

THE SEAGULL GAZETTE

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Princess Anne Elementary School Parents, Take Note.

VBCPS Has a new "Vehicle" That Will Help You Monitor Your Children's Academic Progress Instantly!

Princess Anne Elementary School will roll out the **SchoolNet Parent Portal**, on Monday, October 26, giving parents instant access to their children's academic records including:

- **Grades**
- **Standardized test scores**
- **Attendance Information**
- **Student assignments/missing assignments**
- **Historic academic and enrollment information dating back to 2004-2005 school year.**

An added feature will be the ability to sign up for "alerts" when your child receives a grade below what you consider acceptable or has an unexcused absence. You can also sign up to receive detailed assignment and attendance reports. On the evening of October 26, you will receive a phone call from Principal Krista Barton-Arnold explaining how you can obtain access to the **SchoolNet Parent Portal**. We hope you will take advantage of the resource. Like a GPS system, the **SchoolNet Parent Portal** will help parents help their children navigate the road to academic success!

To learn more about the **SchoolNet Parent Portal** go to www.vbschools.com/schoolnet/.

Have you signed up for the PTA??

We are almost to our goal of 100% PTA participation!! We are lacking approximately 50 more memberships. Please, if you have not signed up for the PTA, do so today! Attached you will find a membership form to fill out and send in!

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PAE PTA Membership
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Partners In Education News:

We have had two fabulous events already! Handel's Ice Cream Spirit Night on Friday, October 2nd, and Lago Mar Cashola Night on Thursday, October 15th were both great successes and the proceeds from these events will go to educational materials. Other partnership activities happening include: Best Of The Bus coupons from Coldstone Creamery went out this week; and NMITC (Navy and Marine Corps Intelligence Training Command) has joined our 4th and 5th grade classes during their PE time once a week. We have a new partner~ Either Ore Jewelry (located in the Strawbridge Shopping center, in the same block as Atlas Diner). They have some great supportive activities planned. We are always open to new ideas and partnerships! Let us know how you would like to join this great program!

Annie Johnson and Elaine Dale
Partners In Education Coordinators

Mark Your Calendars!

Oct 28	Matt Holm visits PAES
Oct 31	Stress Free Fundraiser Deadline
Nov 3	Staff Day (School closed to students)
Nov 10	PTA Meeting
Nov 11	Veteran's Day Holiday
Nov 23	Report Cards Issued

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.



Wreath Sale



Looking for something to brighten up your front door, or to get you in the mood for the upcoming season? How about the perfect gift for your relatives? We have the answer! The PAE PTA will be selling beautiful holiday evergreens that will come directly to us from the Pacific Northwest! You can also choose to have some of the Direct Delivery items available sent right to your gift recipients door! Information about the Wreath Sale was sent home in the Tuesday folders. These are beautiful pieces that we hope will bring you joy! Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Thank you!
Theresa Mejia
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Labels for Education

I would like to invite everyone to go online to TheBigClip.com and enter for our school to have a chance to win 500,000 bonus box tops. You can enter every day until October 31st. and this site also has printable coupons. The box tops have slowly been coming in, ask friends and family to save them too. Remember every dime counts!! Reminder to room parents, please place the large envelopes that you received at the start of the school year with your labels that you have already collected in the box in the teachers mailroom at the end of every month. Please don't hesitate to call me or email me at Kamerma@cox.net or my cell 418-0591. We have already earned \$250 this year!!!!

Thank you,
Kim Amerman
 Labels for Education Coordinator



PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting is Tuesday, November 10th. 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

Awards Program

You may notice a change to our awards program for Report Cards. Decorative plastic award tags are replacing ribbons of years past. Report Cards will be sent home November 23rd.



Breakfast with Santa!

Breakfast with Santa is quickly approaching! Mark your calendars so you won't miss this fun-filled event! Santa will make his annual visit to Princess Anne Elementary on Saturday, December 5th, beginning at 8:30 A.M. Reservation forms will be coming home during the week of November 9th. Volunteers are needed for the morning of the breakfast! If you would like to help for an hour or two, please contact Christy Flanagan at 563-2794 or flanaganfamily@verizon.net.

Thank you!
Christy Flanagan



Stress-Free Fall Fundraiser

Have you turned in your donation? It's not too late! Every donation brings more technology, programs, and events to our school! If you were able to attend the PTA meeting this past Tuesday, you were able to see what exactly your help does. The PTA is able to provide two more "Smart Boards" to the 3rd grade (an approximate value of \$3000)! Now, every classroom from K-3rd will have one and if you have seen what a Smart Board does, you know that it is a wonderful technology tool for our teachers and students! It is our hope to have every classroom outfitted with one in the near future. Also, we are hoping to provide (a much needed), new sound and lighting system for the stage in the cafeteria. Each year, Ms. White, our music teacher, puts on absolutely wonderful performances highlighting your students! It has been a struggle working with the current system that is old and out dated. Of course this will be a costly project and we need your help! If you have not already sent in your donation, please take a minute to fill out the attached form. We have not yet reached our fundraising goal and we so very much want to be able to provide wonder resources for our children!

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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 November 4th*****

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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Fall "Stress-Free Fundraiser" Fundraiser

Didn't get a chance to send in your donation for the "Stress-Free Fundrasier"? 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*****