

ELDERSBURG ELEMENTARY PTA NEWS

November/December 2009

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Important Dates



JANUARY

12th – PTA Meeting 7pm

FEBRUARY

5th – Groovy Science Night

9th – PTA Meeting 7pm

MARCH

9th – PTA Meeting 7pm

20th – Basket Bingo

APRIL

13th – PTA Meeting 7pm

MAY

4th – PTA Meeting 7pm

7th – Ice Cream Social

JUNE

1st – PTA Meeting 7pm

From the President's Corner...

Happy New Year!

I hope that the EES staff, students and families had a wonderful holiday as well as a much needed break. I know my kids loved the few extra days we received courtesy of Mother Nature and the 20+ inches of snow! Now that school has started again it is time to catch up. Prior to the break, the PTA hosted the Holiday Gift Shop. I really love this event. Jana Poling did a fabulous job organizing the Gift Shop and we had a great turnout. Thank you to those who participated as well as those who volunteered. There were many students that stopped in to do some holiday shopping for their family. I personally received a lovely fashion ring and an adorable Christmas tree ornament - items I will always treasure.

A great New Year's resolution would be to attend a PTA meeting. Our next PTA meeting will be January 12th at 7:00pm in the Media Center. I hope to see you there! Upcoming events include Groovy Science Night on February 5, 2010 and Basket Bingo on March 20, 2010. If you are interested in volunteering for Groovy Science Night please contact Dan Simon at the.simons@juno.com. If you are interested in helping with Basket Bingo please contact Erin Maurantonio at maurantonio6@acn.net.

Thank you to all the EES staff, students and families for supporting the PTA. Please remember you can obtain a copy of our newsletter as well as other important PTA information by visiting our website – www.eldersburgpta.com.

Regards,
Lani Hrones
PTA President



!!!Help Wanted!!!

This “Help Wanted” section of the newsletter will contain details and contact information for programs that are in need of volunteers. Please check this section for ways you can volunteer some time and help Eldersburg Elementary continue to be a wonderful school! Help is needed for the following programs:

Groovy Science Night



Volunteers are needed for our annual Groovy Science Night- **February 5, 2010**. This is a popular event that draws a large crowd. A science background is not needed- all we need is your time. Please email Dan Simon at the.simons@juno.com.



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Basket Bingo

Basket Bingo will be held on **March 20, 2010**. Many volunteers are needed to make this very popular event a success! Please contact me if you can help plan this year's basket bingo! Thanks!

Erin Maurantonio

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Thank You

I'd like to thank all the students, parents and faculty who donated so generously to December's Holiday Charity Event organized through St. Paul's Church. I delivered the baskets filled with goodies, so I can personally tell you that they are extremely grateful for our help each year.

Thank you and Happy New Year!

Wendy Pardoe

Chairperson, Holiday Charity Event

Easy Fundraisers for our School

Here are some ways to earn money for our school by just saving what we already have. Get the kids involved in finding these and bringing them to school! For more information or contact information regarding these programs, please check the PTA website, www.eldersburgpta.com.

➤ Campbell's Labels

Please read the few important guidelines below so we can continue to build our points so that the school can benefit from all of your efforts.

Campbell's no longer accepts only the front labels of the soup cans. Campbell's now requires the UPC codes for most participating products. For Prego and V8 Splash products, we need the lids. If you cut the UPC code yourself, please do so as follows.



The products that will add up fast, since they are worth 5 points are Goldfish crackers, Campbell's Microwavable Soups, Campbell's Super Bakes, V8 Splash (lids) and the condensed soups with the yellow 5 point label. If you are busy and can't cut the UPC labels feel free to send in the whole labels and caps of V8 juice.

November/December Update: I want to thank everyone for sending in Campbell's labels for the Winter goal. With all your help I was able to collect over 2,500 labels since the beginning of the school year and turn them in for double points. Yes, that means we earned 2,500 free bonus points! With these bonus points we will be closer to obtaining the digital cameras for our school.

Keep collecting and sending them in to the school, as I know the kids and teachers will enjoy playing with the digital cameras!

➤ Box Tops

I just wanted to thank everyone who has kindly sent in their box tops this year. We have earned about \$700.00 in box tops so far this year. Please try to remember to send in your box tops as the next deadline for me to turn them in is February 28th. I would like to remind people too that you can visit the website for box tops at www.boxtopsforeducation.com. There are some sweepstakes that we can enter to try to win extra box tops. You can also check a list of stores that might be having special box top bonus programs or visit the marketplace and place an online order and a percentage of your order will go back to the school. If you should have any questions please feel free to call me at 410-549-4197 or email me at kjmully@msn.com. Thank you.



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(MoreGreat Fundraisers:)

- GoodSearch.com and Goodshop.com
- Safeway Club Card
- Martin's Grocery Card
- Target
- Market Day
- UnitedScrip Gift Cert.
- Restaurant nights
- Recycle printer cartridges and cell phones



Parent/Teacher Resource Room

The resource room has flash cards and games for time, money and fractions. There are CD's, cassette tapes and flash cards for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division that parents can borrow. Please check the inventory in the Student Directory under the Math section. You can send in a note to your child's teacher and the material will be sent home. Any questions contact: Mrs. DiStefano 410-751-3520

Volunteer Sign-in Reminder

Please make sure when you are here to volunteer that you **sign in** on the computer in the front office and **wear a badge**. Before you leave please make sure you **sign out** on the computer and return the badge if it's reusable. This is an added measure of security. If you forget to log out you will be locked out of the computer system the next time you come in to volunteer. Your time spent volunteering is invaluable to the staff. *Thanks for all you do!*

AlertNow

This service is an email service of school notices and newsletters as well as county level notices. Everyone who provided an e-mail address on their emergency contact card was automatically signed up for this service. Types of notices from the county level are inclement weather closings, school board meeting reminders, etc. Types of notices from the schools are monthly newsletters (including PTA), meeting reminders, etc. If you are not currently receiving AlertNow notices via e-mail, please contact the school office.

ABC Care, Inc.

Nonprofit organization, school age child care. 100 E Main St, Westminster, MD 21157 Fax 410-751-3702 This is a non-profit organization that offers a before and after school child care program located in the school's cafeteria area. ABC has several openings for the new school year.

They open at 6:45 AM, Monday through Friday. They reopen at dismissal time and provide daycare until 6 PM. They offer a breakfast bar each morning to help rushed families meet their morning schedules as well as an afternoon snack to help kids get through the afternoon munchies.

ABC offers several enrollment options: two, three, or five days a week, before, after, or both. Call the center if you have any questions. Their phone number is 410-795-6110 or stop by the center during our hours of operation. Please call the main office at 410-751-3700 to request information or registration forms.



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PTA Meeting Minutes November 10, 2009

Exec Board Meeting

**Kelly Gage
Mr. Eisenklam
Dave Burrows
Lani Hrones**

Call to Order: 6:34 PM

- Manor Woods Elementary school e-mailed us about our D.A.T... wanted to know how we do it. Heard though other parents how great it was and they are looking for a new fundraiser.
- GymJam will donate \$3.00 to the PTA for re-enrollments as well as new ones.
- December, no meeting
- All water bottles from D.A.T. have been distributed
- There is new Spirit wear; Ash/Pink long sleeve/hoodie/tie-dye/pj pants new items

General PTA Meeting

Call to Order: 7:03 PM

- Motion made to approve and pass prior minutes
- Water bottles from the D.A.T have been passed out... DO NOT put in the freezer, they will explode
- Pizza parties still need to be had for highest donators in each class
- 5th grade pie sale is complete, Amount made isn't known yet, once total is known we'll order a new set of Active Votes. This is the gift that 5th grade decided to donate. They are hand held voting machines that work with our Promethean Software. This will give us our 3rd set
- December 4th, holiday gift shop, need middle/high school student for volunteers... e-mail Jana Poling if interested. Lani will send an e-mail to those that helped with fall fest
- United Script will have a sale coming up soon for the holidays.
- Spirit wear has picked some new items to add to the list green/pink all but hoodies
- Groovy Science committee is having a meeting tonight... we'll have more information later to pass along

Cultural –Erin Bishop

- Junior Achievement; 3rd grade is done, 1 & 2 grade will be taught the week before thanksgiving and 5th grade will

be done in an entire day when we get back from Winter Break

- Looking at bringing in an author. For a fee of \$500/session we can run 2 sessions, 3,4,5 and K, 1,2 The author we'd like to bring in is Barry Polisar.
- A motion was made to bring in Barry Polisar and fund with reserve or additional book sales. There were not enough members for a quorum so the issue was tabled.
- No December meeting

Treasure-Dave Burrows

- Current balance is \$30,087.74
- Taxes and audit sent out on Friday
- Fall fest made \$2,532.19
- D.A.T. made \$11,302.36. That includes cost of the water bottles, but does not include the pizza party

Mr. Eisenklam

- H1N1 flu mist was given out today. We're not sure when 2nd round will be available
- Approximately 50% of eligible students received the mist
- AlertNow is being used for e-mail and telephone notification. If you have any issues, please call the office and let the school know so things can be adjusted if necessary

Meeting adjourned: 7:30 PM

Submitted by: Karen Creutzer

HAPPY NEW YEAR



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