

The Eagle's Nest

Abingdon Elementary PTA Newsletter

August/September/October 2016



President's Message

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! I hope everyone had a great summer and was able to spend time with family, as well as have lots of FUN! The PTA has plenty planned for this school year. We will kick off the school year with our first PTA meeting. The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 14th** at 7 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. Volunteer Training will be offered at this meeting. If you completed the volunteer training last year, then you are good to go! Otherwise, if you plan on volunteering in your child's classroom, in the school, or chaperoning field trips you will need to complete one of the scheduled volunteer trainings.

Up next is our annual Laps for Learning. It will be held on **Friday, October 14th**. We are hoping for great weather, but just in case, a rain date of Wednesday, October 19th is planned. If it has to be moved to the 19th it will be a rain or shine event. New this year for Laps will be online donations! Be on the lookout for more information later in September. We hope for another successful event! We have a goal of \$20,000 set. If we are not able to make this goal, there is a chance we will need to do other fundraising. Let's make LAPS a huge success so additional fundraising is not necessary!

We are always open to new ideas and helping hands! Please consider attending the first meeting to see how you can help out in your child's school. Together we can make a difference at Abingdon Elementary! The PTA is looking forward to a great school year!

Sincerely,
Angie Stump

PTA Monthly Meetings

Nov. 30 - 7pm Media Center
Jan. 9 - 7pm Media Center
Feb. 8 - 7pm Media Center
Mar. 13 - 7pm Multi-Purpose Room -
Volunteer Training
Apr. 5 - 7pm Media Center
May 8 - 7pm Media Center - Elections

Volunteer Trainings

Wed. Sept. 14 - 7pm (at
the PTA meeting)

Tues. Oct. 11 - 4pm (last
chance before Laps for
Learning)

Fri. Oct. 28 - 8am

Upcoming Events

Sept. 5 – No School
Sept. 7 – Back to School
Night PreK, 1st, 3rd, 5th
Sept. 8 – Back to School
Night K, 2nd, 4th
Sept. 14 – PTA Meeting with
Volunteer Training 7pm
Multi-Purpose Room
Sept. 16 – Early Dismissal &
Family Fun Night at Chuck E.
Cheese
Sept. 28 – Picture Day

Oct. 3 – No School
Oct. 7 – Early Dismissal &
Family Fun Night at
Vagabond Sandwich
Oct. 10 – PTA Meeting 7pm
Media Center
Oct. 12 – No School
Oct. 14 – Laps for Learning
(rain date Oct. 19)
Oct. 21 – No School
Oct. 24-28 – Book Fair

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News from our Committees

Membership

Join the AES PTA today! We are ready for the new school year and want to hear your ideas! Sign up for a membership at the PTA table on either of the Back-to-School Nights or at our first meeting on 9/14. The cost of an individual membership is \$10/year and this year we are offering a special family rate (2 adults in the same family) of \$15/year. Be a part of the school community; we need you and we welcome your input! For questions, please contact Shannon Pfistner at shannon_06@hotmail.com.

Laps for Learning

Our first and biggest event of the school year is the "**Laps for Learning**" fundraiser which is scheduled to be held on Friday, October 14th at the school; with a rain date of Wednesday, October 19th. **This event is our ONLY fundraiser for the school year and we are anticipating a successful event.** Therefore, any and all support is greatly appreciated. **Our goal is to raise \$20,000 (Yes, we can do it)!!!** We will have a variety of fun-filled events during the day. Parents, relatives and/or friends are welcome to join us. A flyer will be coming home with your child soon with more details. Please help us exceed our goal by pledging any amount for your child(ren). Top Earners will be entered in drawings to win some very cool prizes. Don't forget to include employers, grandparents, relatives and friends to help with the pledges. Contributions are tax-deductible!!! We will also need **VOLUNTEERS** for the day. The envelope and letter with complete details will be coming home with your child in late September. Contact Teta Lari at tdlari@live.com with questions.

Receipts

Our most popular and fun way to raise money for our school is our Box Tops for Education Program. Be on the lookout for collection sheets that will be sent home throughout the school year. Have your child help collect and attach Box Tops onto the collection sheets and turn them into their teacher by the due date on the sheet. A prize will be awarded to the child in each grade level who turns in the most Box Tops by each due date. (A child that has won once can't win again in the current school year to allow others a chance to win a prize.) Another way to earn money for our school is by signing up at Giant grocery store. Any purchases made during the year will help our school, so even if you only shop there occasionally, please register your card. You can register online through the Giant website under Savings & Rewards. Our school ID is 02819. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Christina Sanzone at csanzone@hotmail.com or Angie Stump at angstump@msn.com.

Reflections

Be a part of this year's PTA Reflections Art Program! This year's theme is: "What's Your Story?" What is Reflections? Each year, students throughout the nation reflect on a common theme and create original works of art in the categories of dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and visual arts. AES PTA is proud to participate again this year and the program is open to all interested AES students in grades Pre-K through 5th. Encourage your child to start thinking about a possible project idea and be on the lookout for more information in your child's folder coming home later this fall. Information will be posted on Facebook as well!

Family Fun/Spirit Night

To our new families WELCOME....To our returning families WELCOME BACK!! The Family Fun Committee provides activities outside of school time to assist in social time, and support our community as well as raise some funds for the PTA. Please note – we love your support at these events – they are not mandatory – just suggestions. Here are some upcoming dates for your calendar: September 16th Chuck E. Cheese, October 7th Vagabond Sandwich Company (Thanks Mrs. Smith for the recommendation!), November 15th Box Hill Pizza. Look for flyers to come home with your child. Thank you in advance for your participation this year. Have a suggestion for a family fun night? Come to the next PTA meeting and share your ideas!!

Spring Fling

YES – YES – YES we did!!! We brought back the Spring Fling and it was a success last year so save the date June 2nd from 6:30PM to 8:30PM Rain or Shine. A huge thank you to all those who volunteered!! Teachers – sorry about the cold water. We promise this year to TRY to warm it up ☺ Who wants to see SHANK back in the TANK???????

Spirit Wear

More information coming home with your child soon!

Yearbook

We need your photos! Let's make this year's yearbook the best one yet! Please email your photos to aesyearbook399@gmail.com. Photos can be from any school related event, including 1st day, back-to-school, spirit days, dances, family fun nights, etc. Please contact Emily Kulaga (embo2199@gmail.com) if you have any questions or are interested in helping out with the yearbook this year!