

FALL 2018 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE DESK OF YOUR ALMA ELEMENTARY



Parent Teacher Organization

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SCHOOL

Come join us on **MONDAY,**
September 17th

... for our first open PTO meeting of the year. Come meet the PTO Board, teachers and parents just like you that are interested in making a difference! September's meeting is at Luce Rd. ECLC (in the cafeteria), and FREE child care is offered – kids stay with our child care helpers in the library. Meetings begins at 6:30 p.m. and we wrap things up between 7:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Each meeting, attendees names are entered into a drawing to win great prizes like a gift card to one of Alma's local businesses such as Highland Blush, The Main Cafe, Serendipity Frozen Custard & Doughnuts...

Come on by, we'd love to meet you!

If you can't make it, that's OK, our most pressing need is VOLUNTEERS for many of our activities throughout the year - keep your eyes open for volunteer opportunities!

Did I mention volunteers are also eligible for a gift card drawing? 😊

Learn more at aepto.weebly.com **OR**



Alma Elementary PTO



2017-2018 PTO Meeting Dates

(dates are tentative and will be approved at our first meeting)

September 17 (Luce), October 15 (Hillcrest), November 19 (Pine),
January 21 (Luce), February 18 (Hillcrest), March 18 (Pine), April 15
(Luce), May 20 (Hillcrest)

LOTS of new things!

From new faces to new programs, this and last year have brought lots of changes. We have a newly structured labels program with a new labels coordinator, and each school has their own labels Chairperson. We have a new Carnival Chairperson (and co-Chair) who rocked out last Spring's carnival, and we have new co-Chairs for Art Reach and Book Fair! Whew... Our budget is now expanded to include Teacher Appreciation Day, Hillcrest and Pine Ave. Student Councils, a Masonic Intergenerational trip by our Luce Rd. students, First Day of School books (Luce), a new budget line for Luce to have their own Book Author visit... Last year at Luce Rd. alone, \$5,750 in new programs were created, thanks to your fundraising efforts!

WOW!

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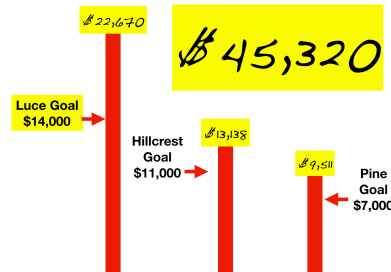
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Spring PTO Fun Run - April (dates to be determined)

The skyrocketing success of our Spring PTO Fun Run over the years has been amazing, and is only possible because of you! Last year we raised over \$45,000, and because we are projecting continued growth, we've eliminated our sales-catalog fundraiser! That's right,
NO MORE SELLING!



Last year's Fun Run Totals



"But wait, don't you budget over \$50,000?"

Yes we do!

2018 Labels Program

Can you believe you can raise thousands of dollars with just those little clipped labels?! Last year you helped us raise over \$3,000 through our labels program, alone!

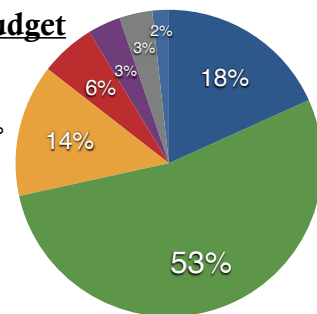


This year we are collecting Box Tops for Education, Tyson Project A+ and Aunt Millie's School Spirit labels.

Box Top label contests will be in October, February and May - start clipping!

Typical Annual Budget

- Classroom Support 18%
- External Enrichment 53%
- Internal Enrichment 14%
- Family Activities 6%
- Library 3%
- Bldg/Playground 3%
- PTO advertising 2%



Did you know?

We budget nearly \$60,000 for our three elementary schools (WOW!) that's for field trips (and transportation), in-school (Science Alive, PACK reading program...) and after school (Science Night, author visits...) activities, books, family fun and more! All this, and so much more, are paid for by your fundraising efforts! If you're new, this year, welcome to the family - GO PANTHERS!