

The Eagle's Nest

Abingdon Elementary PTA Newsletter

March/April 2017



President's Message

Spring is near! The past few weeks have definitely felt like it. It's hard to think that we could still get snow. I am all for getting out on time at this point! In the coming months the PTA will have several volunteer opportunities. There will also be classroom chaperone opportunities as we approach field trip time. Don't forget in order to be a chaperone you must complete a volunteer training session. The next volunteer training session will be Monday March 13th @ 7 p.m. in the Media Center. As for the PTA opportunities we have Teacher Appreciation Week coming up in May and the Spring Fling in June. Please consider donating your time, your craftiness and we don't want to forget homemade treats.

Thank you to all those who supported the PTA this school year! This includes joining the AESPTA, participating in the PTA sponsored activities and volunteering your time. We truly appreciate you! I hope to see many of you at the upcoming STEAM themed BINGO on March 3rd. March also means it's time for PARCC testing. Be on the lookout for more information about testing dates and times.

Sincerely,
Angie Stump

PTA Monthly Meetings

Mar. 13 - 7pm MPR - Volunteer Training

Apr. 5 - 7pm Media Center

May 8 - 7pm MPR - Elections

Volunteer Training Spring Sessions

Monday, March 13th at 7pm

Wednesday, April 19th at 8am

Thursday, May 4th at 4pm

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!

AESPTA FB Page: <https://www.facebook.com/AbingdonElementaryPTAMD/>

AESPTA Blog: aespta.wordpress.com

Upcoming Events

Mar. 3 – Early Dismissal

Mar. 3 – Family BINGO
6-8pm

Mar. 3 – Spirit Day – MD Day -
Wear something that
represents MD! Think crabs &
Black-eyed Susans!

Mar. 13 – PTA meeting 7pm
MPR (Volunteer Training)

Mar. 20-23 – Family Fun at
Menchie's

Mar. 24 – Jump Rope 4 Heart

Mar. 31 – Early Dismissal

Apr. 5 – PTA meeting 7:00pm
Media Center

Apr. 11 – Family Fun Night at
Rita's

Apr. 12-17 – Spring Break

Apr. 19 – Volunteer Training
8am

Apr. 28 – Early Dismissal

Apr. 28 – Spirit Day - Show your
AES pride by wearing your spirit
wear or Abingdon white &
blue!

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News from our Committees

Membership

Thank you to the following local businesses for their Business Memberships with our PTA: Menchie's, Chung's Martial Arts, Vagabonds Sandwich Company, and Kiddie Academy of Abingdon. It's never too late to join the PTA! Contact Shannon Pfistner at Shannon_06@hotmail.com for more information.

Reflections

This year, we had 6 students advance to the county level from our school and judging occurred in late January. The 6 students whose artwork qualified for the county level contest included:

Trevor Schroeder - Excited for Christmas

Jane Flynn - My Life

Cadence Pfistner - This is Me

Layla Pouncy - Reading World

Michael Larson - My Rock Pile

Hunter Clark - About Hunter

Congratulations to Michael Larson who was awarded the "Award of Excellence" in Photography for Primary Grades for his photo, My Rock Pile. He will be recognized on April 20th at PMHS during a county-wide Reflections ceremony and his artwork will move on to the statewide level of the competition!

Thank you to all students who participated and the families who supported their art projects! All students who submitted a project will be recognized at the 4/5/17 PTA meeting. Details will be emailed out as the date gets closer!

Receipts

We have had many families participating in our Box Tops for Education Program and we want to thank you all. Be on the lookout for collection sheets that will be sent home throughout the rest of 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. Make sure your child's name, grade level and teacher are on the collection sheets so that they receive credit for them.

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 or 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 The Receipts Committee - Christina Sanzone csanzone@hotmail.com

Yearbook

We are closing in on our yearbook deadline! Please submit any photos you would like to be included to aesyearbook399@gmail.com as soon as possible! Order forms and information for online ordering will be coming home in March! Stay tuned! We strongly encourage preordering your yearbooks! We have a very limited number for cash sales at the end of the year and they ALWAYS sell out quickly. Take advantage of the online ordering and the advantage to have a personalized or hardcover yearbook this year.

Family Fun/Spirit Night

As always thank you for your support! Reminder: between now and March 31st, purchase a Menchie's frozen yogurt cake and Menchie's will donate \$5 back to us.

Next up...Menchie's – March 20th – March 23rd – go enjoy your favorite frozen yogurt and 20% of the sales will be donated back to us. Also, join us April 11th at Rita's. The PTA is looking for some celebrity scoopers...teachers if you are interested please email Barb at rwirsing371@gmail.com. The kiddos love to see you in the window! ☺

Teacher Appreciation

Please join us as we take time to celebrate and acknowledge the faculty and staff at Abingdon Elementary School for all of their hard work and dedication to our children. The PTA will be sponsoring several events during the first week in May to show our appreciation. We would like for you to join us in celebration!

Stay tuned for updates & posts to Abingdon Elementary School's Facebook page on how you can help out with a few special surprises for our wonderful and dedicated staff. Please contact Yolanda Bevans via email ybevans@me.com for any questions or to learn more about how you can help.

Spring Fling

Save the date - June 2rd from 6:30PM to 8:30PM Rain or Shine. Please consider donating an hour of your time to help with this event – We thank you and most of all, the kids thank you!!