

Palmer PTA News

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DON'T FORGET ...

Friday, Nov. 12
Sportswear Sale deadline



Wednesday, Nov. 17
No kindergarten classes

Wednesday, Nov. 17-

Tuesday, Nov. 24

Teacher conferences
Early dismissal
12:25 p.m.



Thursday, Nov. 18

PTA Family Night

4-8 p.m.

Frank's Pizza,

Southmont Center

Wednesday, Nov. 24

Early dismissal

12:25 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 25-

Monday, Nov. 29

Thanksgiving break
School closed



Monday, Nov. 29

Barnes & Noble Book Fair

9 a.m.-10 p.m.

Barnes & Noble,

Southmont Center

Friday, Dec. 10

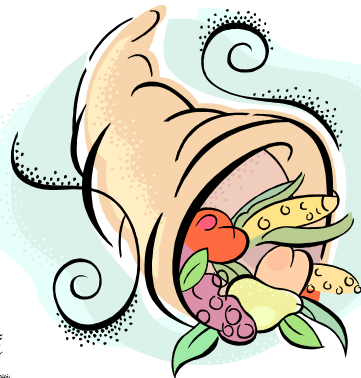
Holiday Store

4-8 p.m.

Auld Auditorium



HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Give thanks, give food



The Palmer PTA is once again collecting **Thanksgiving food and food-related** items for Palmer and other Easton Area School District families who are having difficulty making ends meet.

If you would like to donate, please bring items to the lobby of the Auld Building by **Monday, Nov. 22**, and place them in one of the designated boxes.

Suggestions for donations from each grade are:

- **Kindergarten:** canned vegetables.
- **First grade:** canned fruit or pie filling, boxed desserts and/or cereal.
- **Second grade:** boxed or real potatoes or yams and/or salad dressing.
- **Third grade:** stuffing cubes/bread, gravy jars/mixes, syrup and/or spices.
- **Fourth grade:** pudding, jello, pancake mix and/or cranberry sauce.

If you're able to donate a **turkey**, a **coupon for a turkey** or a **large wicker laundry basket**, please contact **Rebecca Miller** at **610-252-6480**, steverbecca@rcn.com or **Jill Patullo** at **610-438-8816**, itsmejill@netzero.net.

If your family is in need of Thanksgiving fixings this year, please contact school guidance counselor **Jenny Volchko** at **610-250-5121**, volchkoj@eastonsd.org.

The PTA thanks everyone who donates.



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PTA 'building' contest complete

The PTA officially wrapped up its annual **membership campaign** on **Friday, Nov. 5**, with grade-level winners from six classrooms throughout the school.

The PTA now has a total of **399 members**, including **334 parents and other family members, 19 students and 46 teachers and staff**. The campaign raised a total of **\$2,394**, including \$1,097.25 for National PTA dues, \$698.25 for Pennsylvania PTA dues and \$598.50 for Palmer.



Classroom winners in the “**Building a Strong Foundation for All Children**” contest for the highest percentage of members are:

- **Jennifer Moyer's and Nancy Nicholas' a.m. kindergarten classes**, tied with 48 percent each.
- **Jennifer Moyer's p.m. kindergarten**, 76 percent.
- **Judy Paukovitch's first grade**, 79 percent.
- **Michelle Allison's second grade**, 71 percent.
- **Melissa Shirk's third grade**, 50 percent.
- **James Bedeaux's fourth grade**, 70 percent.
- **Andrea Roberts' IU 20 class**, 33 percent.

Students in those classrooms each will receive a 50-cent certificate for items at the School Store.

Although the classroom competition is over, **it's still possible to join**. Just send the **\$6 per person membership dues** to school in an envelope including the name of your child/children and the name of each child's teacher.

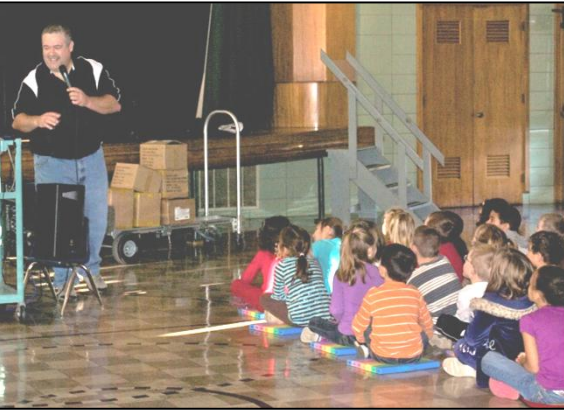
The PTA thanks all those who joined and sends a big thanks to **Amy Coleman** for organizing the drive.



Coupon books = cash

Families participating in the PTA's **Save Around the Lehigh Valley** coupon book fundraiser sold **521 books at \$20 each**, netting the PTA **\$5,210**—half the value of each book.

The PTA thanks everyone who participates



Author visits Palmer

Alan St. Jean, author of the *Aiden of Oren* series and the Daydreams Collection of picture books told students and their families about his work during several presentations on Monday, Nov. 1.

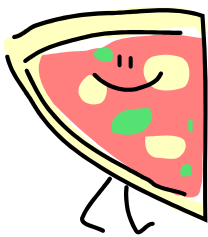
Mr. St. Jean kept students laughing as he showed music videos that he made about each book in the Daydreams Collection and explained that good story includes a conflict—or problem—and a resolution—or solution to the problem.

Visit his website, www.alanstjean.com, to learn more about his work!

A fundraising work of art!

The **Original Artworks** fundraiser, which ended Oct. 22, netted **\$578.50** to help the PTA provide programs, activities and field trips for students.

Thanks to all who participated!



Hot pizza, pasta and more at Frank's

Palmer families will have the chance to meet friends and enjoy pizza, pasta, panini and plenty more at the next **PTA Family Night**, to be held from **4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18**, at **Frank's Pizza and Restaurant** at Southmont Center in Bethlehem Township.

Those who arrive between 5 and 7 p.m. may also meet a familiar feline mascot as well.

As always, a percentage of the evening's proceeds will go to the PTA to support field trips, programs and activities for Palmer students. For more information, please contact **Nancy Ebert** at **610-559-7918**, chief2466@rcn.com.

The PTA's last family food event, held Oct. 29 at **Philly Soft Pretzel Factory**, raised **\$380** to help fund programs, activities and field trips for Palmer students.

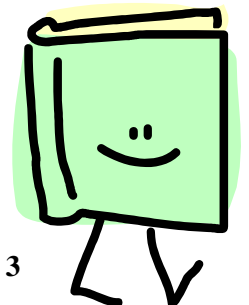
Get ready to read at Barnes & Noble

The PTA will hold its annual **Barnes & Noble Bookfair** fundraiser from **9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29**.

Special events include **readings of original poetry** by students in second through fourth grade at **6 p.m.**, **fun games** and a **scavenger hunt**.

If you can't attend the Bookfair, you can still participate online **any time between Nov. 29 and Dec. 3** by visiting bn.com/bookfairs, placing an order and entering **Bookfair ID 10298909** at checkout.

For more information, please contact **Amanda Shepherd** at **908-619-4228**, amandashepherd75@yahoo.com.





CHEERS for PEERS!

Dozens of Palmer parents volunteered their time, talents and energy in October for a number of different events and activities.

Marisa Cornish and **Dawn Corpora** organized the **Palmer Prowl Walk-a-thon**, held Oct. 18. Volunteers were **Donna Cohen, Nicole Daley, Dana Felker, Kat Fitzgerald, Donna Riley Garrett, Kim Gutekunst, Wendy Hartrum, Melody Holena, Jackie Knoble, Tara Kutz, Kerri Ludwig, Jessica McAndrew, Melissa Medlar, Frank Micolupo, Rebecca Miller, Yuly Muniz, Eileen Sales** and **Heather Torok**. Many more parents sent in oranges and bottled water.

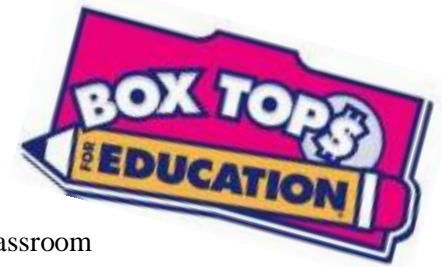
Maureen Brehm and **Marcella Cardone** organized the **Original Works** art fundraiser, which ended Oct. 22.

Nancy Ebert organized **PTA Family Day** at **Philly Soft Pretzel Factory** on Oct. 29.

Grade representatives **Rebecca Miller, Jessica McAndrew, Karen Schubert, Jen Dellatore** and **Jill Patullo** and the school's **room parents** organized the classroom **harvest parties** on Oct. 29, and many more parents helped at the parties or donated food and other items.

The PTA sends a big thanks to all!

Box Tops winners collect prizes



First-grader **Dylan Hartzell** won a \$25 gift certificate to the store of his choice in the PTA's first **Box Tops for Education** contest of the school year, which ended Oct. 22.

Dylan, a student in **Judy Walters'** class, brought in **\$183** worth of Box Tops and his classroom brought in a total of **\$231.90**, earning each student a 50-cent certificate to the School Store.

Students from throughout the school brought in a total of **\$1,269.80**, which the PTA will use to fund programs, activities and field trips.

Families are asked to keep on clipping Box Tops as well as **Labels for Education** and **Redner's Save-a-Tape** register tapes. Another contest will be held in March.

For more information on the three programs, please contact **Deb Perry, 610-438-4285, debperry@rcn.com**.



Don't get distracted while driving

The Palmer PTA is asking families to support the **National Highway Traffic Safety Administration "Put it Down" campaign** to reduce automobile accidents caused by drivers who text or talk on their cell phones, eat, apply makeup, shave and engage in other activities that distract them from the road.

Parents and guardians are asked to sign and return the **pledge cards** that were sent home earlier this week—and to pursue legislation that would ban texting and handheld cell phone use while driving.

For more information, please contact Palmer PTA President **Rebecca Miller, 610-252-6480, steverbecca@rcn.com**, or visit the campaign's website, **www.distraction.gov**.

The PTA thanks everyone who helps in this important effort!



Healthy walking!

Palmer students learned about healthy eating, fire safety and lots more—and did plenty of walking, skipping, jumping and dancing during the annual **PTA Walk-a-thon and Health and Safety Fair**.

This year's Walk-a-thon, dubbed the "Palmer Prowl," included music provided by a disc jockey, prizes for top walkers and money raisers and a raffle for an i-Pod shuffle.

Students brought in **\$6,403** in pledge money, netting the PTA **\$5,403** to support programs and activities.

Third-grader **Reeves Brehm** brought in the most pledge money—**\$455**—and third-grader **Brendan Griffiths** walked the most laps—14. Fourth-grader **Laine Vincent** won the raffle.

Other top pledge-earners, by grade, were **Caitlyn Nemchik** (k-a.m.), **\$170**; **Julia Ressler** (k-p.m.), **\$170**; **Lita Wykoop** (1), **\$210**; **Gavin Dunlap** (2) **\$85**, **Christina Guy** (3), **\$78** and **Cosmo Cardone** (4) **\$70**.

Top walkers, by grade, were **Aidan Hutchison** (k-a.m.), **7 laps**; **Evan Hendershot** (k-p.m.), **5 laps**; **Zachary Tutko** (1), **12 laps**; **Makenna Swartz** (2), **11 laps**; **Megan Murgia** (3), **14 laps** and **Sarah Miller** (4), **11 laps**.

Thanks to everyone who donated or participated!





HAPPY HARVEST!

Palmer students paraded both inside and outside the school on Friday, Oct. 29, impersonating a variety of monsters, witches, superheroes, sports heroes, movie characters and more. Following the parade, they headed back to their classrooms for harvest parties, including games, goodies—and lots of fun.

