

ALBURTIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION Newsletter September 2008.

This newsletter will be sent each month to all parents who sent in their email address in the beginning of the year. We will do our best to keep this newsletter short but informative. The first one is always a little longer.

Thank you for the excellent turnout for our first PTO meeting of the year. All parents are encouraged to attend our next meeting, Tuesday, October 7 at 7pm. Babysitting is available. Please join us in planning activities for your children as well as receiving information on various things that affect our school and our students.

Fundraising is necessary in our school to enrich our children's days with special events such as assemblies, reading programs, family fun evenings and school supplies. We realize not everyone can participate in every fundraiser, so we offer a variety of ways that you can pick and choose how to help our school:

KidStuff and Enjoy the City coupon books and order forms have been sent home. Check out these coupon books which usually pay for themselves with use during the course of the year. If you do not intend to purchase or sell these books, *please return them immediately* to the school. The Walk-A-Thon is in full swing. There are no product sales on this one, just lots of exercise and fun for our students. Pledge funds for the number of miles walked or a flat fee. If we meet our goals, Principal Renaldi will dye his hair green!!!!!!

Other ways to support our PTO include the monthly Market Day. Place your order online or through the paperwork sent home each month, then pick up on the designated day. Choose from lots of delicious breakfast, lunch, dinner, dessert, appetizers and more with items sure to please everyone and monthly specials that help our school even more.

Save those Box Tops from General Mills/Betty Crocker products. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents for our school. You'd be amazed how quickly those dollars add up. The first Box Tops collection begins September 29th. The class who brings in the most Box Tops wins a sundae party.

Send in Campbell soup labels, Pepperidge Farm, and V8 labels. You can also donate used laser printer cartridges. Collect them from your place of employment for even more money for our kids. Shop at Redner's Grocery Store? Go to their counter and get a Redner's card for our school and use it at the checkout and turn in your Redner's receipts to the school. A portion of every purchase is given to the school.

AES PTO Chick-Fil-A Night is October 16 from 5 to 8 pm in Trexlertown. Chik-Fil-A donates 15% of sales back to the school! Make it dinner out and help our school at the same time. Info will be sent home closer to the date, but mark it now on your calendar.

The **Angel Network** is a organization separate from the PTO but part of the Alburtis School that works to help AES families in need while maintaining privacy and confidentiality of those families. The Angel Network is asking for donations of canned/non-perishable goods as well as basic school supplies. Parents of 1st and 2nd grade students can bring them in during their Meet the Teacher Night

on September 25. Other children can drop off donations in their classrooms. The Angel Network will be hosting a glove, hat, coat, and boot drive this winter as well as a penny fundraiser. Details to follow.

The PTO Holiday Shoppe is looking for vendors and crafters. Please contact either Tracey Zegalia or Gabrielle Lozowsky for more info.

Finally, a few quick words about the AES PTO. Every parent/guardian of a student that attends Albutis Elementary is already a part of our PTO. There are no dues. There is no special sign up. We encourage every parent to help us join in the planning of PTO funded activities that occur throughout the school year. Whether you can give us an hour of your time at a PTO meeting, or if you can volunteer for activities during the school day and in the evenings, we sure would like you to join us. We do have a lot of fun and have made very good friends with our neighbors through this organization. Please consider getting involved.

In an effort to "go green" and to deliver the most current information, the PTO will not send home a monthly newsletter on paper. You will be receiving paperwork on various events throughout the year as needed. You can always find info through this monthly email, on our bulletin board located across from the guidance office in the lobby, and on our website which is linked to the Albutis website on the East Penn Website at www.eastpennsd.org/albutis. Our PTO website will have a calendar of PTO events, contact info of event coordinators, and hopefully soon PTO forms such as school spirit. Thanks to Kevin Dougherty for being our webmaster on this big project!

And as always, if you have any questions or ideas, please feel free to contact any of the PTO board members including Carly Dougherty, JoAnne McNellis, Tracey Zegalia, and Kim Snyder. Or email them at albutispto@yahoo.com.