

ELDERSBURG ELEMENTARY PTA NEWS

January/February 2010

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Important Dates



MARCH

9th – PTA Meeting 7pm
20th – Basket Bingo (@EES)

APRIL

13th – PTA Meeting 7pm

MAY

4th – PTA Meeting 7pm
7th – Ice Cream Social/Groovy Science Night

JUNE

1st – PTA Meeting 7pm

From the President's Corner...

It's melting! It's melting!

I hope that the EES staff, students and families have had a chance to recover from the snow that blanketed our lovely community in February. I think I can speak for many – NO MORE SNOW!

Unfortunately due to the blizzards there have had to be a few changes to some of our scheduled PTA events. Groovy Science Night was postponed and now has been rescheduled to May 7, 2010 the same night as our Ice Cream Social.

Our Annual Basket Bingo on March 20, 2010 will now be held at Eldersburg Elementary due to the devastating fire at the Sykesville/Freedom Firehouse.

There was a good amount of planning and administrative work that has been done and still has to be done by Mr. Eisenklam and the staff at EES – so I would especially like to thank them for helping us with both of these events. I would also like to thank everyone involved with Groovy Science Night and Basket Bingo for their patience and understanding why we worked to get these events rescheduled.

Our next PTA meeting will be March 9th, 2010 at 7:00pm in the Media Center.

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



!!!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:



Basket Bingo

Basket Bingo will be held on **March 20, 2010**, at Eldersburg Elementary. 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
Maurantonio6@acn.net



Groovy Science Night

Volunteers are needed for our annual Groovy Science Night- **May7, 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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Teacher Appreciation

We have many fun surprises in store for all of our wonderful teachers and staff members during Teacher Appreciation Week. This year it is being held the week of May 3rd through the 7th. The traditional pot luck luncheon for the staff will be held on Monday, May 3rd. If you are available to volunteer anytime that day between 8:30am until 3:30pm, please contact me at 410-549-5132 or lkropfelder@comcast.net. Donation request forms for items needed for the luncheon will be sent home the second week in April. Thank you in advance for all of your support.

Lori Kropfelder
Teacher Appreciation Chairman

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.

January/February Update: Keep collecting and sending those labels in to the school! We are steadily

working towards being able to get some digital cameras for the teachers and students to enjoy!

➤ 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.

➤ 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



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Parent/Teacher Resource Room

If you have a child in kindergarten, 1st or 2nd grade there are materials that would reinforce their curriculum.

Please take a few minutes and look over the inventory. The inventory is located in the student directory. I will send home the material if you send a note to the teacher with your request.

Any questions, contact: Carolyn 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.



Happy St. Patrick's Day from the PTA!!

**PTA Executive Board Meeting
Eldersburg Elementary School
January 12, 2010**

Called to Order 6:32pm

In attendance: Mr. Eisenklam, Lani Hrones, Kelly Gage, Dave Burrows, Karen Creutzer, Lori Kropfelder and Erin Bishop
Note Taker: Karen Creutzer

- By-laws need to be approved. There are no changes to be made from prior years. Approval is needed by the general membership (every 3 years)
- Summer reading packets, maybe we can find and copy "free" internet downloads for each grade to go home, Tri-C publications info to go home later in the year.
- Final date for teacher reimbursement is Feb 1st, 2010 46 teachers have joined and 10 have been reimbursed. Teachers can collect up to 50.00
- Please make sure that A+ rewards are on the bottom of your receipt for Martins. There have been some issues where they haven't shown up.



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- Groovy Science Night, we'll set up a Spiritwear and Martins table.

Meeting Adjourned 6:57pm

**PTA General Membership Meeting
Eldersburg Elementary School
January 12, 2010**

Called to Order 7:05pm

In attendance: Mr. Eisenklam, Lani Hrones, Kelly Gage, Dave Burrows, Karen Creutzer, Lori Kropfelder Erin Bishop, Scott Creutzer, Dan Simon, Kevin Hogan

President, Lani Hrones:

- Nov/ Dec minutes, motion made to pass by Lori Kropfelder and 2nd by Scott Creutzer, all approved, motion passed.
- By-laws need to be resubmitted. We'd like to submit the as they are with no changes. Lori Kropfelder made a motion to pass the current by-laws, all voted and motion passed. By-laws need to be mailed in.
- All Dance-A-Thon prizes have been awarded including the winners of the pizza party.
- United Script's current session was finished on January 4th. We will restart sometime in April and continue in through the end of the school year
- Our new Spiritwear coordinator is Amy Cohen. We are looking at a possible new vendor with new items. Look at the web site, <http://www.eldersburgpta.com/SpiritWear.html> for description, sizes and prices.

Treasurer, Dave Burrows:

- Current Balance is \$29,172.23
- United Script made \$408.07
- Dance-A-Thon had \$11,273.13 profit
- Fall Fest made \$2626.19 profit
- Restaurant Night has made \$1,003.76 profit to date
- Box Tops has brought in \$748.20 to date and the current submission is due 4-30-2010
- Membership officially closed at the end of September with 77% of teachers joining
- No totals on Groovy Science Night or Basket Bingo since both events are still active

Principal, Mr., Eisenklam:

- The staff was extremely thankful for their Holiday gifts from the PTA
- Please read the Alert Now notices that come out, there have been issues regarding parking and the PPU area. Please be sure to park only in designated spaces and be

on the lookout for parents, children and staff members who may be in the lot at any given time.

- Principals from other schools will be visiting in the coming weeks to see how we've integrated technology into our teaching methods.

Cultural, Erin Bishop:

- 5th grade just completed their JA program.
- The class gift this year from the 5th grade will be a set of ActiVotes. They will be ordered soon.
- Basket Bingo planning is well under way. This year it will be Longerberger Baskets and Vera Bradley bags
- Doors will open at 5pm and games will begin at 6pm
- If you or anyone you know can contribute to Bingo, please let Erin know.
- 2-3 teen helpers are still needed

Groovy Science Night, Dan Simon:

- Monthly meetings have been occurring
- 8 on plan committee
- 14 committed adults to help that night, 4 teen helpers, Mark Martin and a group of scientists from JHUAPL to come and help with demonstrations and experiments.
- There will be a Germs Station and a Passport that the kids can answer a question to and get a stamp put in the book.

Teacher Appreciation, Lori Kropfelder:

- Looking for any thoughts and ideas for teacher gifts this year. A portfolio is what's being considered.

On behalf of Kelli Nelson, Erin Bishop spoke on searching for a new superintendent (national Search Company) A board meeting will be held on January 13, 2010. The board is looking at implementing a homework policy. The meeting is at 5pm. The impact will be more on Mid/high School than the elementary level. Kids would be graded on H/W. A survey on what other schools are doing as well as parent feedback for homework policy will be coming out soon. If you don't get a survey please contact the board and feel free to fill one out. This is a very controversial subject and once it goes into effect, it will remain as policy

Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm



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