

THE SEAGULL GAZETTE

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PTA President's Letter

Hello PAES Families,

On behalf of the Princess Anne Elementary PTA, I would like to welcome everyone to the 2009-2010 school year. As many of you know, Princess Anne Elementary is a wonderful school that is filled with caring and dedicated staff, faculty, administrators, and volunteers who work together to create the best possible learning environment for your child. The role of the PAES PTA is to assist the school in creating this environment and provide enhanced educational opportunities.

Our PTA is a member of the National PTA and each year we strive to reach 100% school membership in the National PTA membership campaign. That being said, we want every child to have an adult to support their education by becoming a member in the PTA. The price for membership is 5\$ for each child attending PAES. If you haven't already done so, please become a member today and join for every PAES student in your home.

The PAES PTA is an active group of volunteers and I encourage you to join us. Our volunteer and fund raising activities support school arts, physical education, library and reading programs as well as in school and out of school education programs. We are actively looking for new ideas and increased participation in our PTA activities. We especially want ideas on how to expand our after school program offerings to give our students additional opportunities to engage in fun and educational activities. We know that there is a lot of talent, experience, and creativity amongst our parents and we welcome your comments, inputs, and ideas. Please come and join us in supporting the best elementary school in Virginia Beach.

Again, I'd like to welcome everyone to an exciting new school year and thank you in advance for your support.

Gerrold M. Walker, II
PAES PTA President



Welcome Back from the Principal

Welcome Back!

We have had a great, yet wet, start to the school year. We have so many exciting things happening at Princess Anne this year. As usual our school focuses on high academic achievement, our SOL scores continue to soar. This year we are placing more emphasis on 21st Century skills, such as critical thinking, problem solving, and technology integration. I encourage each of you to visit the newly launched Compass 2015 school division website. Go to the VBSchools and click on Compass 2015. The informative website will help you to understand the direction of Princess Anne and the school division. Since we use the AlertNow calling system and a way to communicate everything from field trips to school closures, it is important to have all your information up to date. To receive notices and emails, sign up for web school mail on our website. Thank you for sharing your child with us. We look forward to a productive, safe academic year.

Krista Barton-Arnold
Principal, Princess Anne Elementary

Mark Your Calendars!

Sept 22 nd	Volunteer Orientation
Oct 2 nd	Spirit Night at Handel's Ice Cream
Oct 12 th	Progress Reports
Oct 13 th	PTA Meeting in Library
Oct 31 st	Stress Free Fundraiser Deadline



**Back
TO
School**



Stress Free Fundraiser

Are you tired of asking relatives if they would like to buy a tub of cookie batter, a roll of wrapping paper...or candles to help support the school?? No worries! We are bringing back the "Stress Free" Fundraiser this school year. We are asking families to participate by contributing \$20.00 (per child attending PAE). This is a wonderful way for us to raise funds for the school! Every \$ collected goes right back into our awesome school! Forms have come home with your child in the PTA packet, but if you should need another, please contact me. I will be glad to send one home with your child. *We are asking all donations to be sent in by Oct. 31st. Those families that participate will be entered to when the "Spirit/Back-to-School" basket displayed in the front of the school.* Thanks so much for supporting the Princess Anne Elementary PTA and for being a "Super Seagull"!

Theresa Mejia
Fundraising
mejiamt@verizon.net

MEMBERSHIP NEWS!

We are off to a good start with our PTA Membership Drive! We had several of our Seagull parents sign up during open house last week. We still have a way to go and we need your help to get there! We would love for each of our PAE classrooms to reach **100%** parent participation. Please take a few minutes to fill out the membership form that was included in the PTA packets that went home with your student. Every class that reaches 100% will receive an ice cream treat! Be a member and be a voice for your child. ***Let's soar to success....together!***

Theresa Mejia
Membership
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Founder's Day Dinner

Believe it or not it is not too early to start thinking about our Founder's Day Dinner and Auction that will take place in February!!! Donated auction items are already being collected!!! Want to know what we have so far??? Little hint...do you like the Steelers??? Check back every newsletter to find out what else has been donated. We are MORE than happy to take your donated item NOW!



Labels for Education

Welcome back PAE students, teachers and parents. Hope you all had a great summer and collected lots of Box Tops, Farm Fresh receipts, and Campbell soup labels. Please start sending in all those that you have collected thus far. This is any easy and fun way to help our school. Did you know that every time we throw a box top for education away, we are throwing away money? Each box top is worth 10 cents each and Tyson's A+ labels are worth 24 cents each! They can add up quickly. Please check out the web site for a list of products, www.boxtops4education.com.

September is Double Points Month at Farm Fresh – so remember to save your receipts! Remember to re-link VIC cards at Harris Teeter and renew Target cards. Thank you for continued support.

Kim Amerman
Box Top For Education Coordinator

Counselor Corner:

Another fabulous year has begun! Are you back into the routine yet??? This year the guidance lessons have a new format~ Think Tanks! We will start in a circle (so all can participate equally) and I will introduce a topic. The students will share what they already know, and then we will move into an activity to learn more. The end of every lesson will go back to the "Think Tank" to process what we have learned together.

We also have some great school wide activities planned..be looking for Mix It Up Day in November... Also please send back the Counseling Needs Survey if you would like your child to participate in a small group with us this year! As always, if you have any questions/concerns or suggestions, let us know! I can be reached during the school day at 648-3493, or by email at anne.johnson@vbschools.com

Annie Johnson
School Counselor

DID YOU KNOW.....

...when signing up for PTA Membership and our stress free fundraiser you can write ONE check! Two or more kids in the school? You can still just write ONE check to the PTA!

~A helpful hint from Sammy the Seagull



School Meals

We serve education every day™

Pay for Your Child's Meals and Snacks Online!

Virginia Beach City Public Schools offers parents the opportunity to make payments – *via an online account* – for their child's meals and/or snacks using Visa, MasterCard, or a debit card. It's convenient and easy to use. Create your account today!

Benefits of paying online:

- Make payments directly into your child's account
- Track meal account balances
- View cafeteria purchases
- Set up low-balance e-mail reminders
- Schedule recurring payments

Follow these easy steps to create your online lunch account:

You must be 18 years or older to open an account.

1. Go to **vbschools.com** and select **Lunch Menus/Food Services** on the homepage.
2. Select the link **mySchoolBucks.com**
3. Select **I'm new to mySchoolBucks**.
4. When prompted to select a state, highlight **Virginia** and select **continue**.
5. Select continue when **Virginia Beach School District is displayed on the screen**.
6. Enter your account information and select **register**. (For privacy, a user must know the student's ID number, birth date and name to add them to an account.)

Notice: mySchoolBucks.com charges a convenience fee.

Deborah J. Sirois
Cafeteria Manager



The Sunshine Express

Princess Anne Elementary's Sunshine Express is hosting **A Spirit Night at Handel's Ice Cream and Yogurt**. The proceeds from the night's sales will go to *The Sunshine Express*, Operation Smile, and CHKD.

When: October 2nd

Time: 6-8pm

Why: To raise money for our paper, Stamps, Operation Smile, and Grommet Island Playground

There will also be games and face painting to enjoy.

Plan to join us on Friday, October 2nd at Handel's!

Mrs. Spence
648-3480 ext. 54350

Gifted Testing Dates:

Princess Anne Elementary has two testing dates for students in grades 2-5. They are:

- October 21, 2009
- December 16, 2009

If you are interested in having your student Tested this year please call or e-mail me and I will Get the applications to you right away.

If you have any questions concerning the testing process, please call Mrs. Spence, 648-3480 ext. 54350



VISIT US ON THE WEB!

Go to **LUNCH MENUS** at www.vbschools.com to access menus, brochures, wellness news, nutrition information, newsletters, food allergy information and much more from the Office of Food Services.



PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting is Tuesday, October 13th.

We hope you will join us in the library at 7:00 pm! The PTA meetings are open to everyone and they are a great way to get school news first hand! We welcome you to voice your opinions or offer your expertise on an upcoming event. Together we can make a difference in our children's school!

Volunteer/Room Parent Orientation

New to the school? Returning from last year?

We need your help in so many ways! In the PTA packet that went home at the beginning of school there is a form for you to fill out if you would like to volunteer at PAES. Please complete the volunteer form and return it to your child's teacher. If you volunteered last year and are planning to volunteer again, please fill out this form again as we do not carry over information from the previous year.

Volunteer/Room Parent Orientation will take place on September 22nd in the cafeteria at 9:30 am and in the library at 7:00 pm. You need only to attend one of these meetings. This meeting is important because you will receive your city mandated guidelines and important information about volunteering at PAES.

We look forward to working with all of you this year and appreciate your time and talents.

Bobbi Vinsand

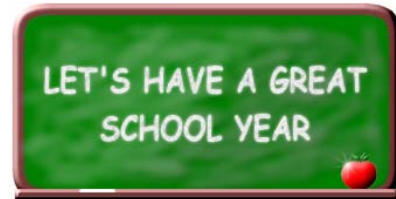


Thank You



Thank you so much PAE PTA and parent volunteers for providing the faculty and staff with such a wonderful back-to-school luncheon. The food was delicious! We are so lucky to have such wonderful parents as a part of our school family. You are the best and your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated.

PAES Faculty and Staff



SIGN-UP NOW!

Sign-up for MySchool-Mail on our school website to receive the newsletter.

www.princessannees.vbschools.com

The Seagull Gazette will be posted on the school website for you to access at your convenience. Copies of the Seagull Gazette will also be located on the PTA table in the school lobby.

The Seagull Gazette is published twice a month. If you have any questions, ideas or comments, please contact Lisa Whitney at fivewhitneys@verizon.net or 301-7759. Thanks!

***** Next issue coming Sept. 30th *****