

The Eagle's Nest

Abingdon Elementary PTA Newsletter

November/December 2016



President's Message

Wow Abingdon families! I'd like to start off by saying thank you for your support with Laps for Learning. We are so close to our goal of \$20,000. If you haven't sent your donation envelopes in it's not too late. You still have time to help us exceed our goal! Thank you to all that volunteered to make this event a HUGE success! Because of your generosity we will be able to continue to provide funds and resources to AES, making our child's experience a positive one!

The school year is well under way and we have a busy fall ahead of us. Busy always means plenty of volunteer opportunities! Please consider helping out with any of the upcoming events: Teacher Luncheon on Nov. 7, American Education Week Nov. 14-18, Daughter Dance on Nov. 19, Holiday Event on Dec. 2 and our Dec. Family Fun event at Barnes & Noble.

Thank you again for support!
Angie Stump

Laps for Learning Update

Thank you to all the parents, families and friends that came out to support our wonderful kids during Laps for Learning this year. Again, the weather was beautiful and the kids had so much fun. Since our main goal was to raise funds, I am happy to announce that we are very close to our goal of \$20,000, so keep bringing in the donations! The online donations via Razoo gave us a much needed boost. The Laps committee would like to give a SHOUT OUT to every single person who helped to make Laps a success: This includes the PARENTS, TEACHERS, FAMILIES/FRIENDS, LOCAL BUSINESSES and of course OUR WONDERFUL STUDENTS!!!

As promised, we told our businesses that we would spread the news about their generosity towards our event in the hopes that parents/families will support them. These businesses have once again given us some cool ITEMS to give as prizes to the winners: Aruba Sun & Spa, Amazing Glaze, BJs, Boston Gourmet Pizza, Chick-fil-A in Abingdon, Chung's Martial Arts, Coffee Coffee, Family Recreation Products, Hair Cuttery, Menchies, Wayback Burgers and The Y in Central MD (Ward in Abingdon).

Another special kudos to our amazing gym teachers, Mr. Shank & Mr. Frickmann who MC'd the event and had the kids excited to participate! Thank you to all of the volunteers for your time - we appreciate you.

And now the winners (Top Raisers): Cullen & Camden Steiner tied as Overall Top Raiser. Top Raiser from each grade level: Pre-K - Maycee Spencer, Kindergarten - Lilyonna Cursi, First Grade - Emily Bodani, Second Grade - Ethan Lari, Third Grade - Kaelyn Higley, Fourth Grade - Hailey Buerhaus, Fifth Grade - Marloe Stump. Teacher with most returned envelopes: Borkowicz. Class with the most funds raised: Breidenbaugh.

Finally, a GIGANTIC thank you to my committee members, Pam Gifford and Kristine Treat!!!

Teta Lari, Laps for Learning Committee Chair

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 28-Nov. 4 – Book Fair**
- Nov. 4 – Early Dismissal**
- Nov. 7 – Teacher Luncheon and Conferences**
- Nov. 7-8 – No School**
- Nov. 14-18 – American Education Week**
- Nov. 15 – Family Fun Night at Box Hill Pizza**
- Nov. 18 – Daughter Dance 7pm**
- Nov. 21-25 – Thanksgiving Break**
- Nov. 30 – PTA Meeting 7pm**
- Dec. 2 – Holiday Event**
- Dec. 9 – Early Dismissal**
- Dec. 10 – Family Fun Night at Barnes & Noble**
- Dec. 22 – Early Dismissal**
- Dec. 23-Jan. 2 – Winter Break**

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PTA Monthly Meetings

Nov. 30 - 7pm Media Center

Jan. 9 - 7pm Media Center

Feb. 8 - 7pm Media Center

Mar. 13 - 7pm MPR - Volunteer Training

Apr. 5 - 7pm Media Center

May 8 - 7pm Media Center - Elections

News from our Committees

Membership

Thank you to all who have joined the 2016-2017 PTA so far! If you are still interested, you may sign up at any time this year. Member forms are available at any PTA meeting or you can contact Shannon Pfistner to sign up: shannon_06@hotmail.com. There are tons of events on our schedule this year and we could use all the support we can get!

Holiday Event

Please join us Dec. 2 for Holiday Family Fun, featuring festive crafts, sing-alongs, themed games and snacks. Bring your cameras for photo ops with Frozen characters! Watch for more information to be coming home soon!

Receipts

We wanted to first thank you all for a good start to the year so far with Box Tops! We have had many families participating. The Box Tops for Education Program is our most popular and fun way to raise money for our school. 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 contact Christina Sanzone csanzone@hotmail.com & Angie Stump angstump@msn.com

Reflections

"What's Your Story?" The PTA Reflections Art Contest is underway! Please return Reflections forms (sent home in your child's backpack) to school ASAP for more information and contest rules. The contest is open to Pre-K - 5th grade students at AES and the deadline for the entries this year will be Wednesday Nov. 30. For details on the Reflections Program, please visit <http://www.pta.org/reflections> Contest rules are VERY specific; please contact Shannon Pfistner for copies of the rules as well as any questions:
shannon_06@hotmail.com.

Dances

This year's Daughter Dance will be held on Friday, Nov. 18 from 7-9pm. Pictures start at 6:30. The cost is \$5 per student (includes 1 adult). Ticket sales end Nov. 10 unless they sell out earlier. Please contact Jessica Young with questions at jmdesola@gmail.com.

Spring Fling

Save the date - June 2, 2017 from 6:30-8:30pm. Rain or Shine.

Spirit Wear

We had a great turnout for spirit wear this year! Items will be distributed to your child's classroom as soon as they come in!

Spirit Days

Our 1st spirit day this year will be "Career Day" on Dec. 9. Dress like someone you would like to be when you grow up! The rest of the schedule for the year will be coming home soon. Stay tuned!

Family Fun/Spirit Night

Family Fun is off to a great start. Chuck E. Cheese raised \$432 and Vagabond raised \$150. Thank you for your support. The family fun committee provides activities outside of school time to assist in social time, 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. The next date is Nov. 15 at Box Hill Pizza. Save the date for Dec. 10 at Barnes and Noble. This one is a perfect time to shop for the holidays and help the school. Look for flyers to come home with your child. Have a suggestion for a family fun night? Come to the next PTA meeting and share your ideas!!

Yearbook

Congratulations to Marloe Stump and Zaniyah Lingham on their winning yearbook contest entries! Marloe's design will be featured on the front cover while Zaniyah's will be on the back. Both will receive complimentary yearbooks this spring! Similar to last year's book, all entries that were submitted will be featured in the 2016-2017 yearbook! A huge thank you to our talented 5th graders for all of your hard work! All of the covers were beautiful! Keep sending in those photos to aesyearbook399@gmail.com.

Volunteering

VOLUNTEERS WANTED! The PTA is always looking for people to help out with events. If you are interested in helping with one of our upcoming events please email Pam Gifford at pdgifford@me.com to be added to the email distribution list. As needs arise volunteers will be emailed with specific requests. We can't wait to see your smiling face at our next event!