Alpac Elementary PTA Newsletter

May 2012 PTA President Amy Kulp-Collins

Upcoming Events

May 7-11	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 19	Spring Carnival
May 21	Alpac PTA General Meeting @ 7PM
May 24	Mt.Baker 5th grade Parent Night
June 8	Last Popcorn Friday

We're on the Web!

Visit your 24/7 source for Alpac PTA Resources:

www.alpacpta.weebly.com

Find us on Facebook, Alpac Elementary PTA

PTA General Meeting
May 21st @ 7PM
Everyone is welcome!

Our Alpac PTA Spring Carnival is Coming!

May 19th from 2pm-5pm

Fire Department Dunk Tank
Inflatables Carnival Games Cake Walk

- We are once again offering VALUE-ADDED WRISTBANDS for PRESALE in order to cut down on lines at the ticket booths and enable everyone to enjoy the festivities more. **The WRISTBANDS allow unlimited access to the games and inflatables.**
- Please remember that food and drink require CASH including the Dunk Tank, Raffle, Popcorn, and Snow-Cones.
- A great advantage of buying wristbands in advance is that you can get more for your money. **Presale value-added wristbands include a ticket for a hot dog combo and snow-cone!**
- To order wristbands ahead of time, please fill out the form on the back page of this newsletter and put a check (preferred) or cash in an envelope marked "PTA Spring Carnival Presale" and return it to your teacher. Wristbands will be sent home with your child in a sealed envelope. **PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "Alpac PTA"**
- Carnival goes on RAIN or SHINE—NO REFUNDS.
- The deadline to purchase advanced tickets is **Thursday, May 17th**.
- **We are in need of Volunteers!! Please let us know when you are available! Without you, the carnival may be cancelled..**

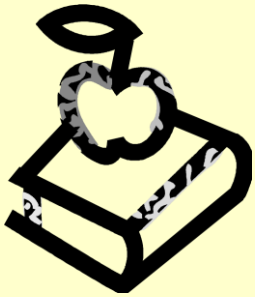
Attention 4th Grade Parents

We are looking for Parents/Volunteers for the 5th Grade Parent Group. This group raises funds to support the D.A.R.E. program and helps raise funds for 5th grade camp.

The funds raised for D.A.R.E. covers the cost of the t-shirts, cakes and drinks for the D.A.R.E graduation. The cost of the D.A.R.E. program is around $700 depending on the number of students.

Volunteers are needed for several areas: To help with the D.A.R.E. fundraisers, to help 5th grade teachers with Santa photos, and to help with the Candy Bar Fridays as well. The Parent Group is also looking for a coordinator to help with setting up fundraisers and to communicate with the 5th grade teachers as well as the PTA.

For more information, please contact Melinda Alaniz at alpacpta@hotmail.com, on the PTA website www.alpacpta.weebly.com, or via kid mail. A letter will be coming home with students soon.



RICH Reading

Congratulation to Ms. Wilcox's 2nd Grade class! Her students read the most for March with 6,121 minutes. WAY TO GO!! The students picked the book *Junie B. Jones Is Not a Crook* as a new book for the classroom library. The class also picked *Goosebumps: Egg Monsters from Mars* to donate to the library. The total RICH minutes read for March was 29,504. Keep up the good work! Total minutes year to date is 196,169.

Remember that the program looks a little different this year. Grades 3-5 will be based on the Accelerated Reading Program and prize kits will be awarded at the end of each trimester. Teachers will keep track of student points and submit for the remaining trimester - June 2012. Grades K-2 will continue to fill out the RICH form. Remember grades K-2 need to turn in May forms by Friday, June 1st. Let's reach our reading goal for the year! Happy Reading!!!

2011-2012
Executive Board

Amy Kulp-Collins-President
Open-Vice President
Melinda Alaniz-Secretary
Thedy Cowlishaw-Treasurer
Open-Co-Treasurer

Board Members

Erin Sterner-Membership
Jessie Brekke-Volunteer Coordinator
Mrs. Wilcox-Teacher Rep
Open-Teacher/Staff Appreciation
Open-Legislative/Advocacy
Open-Fundraisers
Open- At Large Parent(s)

Committee Chairs

Kristie Anderson-Newsletter
Tonya Syslo-RICH Reading
Tonya Newhouse-A.R.
Open-School Pride
Open-Popcorn Friday
Open-Bulletin Board
Stevie Causey-Reflections
John Collins-Movie Night
Thedy Cowlishaw-Carnival
Open-Carnival
Open- Spirit Wear
Jessie Brekke-Rebates
Melinda Alaniz- 5th Grade Parent Group
Sally Williamson- MSP Treats

We are always looking for ways to help our school community! If you would like to get involved! Contact us at alpacpta@hotmail.com or send in a note to the PTA box in the school office.

Parents of Future Mt. Baker 6th Graders

We are going to need several positions filled next year and one of them needs to be started over the summer. The committees that we will need help with are:

The Dawg House (PTA store), Sportswear, Way to Go Lunch, and Rebates. If any of these sound like something you may be interested in running, or just helping with, please drop me an email or meet with me after the May 24th, 5th Grade Parent Night.

Thank you!!

Cari Manry, Co-President
Mt. Baker Middle School
cmanry@comcast.net

We did it!!

Washington State PTA put out a challenge to all PTA's. The challenge was to add "12" new members in 2012! Thank you to 12 of our Parents and Teachers, we did it..

Samantha Navarro
Alexander Navarro
Julie Towns
Jennifer Newman
Megan Bloomingdale
Deidre Lorenz
Tracy Hoevet
Tafra Jones
Jagoda Nichols
Keith Nichols
Cheri Wilcox
Bill Wilcox

Avery is having their 3rd annual Give Back To Schools promotion

Avery is giving away a total of 500,000 Box Tops for Education coupons, $50,000 worth of durable Avery school supplies and $5,000 in gift cards. All you have to do is vote for Alpac Elementary!!
Here is the link:
http://givebacktoschools.avery.com/schools/59060

The top 5 vote-getting schools will receive:
*25,000 Box Tops for Education coupons
* $10,000 worth of Avery School supplies
* $1,000 worth of gift cards

The 25 runner-up schools will each receive:
- 10,000 Box Tops for Education coupons

10 random winners with more than 100 votes will receive:
- 5,000 Box Tops for Education coupons

Teachers, students, friends, family and the entire community to vote daily and give our school that extra boost!!!
Go ALPAC!!!

PTA Members

Brandon Adkins
Heather Adkins
Andrea Leverton
Brenda Leyda
Melinda Alaniz
Angie Linn
Joshua Anderson
Kristie Anderson
Kendra Lowe
Annissa Manolovitz
Traci Anderson
Tanya McGarvey
Mary Beckett
Julie McKenzie
Marie Berger
Julie Towns
Jennifer Newman
Samantha Navarro
Alexander Navarro
Gay Gilder
Lisa Nickel
Shelby Miller
Sandy Bohman
Tonya Newhouse
David Brekke
Tina Parada
Rebecca Bunker
Michelle Roble
Mark Causey
Stevie Causey
Elizabeth Sikes
Erin Sterner
Gene Sterner
Megan Bloomingdale
Diane Collier
Tonya Syslo
Holly Lancaster
Gregory Treichel
Michelle Treichel
Thedy Cowlishaw
Deidre Lorenz
Barbara Hagedorn
Sue Peters
Carolyn Hanna
Cynthia Villalovos
Milene Henry
Sally Williamson
Joy Huft
Jessie Brekke
Becky Jack
Thuy Wolf
Sandi Johnson
Debbie Stokes
Chelsi Kessler
Steven Wallin
Jennifer Wallin
Amy Kulp
John Collins
Alice Wren
Jagoda Nichols
Keith Nichols
Tracy Hoevet
Bill Wilcox
Cheri Wilcox
Tafra Jones
Suzan Chipps-Freeman

Box Tops/Labels for Education

Our Spring Box Tops and Labels Drive is over and the counting is under way. Keep saving Box Tops and labels year-round as we will be having drives in the Fall and Spring each year. Have family and friends save them for you too!

A Big Thank You!

Thanks to Sun-Rype for donating 500 fruit snack treats. The treats were provided to the students during MSP testing, as well as students in Kindergarten through the 2nd grade. The snacks are all fruit/vegetable, no added sugars and gluten free. They can be purchased at Safeway and Albertsons.

Newsletter Submissions

Want to add some information to our last and final newsletter of the school year? Please submit to Kristie Anderson no later than May 25, 2012 at kristie.anderson@ymail.com.

Alpac PTA will promote the welfare of all students, provide staff support, foster teacher and parent/community cooperation and enrich student learning.