

# ELDERSBURG ELEMENTARY PTA NEWS

## March/April 2010

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### Important Dates



#### MAY

4<sup>th</sup> – PTA Meeting 7pm

7<sup>th</sup> – Ice Cream Social/Groovy Science Night

#### JUNE

1<sup>st</sup> – PTA Meeting 7pm

### From the President's Corner...

I can't believe spring is here – this means the end of the school year is just around the corner – we are in the homestretch!

I want to first thank Erin Maurantonio and all of those who helped to make our Annual Basket Bingo such a success. I also would like to thank Mr. Eisenklam and the EES Staff for helping us with the event. It was a great event and we received a lot of positive feedback from our EES families.

There was a lot to discuss at our April PTA meeting. The Slate of Officers for the 2010-2011 school year was announced and can be found listed in the newsletter. Teacher Appreciation week is coming up and we have some great things planned for the staff. The PTA is still looking for help next year with our Market Day program. If you are interested in helping with Market Day please let me know.

One thing I am really excited about is the PTA announced that we would like to establish a scholarship program that would be available to graduating High School students who graduated 5<sup>th</sup> grade from EES. We are in the early stages of planning this program and would like to set up a committee. If you are interested in being part of this committee please let me know. Our next PTA meeting will be May 4<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.eldersburgpta.com).

Regards,  
Lani Hrones

### Slate of Officers for the 2010-2011 School Year

At the April 13<sup>th</sup> PTA meeting the Slate of Officers for the 2010-2011 school year were announced. The Slate will be voted on at our May 4<sup>th</sup> PTA meeting.

President	Lani Hrones
Vice President	Dave Burrows
Treasurer	Alisa Sobchak
Recording Sec.	Karen Creutzer
Corresponding Sec.	Tammy Burrows/Hope Bird



### !!!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- **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](mailto:the.simons@juno.com).



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## Teacher Appreciation

Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who have worked so hard to make this year's Teacher Appreciation Week such a success!!! Our teachers and staff members truly appreciate all of the donations sent on their behalf and the time that each of you have contributed. Special thanks to committee members Julie Amicone, Astrid Marrero, Cathy Noll, Kim Mulholland, Tammy Burrows, Jacki Hurst and Kim Squillaro. I also want to thank local businesses such as Safeway, Martins, Panera Bread, Zi Pani and Jilly's for their generous contributions.

Lori Kropfelder  
Teacher Appreciation Chairman



## Join Cub Scouts !!!

Cub Scouts is a year-round program designed for boys in grades 1 through 5 to encourage character development, sportsmanship, respect, and friendship – all in a fun setting designed for boys of all backgrounds. Cub Scouting is an active program where you son can explore a variety of interests – from camping to canoeing and from chess to cooking. Visit our website at [www.bsapack883.org](http://www.bsapack883.org) to see what our Pack is all about.

Cub Scout Pack 883 will meet on Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. (picnic food will be provided by the Pack)! So bring your son, bring your family, and explore what Cub Scouts has to offer. If you would like to attend the Pack meeting or for more information about Pack 883, please email [joinPack883@yahoo.com](mailto:joinPack883@yahoo.com).

A new Tiger Den (1<sup>st</sup> graders in the fall) is now forming. All other Dens (grades 2-5) have openings and would like to welcome your son to join the fun. We are looking forward to hearing from you!

## 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](http://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.

**March/April Update:** Well we tried to aim high this year to get 6 digital cameras worth 24,800 points. So far we have over 11,000 points. I was hoping to have the cameras in hand by the end of the school year but it does not look like we can make it. But with everyone's help we can order the cameras at the end of the school year and have them at the start of next year so keep collecting. In May, we can earn double points so keep sending in the labels. Just a quick reminder that when collecting the labels please cut out the complete UPC code with the points value. Unfortunately, I had to throw out some 5 point values as they did not have the UPC attached to it.

### ➤ **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



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remember to send in your box tops as the next deadline for me to turn them in is February 28<sup>th</sup>. I would like to remind people too that you can visit the website for box tops at [www.boxtopsforeducation.com](http://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](mailto: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**



## Parent/Teacher Resource Room

If you have a child in kindergarten, 1st or 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

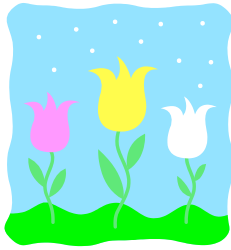


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## PTA Executive Board Meeting Eldersburg Elementary School March 9, 2010

Called to Order: 6:34 p.m.

In attendance: Mr. Eisenklam, Mrs. Laffer, Dave Burrows, Lani Hrones, Karen Creutzer, Erin Bishop, Lori Kropfelter and Kelly Gage

Note Taker: Karen Creutzer

- Erin Bishop brought up the idea to offer a scholarship to any graduating senior that graduated 5<sup>th</sup> grade from Eldersburg Elementary School. This is something we may want to consider since the mission of our school is to “empower all our students to become Respectful, Responsible citizens who are Ready to succeed in the global community.”
  - A committee would need to be formed and base guidelines on what other schools do so we can continue to support our children
  - Please keep in mind that this would be open to all children who graduated 5<sup>th</sup> grade from here regardless of where they graduate high school from
- We still may be able to get a single grade in school program at no cost from Biztown. Funds are down at Martins this year and that’s the money we use to fund the in-class J.A. programs
- Dave reviewed a basic budget that the PTA can donate to the school at the end of the year. Currently we have 30k balance and after all bills are paid we’d have approximately 9,300 to give to the school
- With that information, Mr. Eisenklam will work on a wish list for the school to purchase with the monies from the PTA

Meeting Adjourned 6:56 p.m.

## PTA General Membership Meeting Eldersburg Elementary School March 9, 2010

Meeting Called to Order: 7:05pm

In Attendance: Mr. Eisenklam, Mrs. Laffer, Dave Burrows, Lani Hrones, Karen Creutzer, Erin Bishop, Lori Kropfelter, Kelly Gage, Dan Simon, Scott Creutzer, Kim Mulholland, Debbie Welsh, Trish Galankis, Tammy Burrows, Dannielle Centofanti, Hope Bird, Mrs. Hoffman and Erica Crosby

President, Lani Hrones:

- Approval of prior minutes, Motion made by Kim Mulholland and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lori Kropfelter, all approved and motion passed
- Teresa Golden will not be heading up our Reflections Program next school year since she will no longer have a child in our school next year. We are looking for a volunteer to take over that position.
- Basket Bingo will now be held at the school since the Fire Department lost their social hall in the snowstorms. Because of this change we can only sell 290 tickets. So far we’ve sold 127. Doors will open at 5 p.m. and games will begin at 6pm
- This year school kits will be ordered online and shipped directly to your home
- Several positions will need to be filled for the 2010-2011 school year. If you are interested in any of the following positions or committee heads please let Kelly Gage know. Positions available are: Reflections, Fall Fest, Market Day and Treasure

Treasurer, Dave Burrows:

- Current Balance is \$29,964.75

Groovy Science Night, Dan Simon:

- The Ice Cream social will be held the same night
- Mark Martin won’t be able to come with his volunteers due to exams, but we are still planning on having those stations, which will be manned by volunteers. If you’d like to help, please let Dan know
- We won’t have the telescopes due to the fact that it will not be dark enough

Teacher Appreciation Week, Lori Kropfelter/Kim Mulholland:

- March 22-April 1, 8:35-9:05 am we’re looking to volunteers to help the kids fill the cards and pictures of the class for their teachers.
- The luncheon will be on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and the breakfast will be on May 7<sup>th</sup>. If you can help will food or time, please let us know

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Farewell, Erin Bishop:



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- More information will be headed home after the Spring Break.
- Volunteer will be needed to help set up the tables and decorate
- We will be having a magician again this year

Principal, Mr. Eisenklam:

- MSA's started today
- We've applied for an Exemplar Award for our PBIS program
- Promethean remotes came in from the 5<sup>th</sup> grade pie sales
- The Fun Run will be tied into keeping our Green School status
  - Some stations may come from Bear Branch or Hashawha
- Thank you parents for your cautiousness in parking and leaving the PPU area due to all snow we've had
- Kindergarten Registration will be held in 2 weeks. If you know of anyone with children that will be attending Kindergarten this fall, please let them know
- Our superintendent can apply for a waiver for up to 5 days to make up for all the missed days of school due to the snow
  - Decision to be made by the Board of Education. When the info comes out we will let you know as soon as possible.
  - There is a School Board meeting is tomorrow night but this is not on the agenda
  - It's believed that the Board will wait for all bad weather to pass before making a request for our 3 days to be excused with no make-ups.
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade banquet is JUNE 11<sup>th</sup> that will not change.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45 p.m.

## **PTA Executive Board Meeting Eldersburg Elementary School April 13, 2010**

Called to Order: 6:32 PM

In attendance: Mike Eisenklam, Lani Hrones, Kelly Gage, Dave Burrows, Lori Kropfelder, Karen Creutzer and Erin Bishop

Note Taker: Karen Creutzer

- Received sample planners in the mail, maybe a welcome back gift for teachers at the Back To School breakfast in the summer

- National School of Excellence is no longer awarded, therefore there is no need for us to reapply
- In it's place is the Phoebe Apperson Hearst Family-School Partnership Award
- We will be starting a scholarship for any graduating high school senior that graduated 5<sup>th</sup> grade from EES
- Slate of officers will be presented for consideration tonight
- Mr. Eisenklam has a wish list of mostly technology items as well as text as well as library books.
- Last year the PTA was able to give the school \$10,000. 6K went towards books and 4K went to towards technology
- Possibly bring back Spirit Day on Fridays...kids and staff wear green or their EES clothes

Meeting adjourned 6:59pm

## **PTA General Membership Meeting Eldersburg Elementary School April 13, 2010**

Called to Order: 7:04 PM

In attendance: Mr. Eisenklam, Dave Burrows, Lani Hrones, Karen Creutzer, Erin Bishop, Lori Kropfelder, Kelly Gage, Dan Simon, Scott Creutzer, Kim Mulholland, Debbie Welsh, Trish Galankis, Tammy Burrows, Dannielle Centofanti, Hope Bird, Mrs. Hoffman and Erica Crosby

Note Taker: Karen Creutzer

President, Lani Hrones:

- We receive the Thank-you notes from 2<sup>nd</sup> grade for the Bread Bake
- Groovy Science Night and the Ice Cream social are on May 7<sup>th</sup>
- School kits this year will be shipped directly to you home instead of having to pick them up on field day
- Basket Bingo was very successful again this year.
- Looking at having it at the school next year
- We want to offer a \$500 scholarship to any graduating high school senior that graduated 5<sup>th</sup> grade from EES
  - A teacher rep will be needed to help pick the winning essay
  - If you're interested in being on this committee, let Lani know
  - Judging will be blind, no names
  - Essay topic to be along the lines of how attending EES has impacted their lives and changed them
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade banquet is May 11<sup>th</sup>. All money is due April 20<sup>th</sup>
- Slate of Officers for 2010/2011 school year (Presented this evening, to be voted on during May's meeting)
  - President: Lani Hrones



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- Vice President: Dave Burrows
- Treasurer: Alias Sobchak
- Recording Secretary: Karen Creutzer
- Corresponding Secretary: Hope Bird and Tammy Burrows
  
- Other Committee Heads:
  - Fall Fest: Kevin Hogan
  - Cultural : Stephanie Sobcheck
  - Legislative Rep: Erin Bishop
  - Market Day: Hope Bird (**and still need one more**)
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Farewell: Kelly Gage

Principal, Mr. Eisenklam:

- Our clothing drive was very successful
- Yearbook will be ordered online this year
- The county has worked on streamlining the list of school supplies
- Fun Run will be “Lean-n-Green”
- All donations collected will be put towards the purchase of Technology items

Teacher Appreciation, Lori Kropfeler:

- May 3<sup>rd</sup> –May 7<sup>th</sup> this year
- Luncheon will be Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Breakfast will be Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>
- If you can donate time/food, please let Lori know

Treasurer, Dave Burrows:

- Current balance, \$34,477.76
- Restaurant Night, 10 so far have brought in \$1,407

Meeting Adjourned, 7:44pm



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