

Buckingham Elementary PTO Newsletter

Winter 2022

Welcome Back & Happy New Year!

WHAT A GREAT START

The Buckingham Elementary PTO would like to thank all of our families and volunteers for a wonderful 1st trimester! Thank you to all of our committee chairs and volunteers for their assistance and support.

Thanks to all who came out to support the PTO at our **Welcome Back Ice Cream Fundraiser** at The Hickory Stick 2 in early September. We made memories, reconnected with friends and raised \$113. Thank you to our mystery scoopers and staff at THS2 for their support!!

The fall **Book Fair** was a HUGE success, raising \$2,650!! We are so lucky that twice a year, we can add new authors and titles to our school, classroom, & family libraries while also helping the PTO raise money for our school! Many thanks to Amy Incudine & Cheryl Szyarto for chairing this event. Our spring dates are April 4th-8th.

The fall **Spirit Wear** promotion brought in a profit of \$533 towards our fundraising goals...Go Mighty Knights! Keep your eyes/ears open for our spring promotion!

Our first big PTO event of 2021, **Family Movie Night** in October was an enormous success, raising just over \$1600! It was absolutely wonderful to see our Mighty Knight families come out to support the school and celebrate being together while enjoying a funny movie under the stars. Thank you to our volunteers and a special thank you to Up In the Air Balloons, Eisenacher Video, Produce Junction & Dominos Pizza.

The PTO provided Nothing Bundt Cakes and bottled waters "To Go" after the **Veterans Day Ceremony** honoring our heroes on November 11th. It was a heartfelt tribute for all involved.

Who likes **Chipotle**? Apparently, all of Buckingham! It was wonderful to have families out in the community supporting a local business and school. Over \$745 was raised. Look for our next dine out social event this spring!

The faculty at Buckingham greatly appreciated the **Fall Conference Luncheon**. Our generous community donated enough funds for us to provide lunch and sweet treats from Piccolo Trattoria in Doylestown. The following morning, we delivered Nothing Bundt Cakes in Warrington & GI Juice & Java in Buckingham. Thanks to Holly Walker for ordering and setting up the lunches. It was delicious!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PTO EVENTS

JANUARY:

- 6-20 Joe Corbi Pizza Fundraiser
- 10 Happenings begins M-Th, through March 3:45-4:45pm
- 18 General PTO Meeting for all Parents 9:30-10:45am
- 25 Science Fair Open House 6:30-8:00pm
- 30 Winter Family Event-Phantoms Hockey 5:05pm

FEBRUARY:

- 10 Joe Corbi Pizza Delivery (to school)
- 10 & 11 Joe Corbi family pick up dates (at school, times TBD)

MARCH:

- 6 MVP Event-Thunderbird Lanes 12-2:00pm
- 25 Family Bingo Night 6:30-8:00pm at school
- 30 iRun4Life begins, Wed after school, 8 weeks

APRIL:

- 4-8 Spring Book Fair

WHAT TO LOOK FORWARD TO THIS SPRING:

Sweetheart Dance, SpringFest, Dine-out Night, Spring Movie Night and much, much more!

Our 1st **Boon Supply** Fundraiser was in November, just before the holiday rush. Thank you to the many families that participated, helping raise \$1763.00 towards our fundraising goal! Liz Dooley and Johanna Kane did an amazing job keeping this event on track-thank you for your efforts!

We'd also like to thank Karen Mawson & Laura Heuschel for their amazing effort in selecting and purchasing all of the thoughtful, high quality items for **Secret Shoppe**. After a year hiatus, the Shoppe was an enormous success and it was heartwarming to see the kids purchasing gifts for their loved ones. Thank you to our volunteers for helping the students with their selections and wrapping all of the gifts-we couldn't have done it without you!

Science Alive in early December engaged our K-3rd graders with hands-on experiments. The students made rockets/launchers and learned about light refraction! I'm sure all are looking forward to the school wide **Science Fair** January 25th. Thank you to Kristina Craig and Cara Miller and all the parents who volunteered to help our little scientists!

Just by attending our events you are supporting the school. Thanks to your participation, we are on our way to meeting our fundraising goal for the year and are able to continue providing unique & enriching learning opportunities as well as family fun!

WHAT'S NEW AT THE PTO

The primary goal of the PTO is to assist the school in providing the best possible educational enrichment for our students. Our objectives include offering another means of communication between parents and the school, assisting the school in various programs, providing extension education and enrichment activities for students and their families, supporting teachers and classrooms through Homeroom Coordinators, and offering a wide range of family friendly school and community events to enrich the school community and student life.

More specifically, our fundraising efforts directly support school assemblies, class field trips, visiting authors, teacher appreciation and classroom enrichments, classroom parties, student recognition, and much more as described below. In addition, due to the incredible support and participation of all of our families, we have been able to provide gifts and add unique programs to benefit the students and the school. Some of these gifts include purchasing new recess equipment, new Buckingham flagpole banners and the Kona Ice truck.

Just this year the PTO added funding for the Veterans Day Ceremony. We are always open to collaborating ideas and enjoy feedback from parents as we are all members of the PTO. Feel free to reach out to us at any time with questions, feedback, ideas, and/or interest in getting involved.

INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED?

We can only offer a wide variety of activities each year because of our awesome volunteers, and we need you! Check out the sign-up genius link on the PTO homepage of the school website to help at one of our events. Don't forget to join us at the next General PTO Meeting on Tuesday 1/18/21 at 9:30am in the conference room to learn more. Here we will discuss what is involved in becoming a Homeroom Coordinator for your child's classroom (one year commitment), joining a committee for one of our events (two year commitment), and also becoming a PTO board member (two year commitment).

Don't forget to select Buckingham Elementary PTO as your chosen charity for Amazon Smile! Bookmark Amazon Smile, and then every time you purchase from Amazon, we get 0.5% of every eligible purchase!

Feeling Generous? You can always make a tax-deductible donation directly to the PTO, either by check (payable to Buckingham Elementary PTO) or by using the "Donate" button on our homepage. Thank you for your generosity!

2021-2022 PTO BUDGET: \$ 19,915

Enrichment: <i>Assemblies, Visiting Author, Reading Olympics, plus funds for Art, PE, Music, and Quest</i>	\$ 4,450	Recognition: <i>Art & Quest Engineer Expos, Science Fair, 6th Grade Promotion, DARE</i>	\$ 2,525
Field Trips: <i>Field trips are subsidized by the PTO to reduce families' direct costs</i>	\$ 5,850	Faculty Support: <i>Teacher Discretionary Funds to support classroom enrichment.</i>	\$ 3,200
Hospitality: <i>Ice Cream Social, Faculty Appreciation Lunches and Dinners, Family Fun & Fitness</i>	\$ 2,350	Other Expenses: <i>Landscaping, Recess Supplies, Veggie Garden, Boomerang, Field Day, PTO Expenses (photocopies, Sign-Up Genius, etc)</i>	\$ 1,540

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Here you will find detailed information on all of our programs and activities, how to volunteer, our leadership team, calendar of events, annual budget, past gifts to the school, and our fundraising activities.

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