeys are normally not used as police animals.)
- A turkey under 16 weeks of age is called a fryer. A five to seven month old turkey is called a roaster.
- The Turkey Trot, a ballroom dance in the 1900s, was named for the short, jerky steps of the turkey. It became popular mainly because it was denounced by the Vatican as "suggestive."
- Turkeys are known to spend the night in trees! (Maybe to escape the Thanksgiving table?)
- Turkeys can drown if they look up when it's raining!
- A turkey's field of vision is 270 degrees--one of the main reasons they're able to elude some hunters.
- The average age of the Mayflower passenger was 32. The oldest Mayflower passenger was 64.
- There was no milk, cheese, bread, butter or pumpkin pie at the original Thanksgiving Day feast.
- Contrary to popular belief, the Pilgrims did not have big buckles on their clothing, shoes, or hats.
- Buckles did not come into fashion until the late 1600s – more appropriate for the Salem Witchcraft trial time period.
- The cranberry got its name because the pale pink blossoms on the plant resembled a crane's head and neck. The name craneberry stuck, eventually becoming cranberry.
- Fresh cranberries are ideal for cranberry sauce. Cranberries of the highest quality will always bounce! (If you try this at home, please wash the cranberries before eating.)
- President Abraham Lincoln established the original date for our National Thanksgiving Day celebration in 1863.
- President Thomas Jefferson scoffed at the idea of establishing a national "Thanksgiving Day."
- Congress did not declare Thanksgiving a national holiday until 1941.
- The average person consumes 4,500 calories on Thanksgiving Day. (Now that's a lot of turkey!)

# Happy Thanksgiving!