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Newsletter of Abingdon
Elementary School
May/June 2010

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Lots to Celebrate

To celebrate another successful year, we have a number of great activities planned to close out the year. Our Spring Fling Carnival will be held on Friday, May 14 from 4:30 - 7:30. There will also be a silent auction in the cafeteria that evening. **These are rain or shine events.** In the case of rain, the games will be moved indoors.

In celebration of no more snow, the magic show will finally take place on Friday, May 7. This was originally scheduled for February, but was postponed due the snow. Tickets were sent out in February and this event is sold out – you must have a ticket to enter the building.

Nothing is more important than celebrating the fact that we have great teachers at AES. Teacher Appreciation Week is the week of May 10 and the PTA will honor them with a special luncheon that week.

It's also a time to celebrate some of the PTA accomplishments this year. We had our first-ever Laps for Learning fundraiser and were successful in meeting our goal. Our two Scholastic book fairs allowed us to contribute more than \$150 worth of books to every classroom and department library and more than \$1300 worth of books and audio books to the Media Center. We had more than 280 PTA members this year and the support of all AES families allowed us to provide funding for field trips, student planners, Ag Lab, student incentives, band t-shirts and many more student and faculty programs.

I would like to thank all the parent volunteers who helped with events or sent in food/drink donations. I'd also like to thank the members of the PTA Board of Directors and our dedicated volunteers who filled important roles as committee chairs. I'd especially like to thank two outgo-

ing chairs that have volunteered a combined 14 years to the AES PTA. Mindy McBride and Kelly Skopp have filled a variety of roles over the years and will be greatly missed.

There are many opportunities for you to get involved with the AES PTA next year. A nomination form has been sent home and we're looking for new volunteers to serve in a leadership role. If you have any questions about any of the positions, please feel free to contact me.

Our final PTA meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday, May 26 at 7 p.m. in the Media Center. The annual election for PTA positions will take place at the meeting. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,
Judy Logue
AES PTA President
jylogue@comcast.net – 410-569-9632

AES PTA calendar

May 5	Market Day internet orders due at www.marketday.com
May 7	Magic Show
May 11	Market Day pick-up/Basket raffle prize pick-up
May 10-14	AES teacher appreciation week
May 14	Teacher appreciation luncheon
May 14	Spring Fling and silent auction
May 20	Chick-fil-A family fun night
May 26	PTA meeting
June 3	Rita's family fun night

Teacher Appreciation

AES Teacher Appreciation week is May 10-14. Please remember to thank your teacher(s) during that week as they work very hard everyday to teach your children.

The annual Teacher Appreciation luncheon will be held on May 14th. We are in need of canned sodas or bottled water donations as well as home-baked or store-bought desserts. If you can help with a donation, please contact Jamie Craig at jamiec3811@comcast.net .

Silent Auction

Silent Auction is right around the corner and donations are still welcomed. Volunteers for this event are also needed. If you can donate an item or service, or have time to volunteer, please contact Michelle Morrison at MLDeysu@comcast.net

Yearbook News

It is hard to believe another memorable school year is coming to an end! Yearbooks are expected to be delivered near the end of May and will be handed out by your child's teacher at that time. We would like to thank the parents that sent in photos and parents who came in and photographed special school events! We hope you enjoy the 2009-2010 yearbook! Have a great summer!

Lisa Burke / Stacy Dorsey
Yearbook committee co-chairpersons

Reading Incentive

2, 000,010, A Reading Odyssey Reaches the Moon!!!!

Congratulations to all of Abingdon's Astronauts! You have met your school wide goal of reading 2,000,010 minutes. Thank you to the teachers and parents who have helped make this program possible. It takes a full flight crew for a successful mission and we have had a top-notch team. Keep watching the Reading Incentive display for the Astronaut Hall of Fame where we will recognize our adult readers, classes that have excelled, and individual student achievements. But most importantly.....

KEEP ON READING!!!!

Basket Raffle Thanks

Thanks for everyone that participated in the Basket Raffle. Congratulations to all the winners!

Robin Smith	Dominica Simpson
Meghan Longo	Robin Bevington
Toya Walbrecher	Laurie Machovec
Jennifer Fox	Judy Dunne
Tina Pilarski	Scott Bekker
Amy Dorsey	Ed Hubner
Monique Gibson	Natalie Burke
Robin Gaines	Judy Logue
Nancy Hobbs	Ellen Scroggins
Jennifer Burris	Sharon Munley
Jackie Remige	Anita Deasel
Moya Trzeciak	

Prizes will be available for pick up at the Market Day pickup on May 11th. And, we will have a last chance pickup at the Spring Fling on May 14th. We will draw new names for all unclaimed prizes.

We thank the following area businesses and families for their very generous donations:

Cash contributions:

Drs. Isaacs, Nawy and Farrell
Boyle Buick
McComas Funeral Home
Growing Smiles
EBL Engineers, LLC
Kelli Longo
Mindy McBride
Erica Cason
Jennifer Eck

Basket fillers:

Bel Air Orthodontics
Moya Trzeciak
Mindy McBride
Erin Sinar
Ginny Pippen
Toya Walbrecher
PTA Executive Board
All our wonderful teachers

Have a great summer!!!

Family Fun Nights

The Magic Show is scheduled for May 7th at 7:00 pm; doors will open at 6:30 pm. Please be sure to have your tickets with you for every individual that will be attending. **You MUST have a ticket to enter the building.** If you **cannot** use your tickets for the May 7th event please turn them back into your child's teacher in an envelope labeled "PTA" so that we can give someone on our waiting list a chance to attend. If you have any questions please contact Charlotte Spinner or Michelle Holly at the emails listed below and we will be happy to help you. We will also be collecting items for the Harford County Humane Society that evening, so please do not forget your donations.

May Events:

May 7th – Magic Show (doors open at 6:30 pm)

**May 20th – Family Fun Night at Chick-fil-A
(5:00 pm-8:00 pm), flier needed**

June Event:

**June 3rd – Family Fun Night at Rita's
(5:00 pm-9:00 pm)**

More information to follow on the Chick-fil-A and Rita's Family Fun Nights.

Thank You!

On behalf of the AES PTA, I want to thank each and every volunteer who has helped the PTA this school year! Without your help, our events could not happen.

We have some of our biggest events coming up in May. If you would like to volunteer, please let me know.

The Spring Fling on May 14th needs help with running games, selling food, setting up and breaking down.

The Cake Walk during Spring Fling need lots of donations of store bought treats such as donuts, cakes, cupcakes, cookies and Little Debbie snacks.

The Teacher Appreciation committee will need help with drink and dessert donations.

Again, thank you for all your help this year!

Nicole Smith
Volunteer Coordinator

Spring Fling

Spring Fling is here!!!!

Do not miss this great event!

Friday, May 14, 2010 at 4:30 to 7:30

Tickets are now on sale, buy early and save. The cost is 4 tickets for \$1.00 on the day of the event the price will be 3 tickets for \$1.00. There will be plenty of food: pizza, Chick – fil – a, cheeseburgers, drinks, and many more snacks. Food will be available for cash only. We will have 23 different games each ranging from 1 ticket to 3 tickets. If your child has not yet brought home an orange "ticket sale" flyer, you may pick one up in the main office or email Tiffany Tate.

The support has been pouring in to make this a great time for everyone. We could still use more help during the last hour (6:30 – 7:30) working games. Please email Tiffany if you can help, even if it is for 30 minutes.

*Thank you to Rita's in Abingdon, they will be back again this year with free treats.

The teachers who will be bravely sitting and waiting to be dunked are Ms. Gilotte, Mrs. Atkins, Mrs. Desir, Mrs. Hill, Mr. Elliott and Mr. Gallagher. Be sure to go and dunk them.

I would like to say a special thank you in advance to everyone: parents, custodial staff, teachers and the PTA. This is a big event that takes an army of people to make a success. We do this year after year for no other reason than to thank our children for having such a great school year.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Spring Fling. Bring your cameras!

If you have any questions or comments please email me.

Thanks,
Tiffany Tate
tatextwo@comcast.net

Reflections

The following students had their Reflections projects submitted to the Harford County Level of competition this year:

Primary Visual Arts

Cailyn Tripp
Delaney Sommers
Joshua Longshore
Isabel Sans

Primary Photography

Natalie Burke
Delaney Sommers
Cailyn Tripp
Jacob Tripp

Intermediate Visual Arts

Julia Busch
Nicole Tackenberg
Rebecca Shin
Keira Brown

Intermediate Photography

Adaline Fair
Lindsay Busch
Emily Logue
Julia Spinner

Primary Literature

Hannah Lee

Primary Dance

Caitlyn Tripp

Intermediate Literature

Morgan Sommers
Olivia Longo
Priscilla Lee

Intermediate Dance

Nathalie Hidalgo

We would like to thank everyone who participated this year. Once again, the Abingdon community was well represented in the National PTA Reflections Program.

We look forward to next years theme: Together We Can!

Receipts Committee News

The winner of our March contest was Chase Mitchell in Miss Murray's class who will receive an Abingdon draw-string tote bag. Way to go Chase!

Our next Boxtops contest has a deadline of May 21. If you complete a sheet with 25 Boxtops, your child will receive a prize. A collection sheet was sent home at the end of April. If you need extra sheets you can always go on to the www.boxtops4education.com website to print them out or send in your Boxtops glued to a sheet (it can be any sheet of paper) or in a Ziploc bag with the number of Boxtops written on the outside of the bag along with your child's name and teacher's name.

A collection sheet will also be sent home in June for you to keep collecting all summer. We'll have a great head start to the next school year!

Thanks for all of your support. If you have any questions, you can reach me at kellilongo@comcast.net.

Book Fair Diner Receives Rave Reviews

We are excited to report that the Spring Book Fair was a huge success. Our new "Grand Event" was very well attended and we were happy to award the door prize to Randy Markoff, grandfather of Makena and Isaac Leighton. Congratulations also go out to Mrs. Hibschan, the winner of the Teacher Preview raffle, and to Danielle Sorenson, the lucky winner of the Family Night \$50.00 Scholastic Shopping Spree.

None of our events could have succeeded without our amazing staff of "waiters and waitresses." Many thanks to Kelli Longo, Michele Busch, Judy Logue, Tiffany Tate, Bridgette Frison, Donna Freeland, Christie Hellwig, Stella Lee, Allyson Tribull, Theresa Brown, Annette Grden, Andrea Liebau, Sherry Wardle, Latisha McGraw, Stacy Dorsey, Michelle Morrison, Mary Bekker, Melanie Leighton, Karen Trulli, Lisa Seeley, Jamie Craig, Steve Longo, Lisa Burke, Linda Cassel, Terri Cook, Jeremy Smith, Robin Gaines, Amy Phillips, Nicole Davila, Heather Reynolds, Susan Cottrill, Ashley Sans, Mrs. Bowers, and Mrs. Leitzel. We know this list may not be complete, but please know that we are extremely grateful for the time that each of you put into the fair.

And finally, we would like to thank the families of Abingdon Elementary School. Once again you have made many generous donations to both our classroom libraries and to the One for Books Campaign. It is a pleasure to be a part of this school's community.

Sincerely,
Karen Hinchy, Kelly Skopp, and Michele Terezakis
Book Fair Co-chairs

P.S. Mark your calendars now for the Fall Book Fair
Here's to Our Heroes!
Reading Saves the Day!
September 20th until October 1st.

Market Day

Thank you to all who ordered Market Day for the month of April. We earned \$127.19 for our school from this sale. So far for the 2009-2010 school year we have raised \$1,350.36 for our school. We have two more months to go. Let's strive to raise \$1,800 for the school this year.

If you have not tried Market Day, you should. They really have some great food available. The incentive for the May sale is if you place a \$50 order you will receive a FREE PACK OF 1/4 lb BURGERS. If you have been ordering \$40 or more in the past 3 months and place another \$40 order this month you will receive a FREE MITE AND MIGHTY STOOL. Also if you start ordering from Market Day, they will e-mail you specials throughout the month. They will give you a code to enter at check out which helps you save a lot of money. Check out the values at www.marketday.com

Sale dates for May are the following:

Order forms due to the school office on Friday, April 30th

Internet orders are due on Wednesday, May 5th at 11 pm

Pick-up date is Tuesday, May 11th between 6:30 and 7:30pm

Sale dates for June are the following:

Order forms due to the school office on Friday, May 28th

Internet orders due Wednesday, June 2nd by 11 pm

Pick-up date is Tuesday, June 7th between 6:30 and 7:30 pm

Pastries with Parents

It is hard to believe that the school year is almost over. I would like to send out a special "Thank You" to every one who attended Pastries with Parents this year. I hope you enjoyed the breakfast snack and reading time with your child(ren) before the start of his or her school day. The Pastries with Parents program was a huge success and we look forward to another great year starting in the Fall.

Thank You,
Lisa Hipkins
Programs Committee Chairperson