

The Eagle's Nest

Abingdon Elementary PTA Newsletter

November/December 2017



President's Message

Happy Fall!

If you haven't already discovered, the theme of the PTA this year is Superheroes. The PTA is on a mission to build a community of heroes this year. You will see this theme with its positive messaging in many PTA activities this year. We hope to build self-esteem, confidence and positive attitudes and behaviors during the 2017-2018 school year and we hope you will join us. Superheroes LEAD! I challenge you to get involved this year and be your child's superhero. There are many ways to get involved - some you can even do from the comfort of your own home. Here is a simple way to get involved - the PTA has started an in-school coffee station for teachers. Consider sending in a box of K-cups to keep it stocked during the winter months. There are plenty of easy and effortless ways to help - reach out to learn more or join us at the next PTA meeting on November 15th at 7:00pm in the media center.

A standing ovation to all of the children who helped with LAPS for LEARNING. (As I write this I am anxiously awaiting the final number and hoping we hit our goal of \$30,000.) Special shout out to CJCC for awarding the AES PTA a \$1,000 community grant. The PTA will use this to cover the cost of printing and supplies during the year. We are grateful for this generous support. Tons of thanks to Dr. Gerringer for her guidance, and to the AES PTA Executive Board and the Board of Directors for all their time and effort to make AES PTA activities AMAZING!!

"There is a SUPERHERO in all of us, we just need the courage to put on the cape." - Superman

Looking forward to a SUPER year!

Barb Wirsing

Your AES PTA President

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PTA Bi-Monthly Meetings in the Media Center

Nov. 15 - 7:00pm

Mar. 14 - 7:00pm

Jan. 17 - 7:00pm

May 16 - 7:00pm (Elections)

Stay Connected with AES PTA

Facebook: Abingdon Elementary School PTA - Harford County

Blog: aespta.wordpress.com

Edline

Upcoming Events

Nov. 3 - Veterans/Hometown Hero Project

Nov. 8 - Picture Retake Day

Nov. 9 - Early

Dismissal/Evening Conferences

Nov. 10 - No School - Conferences

Nov. 13 - Family Fun at Chick-fil-A

Nov. 13-15 - American Education Week

Nov. 15 - PTA Meeting 7:00pm

Nov. 16 - Adult Craft Night 6:00pm

Nov. 17 - Boys Masquerade 7:00pm

Nov. 22 - Early Dismissal

Nov. 23-24 - No School

Dec. 12 - Family Fun at The Greene Turtle

Dec. 15 - Holiday Event 6:00pm

Dec. 15 - Cookie Exchange for Teachers and Staff

Dec. 22 - Early Dismissal - Spirit Day

Dec. 25-29 - No School

2017-2018 PTA Executive Board

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News from our Committees

Membership

There is still plenty of time to join the PTA. Cost is \$10 per person – fill out those forms and return them to school or come to the next meeting and join in person.

Adult Craft Night Fundraiser

Made Me Mine is hosting a fundraiser to benefit the AES PTA at Ocean City Brewing Company on Thursday 11/16 at 6pm. This will be an awesome workshop hosted by the very talented owner of Made Me Mine and in the end, everyone will have created their very own light up snowman... just in time for the holidays! Join us for an evening of fun with fellow AES parents, teachers, friends and family! Tickets are limited so please get them early! Tickets may be purchased on the Made Me Mine website by using this link: <https://www.madememine.com/tickets/1116-fundraiser-for-abingdon-elementary-pta-open-to-teachers-friends-and-family>.

Dances

The BOYS Superhero Masquerade will be held Friday, November 17 from 7-9 pm at AES. Pictures start at 6:30 pm. Costumes welcome! Limit one adult per student. Flyers went home to AES boys. You can find it posted on our Facebook page or email Jason Scheihing at aes17dances@gmail.com Tickets will be on sale until Tuesday, November 14, or until we meet capacity. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door. Please purchase early to guarantee your spot!

Reflections

If your student has decided he/she is interested in entering the national PTA art contest and you turned in your Reflections slip to the school, you should have already received your copy of the Reflections rules and guidelines or will be very soon. The categories include Visual Art, Dance

Choreography, Photography, Music Composition, Literature and Film Production. All submissions will be due to the school by November 30th!!! Please contact Shannon Pfistner at shannon_06@hotmail.com with any questions.

Holiday Event

Friday, December 15th - 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Join us for...gingerbread cookie decorating, crafts, cookies & milk. Music with MILKSHAKE and more. Look for a flyer to come home via backpack express.

Hospitality

The AES PTA will be hosting our 1st Annual Holiday Cookie Exchange for Abingdon Teachers and Staff on Friday December 15th. We are calling on Abingdon bakers to help provide 2-3 dozen of their favorite holiday cookies or confectionaries to share with our wonderful staff. Additional details and sign up information will be available on Sign Up Genius at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C094CAAAD22ABF49-teacher2

Spirit Days

The next spirit day is December 22 – PJ Theme – Dream of Kindness! Wear your PJs to school (please make sure they are school appropriate). Superhero Kindness Challenge: Say Good Morning to 10 people.

Family Fun at School

A great big thank you to all those who attended our night under the stars at SKYDOME. The PTA made over \$600 profit. Look for more fun events to come.

Spirit Wear

The fall spirit wear sale was a hit. Over 200 items were purchased. There are still some limited-edition AES Superhero t-shirts available for purchase in size youth large and youth medium. The cost is \$10. If you would like to purchase one of the remaining tees, send \$10 cash in an envelope marked PTA Hero

T-shirt to school with your child's name, grade and teacher's name and size you would like and we will send one home to you. Thanks!

Receipts

Thank you all for your participation in Box Tops so far. Be on the lookout for collection sheets that will be sent home throughout the rest of the school year. **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. You can register online through the Giant website under Savings & Rewards. Our school ID is 02819. Contact Christina Sanzone at csanzone@hotmail.com with questions.

Yearbook

Calling all photos! First day of school, spirit days, school and class events. Please submit photos (all year long!) for yearbook consideration to aes17yearbook@gmail.com. Provide the student name, grade, teacher and event. By submitting a photo, you consent to its publication in the 2017-2018 yearbook, though publication is not guaranteed.

Spring Fling

Save the date for June 1, 2018 from 6:30-8:30pm. Rain or Shine.

A Friendly Reminder from our Treasurer...

Please remember that any unpaid/returned checks will be charged a \$25 fee. Thanks in advance!