

THE SEAGULL GAZETTE

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Stress-Free Fall Fundraiser

Just a reminder.....forms and donations for the Fall "Stress-Free Fundraiser" are due by the end of October. Please help us by donating if you haven't already. Every dollar helps supplement our classrooms and the wonderful activities here at Princess Anne Elementary. Everyone who participates is entered to win the spirit basket that has been located in the display case since the start of the school year. Thanks so much for your support!!

Theresa Mejia
PAE PTA Fundraising
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5th Grade T-Shirts

Deadline for orders of the commemorative PAES 5th Grade T-shirt is Friday, October 16th. We are not able to accept any orders after this date. Please make checks payable to PAES PTA. **If you need another order form, a copy of the order form has been posted to Mrs. Barger's page on the school web site under Materials. Questions? Please contact: Michelle Prendergast at Prendergast5@verizon.net or 427-6028.**

Have you signed up for the PTA??

We are approximately 100 memberships away from having 100% PTA participation! If you haven't signed up yet, it is NOT TO LATE! We need your membership to make this one of the best years yet! Please join and help support your child's school! A HUGE thank you for those of you who have already signed up and became members!!!!!! Remember.....every class that reaches 100% participation will receive an ice cream treat!

Theresa Mejia
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Room Parents

If you have not received your Room Parent information folder, please contact Bobbi Vinsand at 430-3199 or vinsand@cox.net. The information folder contains lots of information that you will need to plan for the school year.

Volunteers, please remember to sign in and out in the volunteer log located in the office. If you are in need of a name tag, please write your name on the sheet of paper located on the set of plastic drawers and a name tag will be made a.s.a.p.

Bobbi Vinsand

A Tip From Sammy the Seagull....

PTA Membership and Stress Free Fundraiser forms are located on page 4 of this newsletter. Extra copies of these forms are also located on the yellow PTA table in the school lobby.

Mark Your Calendars!

Oct 4-10	National Fire Prevention Week
Oct 12-16	National School Lunch Week
Oct 12	Progress Reports
Oct 6-12	SCA Fall Pansy Sale
Oct 13	PTA Meeting in Library
Oct 15	Cashola Night at Lago Mar Pizza
Oct 31	Stress Free Fundraiser Deadline

Art By Me Artwork Program....coming soon!!

Your child's very own artwork can be transformed into custom made products! Details coming soon!!

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National School Lunch Week October 12th-16th

Virginia Beach City Public Schools join schools around the nation in celebrating National School Lunch Week, October 12th-16th. This year's theme is "All Star School Lunch". Please help us celebrate National School Lunch Week by joining your child for lunch. Experiences such as these provide many pleasant memories for you and your children for years to come. We hope to see you there!

Deborah J. Sirois
Cafeteria Manager

Reflections 2009-2010

The PTA is pleased to announce the theme for the 2009-2010 Reflections contest: "Beauty is...". Reflections is an opportunity for students to express their creative interpretation of the theme through dance choreography, film/video production, literature, photography, visual art and/or musical composition. Entries are judged on artistic merit, creativity and interpretation of the theme. PAE PTA honors winners in each category and recognizes all participants at an evening reception at our school. This year, we will be bringing both PAES and PAMS together for one big celebration for the winners in three categories : Primary (PreK-2), Intermediate (3-5) and Middle school (6-8). So this is a great opportunity for those families that have children at both schools to have their children participate in something together!

Students should carefully review rules for each category they wish to enter. Each entry must include an official entry form. You can request the rules/entry forms to be sent home with your child or download them at www.vapta.org Invitations to participate went home last week. **The deadline for all entries is Friday, October 16th, 2009.**

Get those creative juices flowing, and let our PA students show off their talents!

Kristin Sprauer
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PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting is Tuesday, October 13th.
We hope to see you in the library at 7:00 pm!



October is Reading Month

October is Reading Month at Princess Anne Elementary School. The theme is "Say Cheese and Read." We have so many exciting events planned.



Guess who is coming to PAES! On October 28th, Matt Holm, the illustrator of the famous **Babymouse** books will be "in the house." Matt Holm will entertain students during several assemblies that are scheduled during school hours. Students will have the opportunity to win "Lunch with the Illustrator."



Take a look at some of the additional *events that will take place* during Reading Month! Students will try to guess which teacher is reading their favorite **Babymouse** book. The phantom photographer will be roaming the school looking for students who are reading their favorite books. Teachers will pair their students to share reading time with other grade levels. Classes will decorate a pumpkin as their favorite storybook character. We are going to have a "Great Pumpkin Parade" on October 23rd! Students will vote for their favorite pumpkin by donating coins (a penny, a vote) in a container for that pumpkin. Money will be sent to benefit R.E.A.C.H. (a literacy foundation supporting homeless children). The pumpkin with the most votes from each grade level will be given a gift certificate donated by the PTA. Are you ready for Reading Month?

Zarmeta Boone
Reading Resource Specialist
Shannon Coker
Third Grade Teacher



Counselor Corner

In September, the students began our year long journey of "Think Tanks." We talked about bullies and came up with some great ideas to be bully~proof. October's Think Tank will be about school success. We will answer questions like: "What does success look like, How do you feel when you are successful, how would you know if you were successful, does your idea of success sound the same as someone else's idea?" Ask your child about their ideas or maybe you can even have a Think Tank with them and come up with more ideas!!!

Annie Johnson
School Counselor

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

Princess Anne Elementary School's

Fall Pansy Sale

Sponsored by the SCA

The proceeds raised from the sale will be donated to the United Way of South Hampton Roads.

The sale starts Tuesday, October 6th and ends Monday, October 12th.

Your pansy order will be ready for pickup Thursday, October 15th from 3:30-5:30 pm at the PAES parking lot.

****See our website to choose pansy colors****

The pansies come in 6 inch pots and are 1st quality from the grower, Bennett's Creek Nursery.

Price=\$3.00 each

All sales are prepaid with a check made out to PAE SCA.

Pansy order forms were sent home in Tuesday folders.

Mrs. Green
Mrs. Jones
SCA Sponsors

Update for our Earth-friendly Seagulls!

Seagulls, now that the year is in full swing don't forget all of the recycling efforts we have here at Princess Anne.

MRS. C-W COLLECTS SEVERAL ELECTRONIC ITEMS IN HER ROOM 25:



- LAPTOP / NOTEBOOK COMPUTERS BOTH MAC AND PC
- IPODS, MP3 PLAYERS AND CELL PHONES
- DIGITAL CAMERAS AND VIDEO CAMERAS
- PERSONAL GAME SYSTEMS LIKE NINTENDO DS AND GAMEBOYS

MRS. SPENCE RECYCLES INK JET & TONER CARTRIDGES TO BENEFIT SUNSHINE EXPRESS

MRS. MARSHALL COLLECTS OLD BATTERIES, TOO



...Keep the recycling coming in!

Stay tuned for our new composting program in our cafeteria so that we'll be recycling our food waste soon, too!

Mrs. C.W.

The Seagull Gazette is published twice a month. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Whitney at fivewhitneys@verizon.net.

***** Next issue coming October 21st*****

Princess Anne PTA Membership

Haven't signed up for the PTA?? It is not too late! Please fill out the below form and send it in to your child's teacher today! Thank you for supporting the Princess Anne Elementary PTA!

of Memberships at \$5.00 each: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Members Name: _____

Members Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Child's Name: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

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Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Fall "Stress-Free Fundraiser" Fundraiser

Didn't get a chance to send in your donation for the "Stress-Free Fundraiser"? No worries! Please fill out the form below and send in along with your \$20 donation. You will be entered to win the "Back-to-School Basket" showcased in the front of the school! The deadline is Oct. 31st. Thank you so much for supporting the Princess Anne Elementary PTA!

Parent's Name: _____

Student's Name: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Amount Donated: _____

*****Please make checks payable to PAE PTA! Please feel free to combine both amounts in one check if you are filling in both forms*****