

FROM THE DESK OF YOUR ALMA ELEMENTARY

Parent Teacher Organization



From the President

Spring is finally here, and it sure feels good! ☺ Thanks to all your fundraising efforts thus far, our elementary school children have enjoyed the Art Reach program, Science Alive, the Chippewa Nature Center (2nd grade), Forest Hill Nature Area (3rd grade), Double Eagle Dairy farm (4th grade), a Native American assembly (Pine), Fall festival, gingerbread day, a reindeer visit (Luce), bookfair, a book author visit and... There's so many more exciting things yet to come! You've made these, and you continue to make these experiences possible – for that, we thank you!

Please continue reading for more exciting news!

Jeff Turk – PTO President



Spring Fun Run on April 28th

We understand the need to promote a healthy lifestyle to your children while respecting your wishes for an easy no-nonsense (and no selling involved) fundraiser. This will be the PTO's last fundraiser of the year. All funds come directly to the PTO and will help raise money for new technology and books in your children's classrooms. This fundraiser will be for Luce and Hillcrest students only, and will kickoff during the week of April 6th - stay tuned for more information or take a sneak-peak at <http://aepto.weebly.com!>

Prizes/Rewards to be earned include a pedometer, lunch with the principal or teacher, LED flashing glow shoelaces, free pajama day, extra recess, be the principal or PE teacher for part of the day, a classroom tumbling lesson by DuHadway Dance Dimensions... PLUS there will be a raffle at each school for a Samsung Galaxy Tab 3 Lite AND an Apple iPad Air!!!

Your Involvement in PTO

Without parents willing to donate time and effort, there would be no PTO. Our officers, committee chairs and assistants are parents like you. Please consider joining us for our meetings to have your voice heard, learn more about how you can help, or simply to show your support – we would love to see you!



Bring the kids – child care is always available and always free!



Shoebox Recycling

Something new for this year - we're collecting shoes for reuse, spreading the message that 'worn is not worn out' and hopefully connecting with people around the globe through the magic of a SoleMate note. Just like the old 'message in a bottle,' only now the vessel is your shoes that you no longer wear. Thanks to you, we've shipped 15 boxes of shoes to our partners at Community Recycling, and many have already found a home in countries like Bolivia (S. America) and Uganda (Africa)! Keep 'em coming!

There is no end to this campaign, so please continue to donate. Sorry, we can not accept snow boots, flip-flops or Crocs.



DID YOU KNOW

That keeping up with PTO events and other noteworthy news is as easy as 'liking' us on our Facebook page? Check us out at facebook.com/aepto or visit our website at aepto.weebly.com!

Carnival

The PTO is sponsoring a Carnival – a FREE family event. Bring your family! Games, prizes and inflatables; it all happens on Friday, May 1st at the Alma Middle School from 5:30 till 7:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed – contact Errin at 763-3300 or errin.onpointe@frontier.com.

Box Tops!!!

Mandy and her team have been collecting and counting... and counting ☺. Thanks to you, as of this month, here's the \$\$ sent to the PTO by the Box Tops organization as result of your hard work: Luce \$1278, Hillcrest \$1013 and Pine \$801. Keep saving your labels – we collect Box Tops, Labels for Education, School Spirit, Tyson, Sunny-D and Spartan.

Your Fundraising \$\$ at Work

May 15
May 18 - 21

May 26
June 1
June 2, 3
June 4
TBD
TBD

Fine Arts Day (Hillcrest)
Forest Hill Nature Center (4th grade)
Forest Hill Nature Center (1st grade)
Pride Day 5K (Pine)
Impressions 5 (3rd grade)
John Ball Zoo (4th grade)
Flying Aces (2nd grade)
Mt. Pleasant Children's Museum (Kindergarten)

PTO Fundraisers and Meetings

April 7th
April 20th
April 28th
May 18th

Spring Fun Run Kickoff
PTO meeting at Luce
Spring Fun Run
PTO meeting at Hillcrest