

Blaney Elementary PTA Paws

April 2010

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PTA News

President's Corner:



Dear Parents,

Where has the time gone? I cannot believe the school year is almost over. I am so thankful to be a part of the Blaney family and to be able to serve our students and staff as Blaney PTA President. My time as president has been a busy two years.

This PAWS newsletter is a special edition. The newsletter will not only be going to the parents of Blaney Elementary students but also to our new parents from Doby's Mill Elementary. We are so excited they will be joining us at Blaney next year. Lots of wonderful things happen at Blaney every day. We look forward to all parents becoming a part of the PTA. The nominating committee is in the process of filling a slate of officers for the 2010-2011 school year. If you, or a someone you know, are interested in serving, I encourage you to complete the nomination/interest form on this newsletter. This is for our current Blaney parents and for our new parents also. Every student, teacher, or staff member will benefit from you involvement and dedication.

Robin Willoughby

A note from the principal...

Dear Parents:

Time is passing very quickly and many activities are on the school calendar. If your child is participating in spring sports, I understand your schedule is busier than you can keep up with.

As busy as your schedules are it is very important that your child be in school every day, be on time, be rested and eating proper meals. All of these components are essential to your child's success in school and preparation for the next grade. If we work together, be consistent, hold your child responsible and expect the best out of your child, than we are Building and Enhancing Success. Thank you for your support as we strive to make your child a well rounded citizen of Elgin.

In Devoted Service,

Lisa M. Carter

Dates to Remember...

April

- 22nd – 5th grade “sex ed” talk
- 23rd – mini Relay for Life 8:00-8:40
- 23rd – Author’s tea – Purple and Gold
- 26th – Prize Patrol 5:30pm
- 27th – SIC 6:30pm
- 29th – Interim reports
- 30th – Field Day

May

- 4th– PTA Board meeting
- 6-8th – National Tournament for Archery
- 20th – Family Fun Night (Chorus performing, election of officers, 5th grade performance) 5:30 pm
- 20th - Safety Rodeo
- 21st – Volunteer Appreciation 1:30pm
- 24th – Doby’s Mill transition Day
- 27th – Half Day K-2nd grade awards
- 28th – Half Day 3rd-4th grade awards

PTA Board Nominations

It's that time of year again. The Nominating Committee is working on nominations for the board member election in May. If you know of someone, including yourself who might be interested in any of the following positions, please send an email to info@blaneypta.com with the position, name and contact phone number for the person/people you are nominating or return this form to the school by May 1st.

Position	Name	Contact Phone Number
President		
Vice President		
Secretary		
Treasurer		
Volunteer Coordinator		
Fundraising Coordinator		
Member At Large		
Member At Large		
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EASY Fundraising Support

Publix

If you or your friends and relatives shop at Publix, be sure to see any PTA Board member to get a key card. Each time you shop, scan it and a percentage of what you spend goes to Blaney. There's no cost to you!

Food Lion Shop & Share

Register your MVP Card with the Shop & Share Program and be sure to have it scanned for each purchase at Food Lion. Blaney will receive a percentage of your purchases. *It's EASY and it doesn't cost you anything!*

Box Tops for Education

Check the labels of the products you buy for Box Tops for Education. Cut out the Box Tops labels and send them to your child's teacher. (Put them in a plastic baggie with your child's name and teacher code). *Don't forget to ask family and friends to save their Box Tops too!*

Campbell's Labels for Education

Like the Box Tops for Education, save your Campbell's Soup labels (the "Labels for Education" portion only—not the whole label) and turn them in to your teacher!

Empty Printer Cartridges

Don't throw away your empty printer cartridges! Send them to us! It helps the environment AND raises money for the school!

Search/Shop on the Internet

Go to www.GoodSearch.com, choose Blaney Elementary School as your charity, then use the search box on their site or shop as usual using the links on their site. Blaney Elementary will receive a donation based on the number of searches and a percentage of purchases.

Teacher Appreciation:

Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up May 3-7, and I love the creative ways parent groups say thanks to teachers. One favorite: the group that had students contort into different positions to make letters with their bodies. They spelled out "Thanks for All You Do." A parent photographed it, put the photo on poster board, then had all the kids sign it and write a word of thanks. That's sure to warm a teacher's heart.

There are lots of small and large ways to celebrate teacher appreciation. Messages from the kids are always appreciated. Simple, helpful services, like washing the teachers' cars in the parking lot, are nice. And food is certainly a popular way to show you care. The PTA is planning lunch for our teachers on May 3.

Please take a few moments to appreciate your child's teacher during teacher appreciation week. Your thoughtfulness will be greatly appreciated.

Calling all Volunteers...

We have just a few more opportunities for volunteers this school year. We are in need of volunteers to monitor PASS testing on May 11, 12, 13, and 14. Test monitoring will be from 8:30am to no later than 12:00pm. We are also in need of some volunteers to help with Field Day on May 30. Field day is an all day event. If you are able to donate a few hours or the whole day we would love to have your help. Please contact Elaine Morgan at 408-0627 or email at volunteer@blaneypta.com.

Volunteer Reception

We will have a reception to honor all of our wonderful volunteers on May 21. Those of you who have volunteered your time throughout the school year are invited to come to this reception to honor you. The volunteer of the year will be named and honored at this reception.

Field Day

Field day is Friday, May 30. This a day full of fun and a break from school for our kids. Field day is a memorable experience for our kids. Be sure to send a water bottle and a towel for Field day. If you would like to volunteer to help with field day contact Elaine Morgan at 408-0627 or email her at volunteer@blaneypta.com.

**2009-2010
Blaney PTA Board Members**

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To contact any board member with no contact info listed, either send an e-mail to info@blaneypta.com or call the school at 438-3241 and leave a message.