

BLANEY ELEMENTARY PTA PAWS SEPTEMBER 2012

Message From The PTA President

Welcome to the first PTA Paws newsletter of the 2012-2013 school year! This is my 7th year as a Blaney parent and 5th year being involved in the PTA. Believe it or not, I have to fight my tendency to be a social introvert. I am not a native South Carolinian, so, like many of you, I began my time at Blaney not really knowing anyone here. I started out slowly, volunteering in my oldest daughter's classroom and staying after events to help clean up. When I started feeling a little more comfortable I stepped up to fill the vacant secretary position on the board. The year after that the PTO became a PTA and I served two years as Treasurer.

You may not have the time to devote to a position on the board, but I encourage you to get involved in any way you can. Help out in your child's classroom, as a test monitor, on picture day, or help set up/clean up at the Fall Festival. Not a "people person"? Are you good on the computer? You could help create this newsletter! If you are willing, there is SOMETHING we could use help with.

You don't have to be a "parent" to be involved, and you don't have to be a woman. We have quite a few grandparents who are involved and it's good for the children to see that men are involved as well. My point is, if you can, get involved ... even if it's just an hour or two per month.

Sincerely,

Sherra Scott



Fall Festival Is Coming

Blaney's annual Fall Festival & Silent Auction are scheduled for November! Watch for more details on purchasing wristbands for the inflatables and tickets for the games next month.



From The Principal

Parents:

Open House was a great success. We had over 1,000 people attend. Your participation in the events at Blaney Elementary School are appreciated. Research shows that children that have parents attend school activities and take an active role in their child's school are more successful.

Thank you for making your child's education a priority. Together we can build and enhance success.

In Devoted Service,
Lisa M. Carter

DATES TO REMEMBER

October

- 2** - PTA Board Meeting (open meeting, all welcome)
- 12** - Mega Party
- 13** - Songwriters' Circle
- 30** - CiCi's Pizza Night

November

- 4** - Daylight Savings ends (turn clocks BACK 1 hour)
- 6** - No School - Election Day
- 13** - PTA Board Meeting (open meeting, all welcome)
- 18** - Fall Festival & Silent Auction
- 21-23** - No School - Thanksgiving Break



Facebook.com/BlaneyPTA

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Volunteer Opportunities

We are always looking for people who have some time during the day to help with various things around the school. If you would like to volunteer but did not fill out a PTA Volunteer Form during registration (not the same as the District's Background Check form), please contact our Volunteer Committee Chairperson, Valerie Hyman, at volunteer@blaneypta.com or leave a message at the school.

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We Are Looking For Handcrafted Items

We are looking for handcrafted (inexpensive) items that you make and are willing to donate to the Blaney Elementary SANTA SHOP.

The SANTA SHOP affords the Blaney Elementary children to purchase Christmas Gifts for their family and friends at a cost of \$2 per item. The proceeds from the SANTA SHOP are applied to various school needs. So, if you crochet, knit, woodwork, sew, cross stitch, or do any other handcraft and are willing to donate your handcrafted items to the SANTA SHOP, please contact Paula at paula.boney@blaneypta.com or fundraising@blaneypta.com.

Donations will be accepted from now until 30 Nov 2012.



World's Finest Chocolate & Krispy Kreme Donuts

The PTA is selling World's Finest Chocolate bars (\$1) and Krispy Kreme donut vouchers (\$7). The Krispy Kreme vouchers are for one dozen regular donuts and can be redeemed at any Krispy Kreme store (not grocery or convenience stores). Volunteers will be walking the car rider line on Fridays between 2 pm and 2:15 (maybe even 2:30) to sell candy bars and donut vouchers.

Buy one, or buy a lot!

Do You Search & Shop Online?

Go to www.GoodSearch.com, choose Blaney Elementary School PTA as your charity (ID: 887037), then use the search box on their site or shop as usual using the links on their site. Blaney will receive a donation based on the number of searches and a percentage of purchases ~ and it doesn't cost you any extra!



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

Save your Campbell's Soup labels (the "Labels for Education" points label) and turn them in to your child's teacher! (Put them in a plastic baggie with your child's name and teacher code).