

PTA Committees & Programs for 2004-2005

1. Accelerated Reading

This runs September to May. The books are labeled for various reading levels with level one being the easiest on up to eight. After a book is read, children are able to take a small computerized test. If the child passes the test, points are awarded according to the number of questions answered correctly. The Level 1 incentives include a book, bookmark and pencil. At Level 2, students receive a \$3.00 credit to the Elementary *Cubs Corner Store*. At Level 3 and 4, students receive bookstore certificates (3 is \$10.00 and 4 is \$20.00).

2. Book Fair

This is held twice a year at the elementary school. This year it will be in November and March. Students along with parents and siblings have the opportunity to purchase books from Scholastic Books. A large assortment of books will be on hand for purchase. Each class gets an assigned time to shop at the book fair. Profits are used to purchase incentives books for the Accelerated Reading Program.

3. Box Tops

The Box Tops collection funds the reading programs at the elementary school. These include the Summer Reading Program and Kindergarten Classroom books. This is a very easy way to provide the funds for reading. Just clip the box top and place them in the collection box outside the elementary office. There is also a collection box at the South Fayette Elementary Library, Senior Center and Little Lions Preschool.

4. Bus Driver Appreciation

This is held in August and December. A luncheon is held for the bus drivers in August and treated to doughnuts and coffee in December. This is just a small gesture to thank them for safely transporting our children to and from school.

5. Campbell Labels

The Campbell Label collection provides the children with many playground activities as well as library sources. Simply cut the front of the label and place them in the collection box outside of the elementary office. Taking the extra moment to cut and save the labels is all it costs to provide hours of activities for the children.

6. Cubs Corner Store

The Cubs Corner store offers a wide range of school logo apparel for your child's basic needs, such as pencils, folders, glue sticks and crayons. The store will be open to all, during your child's designated recess time. The store will also be open before school starts and after school. Please be sure to check the school's monthly calendars for store hours. Additional non-stocked items will be available to purchase through pre-ordered forms. So don't be shy, stop on by and check out what's inside!

7. Family Fun Night

This is held in May. This is a wonderful evening of fun and entertainment for families. Admission is free. There are numerous games to be played and prizes to be won. You will find great items in our Auctions. Some of the other activities include face painting, caricatures, Mike the Balloon Guy, and crafts. Pizza meals are also available for purchase but must be pre-ordered. Attendance is approximately 600.

8. Family Game Night

This is to be held in October this year. Admission is free. This is a fun filled evening and the opportunity to come together and play board games, Family Feud, Jeopardy, Wheel of Fortune and bingo. Classroom teachers provide games but we also welcome games from home (which are returned at the end of the evening). The attendance is approximately 300 people.

9. Family Reading Night

This is held in April. Admission is free and is open to students, siblings and parents. Activities include a book swap, storytime, and a snack. Information will be sent home about the swap. The students are able to select a free book paid for by the PTA. Attendance is about 300.

10. First Grade Cafeteria Help

During the first two weeks of school, parent volunteer assist the first grade children during their lunch period.

11. Harvest/Holiday/Valentines Parties

These are held in October, December and February. The Homeroom Representatives coordinate these parties. The PTA provides \$25.00 to the Homeroom Representative for crafts and games to be used for each party. Snacks and drinks may be sent in with the children. The PTA does provide pizza and a drink for the Holiday party. Contact your child's Homeroom Representative to assist with any of these parties.

12. Holiday Mart

This is held in December. It is NOT a fundraiser but rather an opportunity to shop for family, friends and relatives at a minimal cost. C&R Marketing provides the PTA with numerous items that are hand picked by the Holiday Mart Committee. These items are sold on consignment.

13. Homeroom Representatives

There is a Homeroom Rep for each classroom. It is a parent or guardian of a child in that classroom. The main function is to coordinate the classroom parties (Harvest, Holiday, and Valentines). Other things you may be asked to coordinate are the picture taking of events from your child's class, lunch coverage during Track and Field day, and coordination of an activity/gift/celebration for Teacher Appreciation Day. A form is sent out at the beginning of the school year looking for volunteers.

14. Internet Programs

Currently this includes the Giant Eagle Advantage Card and Target Card Programs. You need only to register your Giant Eagle Advantage Card or use your Target Card for purchases and the school make money each time you shop.

15. Kindergarten Luncheon

This is held in May. Kindergarten students have the opportunity to experience a school lunch in the cafeteria. Students may pack their lunch or have a chance to purchase lunch. There is no cost to the student for this lunch. This will give them the experience of what lunch will be like for them as first graders. During this time, parents and siblings may attend for a small charge.

16. Little Lion Ambassadors

There is a group of individuals that make calls to new families in the community with children in the elementary school. This gives new families a contact to call with school and community questions. There is also a new family tea held just prior to Meet the Teacher. A question/answer

session is held as well as the school tour. A free t-shirt voucher is provided for new family elementary students.

17. Magazine Drive

This is held in September. This is the PTA's biggest fundraiser. This drive funds most of the PTA's programs and projects throughout the year. Some of these programs and events include Bully Prevention, Family Reading Night, Health and Safety Night, Family Game Night, and Accelerated Reading. Students K-4 are given the packets and asked to sell magazine to family and friends (but never unaccompanied by an adult).

18. Market Day

This runs from September through May. The funds generated from purchasing Market Day food items get allocated at the start of each year. Anyone interested can submit a proposal of how/where they would like to see the funds used. Typically at the October meeting, the general membership hears the various proposals submitted and votes how the money will be allocated.

19. Meet The Teacher

This is held in August (or the week before the beginning of school). Children have a chance to come meet their teacher before the start of school. They can visit their classroom, Art, Music, Library, Gym and Computer Lab. If your timing is right, you can even go back to visit your teacher from last year!

20. Membership Drive

The membership drive is held August through October. Simply by being a member of the PTA is a tremendous help. The membership dues allow us to have access to a wealth of information from the state and national PTAs. It does NOT mean you will be volunteered to do anything. Level of participation in the PTA is strictly up to you and you alone.

21. Newsletter

A monthly newsletter will be published. There will information about upcoming activities in the school as well as student achievements. There will be information about the PTA from the state and national levels. Ideas are welcome.

22. Playground/Indoor Recess

With the resurfaced playground in place, there is a need for ongoing maintenance. The biggest activity is the paint touch-up that is necessary. The Indoor Recess committee evaluates activities and games that are needed during these long winter months.

23. Phone Chain

A phone chain is put in place in the beginning of the year. This is in the event of an emergency that necessitates the early dismissal from school. It is strictly voluntary to have your name on the list.

24. Reflections

This is a program sponsored by the National PTA. The purpose of the Reflections Program is to encourage creativity. There is a theme each year. This year it is "A Different Kind of Hero ...". Students may interpret the theme any way they feel appropriate (photography, written essay, artwork, or musical composition).

25. School Pictures

This occurs in October. Volunteers help to keep the students in line, smiles ready and pictures perfect.

26. School Pride

This runs from August to May. Such things as “word of the month” and the Bully Prevention program are products of the School Pride Committee. The PTA works together with teachers, faculty and PTA to provide awareness to students and parents on a variety of subjects.

27. Science/Art Fair

The Science/Art Fair occurs every year alternating between science and art. The projects are displayed during Celebration of Excellence. This is non-competitive. This year, we will have the Art Fair. Information will be sent with the students in November.

28. SHE Committee/Resource Center

This is the Safety, Health and Environment committee. Work has been done in conjunction with the School Board, Conservation Group and community to address safety issues and concerns. The Health and Safety Night sponsored by the PTA is coordinated through this committee. The Resource Center has a wealth of information via pamphlets and magazines purchased by the PTA.

29. Shop N Save Receipts

If you shop at Shop N Save, you can help! Simply place your receipts (from any area Shop N Save) in the collection box at the South Fayette store and you have done a wonderful thing. Shop N Save will provide an assembly on a wide variety of topics completely free to the school. We simply need to collect \$250.00 per child in receipts and the assembly is ours to have.

30. Teacher Appreciation

This is held in May. The PTA provides a breakfast of bagels, doughnuts and coffee on the first day of school as well as a luncheon at the end of the school year.

31. Track and Field Day

This is held one day in May/June during school hours. Students are broken up into teams by class. Each teacher serves as the Team Captain for their team. There are events held all day long – some indoor and some outdoors. The students work together as a team while competing. Even though 3 teams are named winners, EVERYONE is a winner that day. It is great fun.

32. Yearbooks

It is a year long process to get photos of each of the children. The children LOVE to find themselves in the yearbook and the committee goes to extraordinary lengths to make sure each and every child is represented in the yearbook at least twice. Yearbooks are pre-ordered in the March timeframe and distributed late April to early May.