



October
2011

LASD Elementary PSA NEWSLETTER

Please visit the Lewisburg District website www.lasd.us for the latest news and updates. Also make sure to check out the calendar for a complete list of events happening with in the District.

Donations Needed:

Kelly Elementary needs some more tissues. If you could send in a couple boxes to your child's classroom, we can distribute them to classrooms without many. Now is the time since Cold/flu season is soon upon us and we want to keep our kids healthy.

Used clothing sizes 3T through size 10/12 (boys and girls)

Pants, shirts, coats, snow pants, sneakers (stretchy pants work the best, anything with an elastic waist)

NEW underwear and socks (they cannot be used) Sizes- PreK (3T thru size 10/12) If you happen to be at Walmart, please consider of donating a small pack for school.

The Lewisburg Area Education Association Provisional Fund is in need of gently used winter/outerwear coats, etc. in all sizes from children to adult extra large. Please bring them to the main office of your child's building, the nurse's office or the Linntown Main Office for Thrifty Threads.

President's Message **Carmen Terry**

With October in full swing, the year's activities are underway - and I'm sure the kids and teachers are having fun learning, playing and enjoying each other. It's a busy time for the PSA with Related Arts activities, Spirit Wear sales coming up and, of course, we always need help in the Cafeteria. We are also wrapping up the Kelly and Linntown book fairs, which are always successful.

Our next meeting will be very important because we will need to vote on a large educational grant (\$15,000+) for a software program that accompanies the smart boards. Below is some information regarding the software:

ActivInspire is the educational software that powers the ActivClassroom. The foundation for any 21st century learning experience, ActivInspire enables teachers to lead the class via their interactive, multimedia whiteboard, support group collaboration and teamwork in the classroom through Promethean's award-winning Learner Response Systems, and create differentiated lessons filled with rich, powerful

activities to grab the attention of the whole class. It even features two different interfaces - bright and inviting for young learners, more sophisticated for older students.

ActivInspire is an effective teaching tool that gives teachers the ability to blend real-time, real-world experience with the learning process all while using sound, motion and visually engaging graphics to bring lessons to life. Now, with advanced pen and multitouch capability, ActivInspire 1.5 lets teachers go beyond the flipchart and interact with the page by zooming, rotating, moving, resizing and interacting with real-world tools.

ActivInspire 1.5's Question Manager makes creating, editing and managing Assessment for Learning activities a breeze. With enhanced Self-Paced Learning functionality and new Set Square, teachers and students continue their 21st century learning journey with even more options. And now ActivInspire is available in 36 languages.

See you at the next meeting on Oct. 17 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Kelly Elementary Library.

VISION 2020 FORUM

7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011 High School Cafeteria

In 2007, the Lewisburg Area School District established an ambitious plan to create a true learning community and a 21st Century School District. This plan became known as VISION 2020 as we developed a 13-year time frame that would create a preferred future for our Kindergarten students entering school in 2007 and graduating in the year 2020. We are now into the fifth year of this plan, and we need feedback as to our progress on current goals and prioritization for our future initiatives.

This plan was written before the economy began to falter in 2008, and we now find ourselves in a very difficult budget situation as we face significant cuts in funding from the

state and federal government. Consequently, we are facing a new fiscal reality that will challenge our ability to continue with our VISION 2020 Plan. We need your suggestions in helping us prioritize what should be our primary focus and what programs, activities or initiatives should be placed on hold, reduced or eliminated as we head into uncertain financial times.

All parents, guardians, staff and community members are welcome to attend. Please plan to join us for an evening of information, discussion and input.

Sincerely,
Mark DiRocco, Ph.D.
Superintendent

Principal's Messages

Kelly Dustin Dalton

Kelly Cares For Kids!

Dear Parents and PSA Members,

Fall is here and the weather is getting cooler - but things at Kelly Elementary are warming up with many exciting activities! Over the last few weeks, students in all grade levels and their parents were back to school for evening Open Houses. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces and classrooms teeming with students' work and colorful bulletin boards. PSA also sponsored a successful Book Fair, during which many students purchased books to jump-start our school year with terrific literature. Our thanks to all the parent volunteers who helped with the fair and guided students with their selections.

Fall also brings interesting field trips for some of the Kelly kids. Kindergarteners will visit Ard's Farm Market for a hayride, pumpkin picking and Fun Barn, where they will have the opportunity to climb through the hay bale maze and take a trip down the carpet slide. The field trip ends with fresh apple cider and a snack. Our first graders will head out to Rohrbach's Orchard in Catawissa to supplement their theme study of the life cycles of plants, specifically apples and pumpkins.

Fall often brings more colds and drippy noses. As a reminder, please avoid sending your child to school with a known fever. We advise you keep child home at least 24 hours, fever-free without medication before returning. Also, new this year, we are asking that you please send in boxes of tissues to your student's classroom. Thanks for your help in this matter.

Cooler mornings and warmer afternoons make it easier for children to forget their jackets, and therefore we have built up a collection of lost-and-found items. In an attempt to keep the pile manageable, we will begin to donate the items once a month (on the first of the month) to a local homeless shelter. Please take every opportunity to check the lost-and-found table for your child's items. Our first donation will be made the first of November.

Other important dates:

- **Oct. 14:** Individual Picture Day
- **Oct. 17:** PSA meeting at Kelly
- **Oct. 19:** Scheduled two-hour delay for students
- **Oct. 20:** Title I Parent Meeting at 7 p.m. at Kelly
- **Oct. 24:** End of the Marking Period
- **Oct. 24-28:** Red Ribbon Week
- **Oct. 27:** "Box Out Bullying" Assembly for the whole school
- **Nov. 3-4:** Parent Teacher Conferences

Linntown Paula Reber

Caring for Kids~Striving for Excellence

Here we are with a month of school already completed! We are off to a wonderful start here at Linntown. Our fifth graders are doing an excellent job of being the "big" kids in the building and our fourth graders have made a very smooth transition to Linntown. The students should be commended for their behavior on the playground, in the cafeteria and on the buses. The kids really are doing a great job!

We understand that end-of-the-day plans often change and that you need to get word to your child. We ask that if you need to get a message to your child, please contact the Linntown office at 522-3256. Although the teachers are very good about checking their email, they may be unable to do so after their planning time. In addition, when a substitute is filling in, he or she would not have access to the teacher's email account or the teacher's voicemail. All of us want to ensure that students get home safely and to the appropriate destination. Your assistance in following these procedures is most appreciated.

Overall, our dismissal process at Linntown is going very well this year. We thank you for your patience as we have worked through some initial difficulties with the two-tier busing and the later dismissal times. The buses have now been leaving Linntown before 3:45 and our system is now running very smoothly. We do ask that if you are picking up your child at dismissal time that you please remain in your vehicle and proceed in the line of cars as it moves in front of the north exit. We are having a number of parents parking in the main parking lot and having the students cross over to them.

As I am sure you are aware, Thrifty Threads is now open for business! A special thank you goes to Mrs. Trapani for all the work that she does to make the store a success. As always, we welcome donations. Gently worn clothing, knickknacks, stuffed animals and jewelry are always big sellers.

We are several weeks into our class meetings at Linntown. This is the second year that we have been running the Olweus Anti-bullying program. Our first class meetings focused on a review of the four anti-bullying rules. Students have the opportunity to watch and discuss various DVD vignettes, which demonstrate different types of bullying. Our next meeting will be centered around the bullying circle and the different roles participants may have during a bullying incident. On Oct. 27, we will hold an assembly from Box-Out Bullying. Please take some time to talk with your child about what he or she has been learning and discussing in our class meetings.

Parent-teacher conferences are coming up! Teachers had sign-up sheets during Open House. If you were not able to attend, your child's teacher will be in contact with you regarding a conference time. We hope you take advantage of this opportunity to meet with your child's teachers. Also, please remember that you are able to access your child's grades using PowerSchool, our student management system. Log on information was mailed home earlier this year with the emergency and health forms. If you no longer have that information and need a letter, please contact the school office.

As always, please feel free to contact the school with your questions, concerns or comments. Your input is greatly valued.

Dragon Dash 2012



Mark your calendar for the 2012 Dragon Dash FUNdraiser scheduled for Friday, Feb. 10, 2012. The Dragon Dash is the Kelly/Linntown PSA's only fundraiser, during which all students walk/run laps for a 15-minute time period during school hours and seek tax-deductible donations for their efforts. More information can be found by visiting <http://psa.dragonsites.org/dragon-dash/> or by contacting Courtney Rosevear at briscoe0301@gmail.com/523-6549 or Tara Michaels at michaels@dejazzd.com/939-0712. Look for more information in future newsletters!

Box Tops For Education

We've recently launched our 2011-2012 Box Tops for Education fundraising campaign. Fill them up and send them in. Get friends and family involved. Remember that it costs nothing to earn money with Box Tops! Clip Box Top coupons from favorite products and send them to our school.

Our first deadline is right around the corner! Send the boxtops in by Oct. 21.

A fun collection sheet has been prepared for Kelly (last page of this newsletter) and collection envelopes will be going to Linntown.

For more information on how you can help our school earn cash through Box Tops, contact Estee Sheppard, 452-0075 or Lisa Boden, 412-4317, or visit www.btf.com for general information.

Labels for Education



Mr. Dalton, sitting with all the items 'purchased' with Campbell's soup labels. The staff and students were so excited to see the items for indoor and outdoor recess. Please continue to clip so the students and staff can earn more recess items.

Thrifty Threads



Thrifty Threads, Linntown Elementary, is now open for business! Please consider donating your gently worn clothing, knickknacks, stuffed animals and jewelry.

Family Events

The Public Library for Union County

Let's Explore Science: A special program that features experiments and demonstrations, "Let's Explore Science" for children and their parents will be held at 6:30 pm Thursday, Oct. 27. During this program participants will learn about objects that fly and move. Registration is encouraged.

Special Toddler and Preschool Halloween Program: A Halloween program for toddlers and preschoolers featuring Halloween stories, games and other activities will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 28. Registration is encouraged but not required. Costume is optional.

Baby Sign Language: Imagine being able to communicate with your child before he or she can speak. A free Baby Sign Language program will be presented at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 27 by Lucy Corbin, a Doctor of Audiology and also a certified "My Smart Hands" instructor. Infants and their caregivers are encouraged to attend. Registration is required and the program is limited to eight participants. Parents can register their child by calling the library at 523-1172 or by signing up at the juvenile circulation desk.

Getting Ready for Kindergarten: Mary K. Harrison offers a special program for 4-year-old children who will be starting kindergarten in the fall of 2012. Part of the statewide preschool initiative "One Book Every Young Child," the program, "Getting Ready for Kindergarten," is held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month from September through May. (Nov. 3, Dec. 1, Jan. 5, Feb. 2, March 1, April 5 and May 3)

Activities such as letter games, finger plays, stories, and group participation will involve parents and children as they learn together. Each month, children will be introduced to different letters and numbers. Registration is required.

Lap-Sit Story Time: At 11 am on Fri., Oct. 7, Lap-Sit Story Time will introduce books to children from birth to 1 year through stories read out loud, nursery rhymes, and finger plays. No registration is required, but registering will enable us to contact you about last-minute schedule changes. Lap-Sit Story Times usually are held on the first and third Fridays of the month.

Toddler Story Time: A special program for toddlers ages 1 and 2 years old, along with a parent or caregiver, Toddler Story Time

features stories read out loud, nursery rhymes and finger plays. American Sign Language also will be introduced. The program will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesdays through Nov. 8. No registration is needed.

Preschool Story Time: Preschool Story Time, featuring stories and a craft for children who are 3, 4, and 5 and their caregivers, will be held at 10 am Tuesdays and Wednesdays through Nov. 9. (Tuesday's theme is repeated on Wednesday.) Registration is required.

Movie Time

Free Documentary Screening -- "Consuming Kids" -- about the commercialization of childhood, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov 30, at the Campus Theatre. Q&A with panel (developmental psychologist, economist, and marketing specialist) to follow. For more information, visit <http://www.bucknell.edu/x71344.xml>.

Barnes & Noble Bookstore

Little Bookworms Story Time presents a special storytime with Curious George, for a fun time of reading and activity. Come and join the fun 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 17, Third Floor Community. This event is open to preschool and elementary age children.

Little Bookworms Story Time presents a special Halloween storytime and party. Come dressed in your costume and enjoy some spooktacular fun. There will be scary stories and activities. Come and join the fun 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, Third Floor Community Room. This event is open to children ages infant to 10 years and their parents or caregiver.

American Girl Book Club: Read "Meet Marie-Grace" for this month's American Girl Book Club. Join us for a discussion with activity relating to *Julie's Journey*, 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, Third Floor Community Room. This club is for ages 7 to 12 and their dolls and meets monthly on the third floor of the bookstore.

Little Bookworms Storytime: A weekly preschool storytime is a good way to help your child discover a love of books at an early age! Readings and activities take place from 11 a.m. to noon, Tuesdays, Third Floor Community Room.

PSA News

Materials Deadline

2010

Issue	Deadline
Nov.	Nov. 7
Dec.	Dec. 5

2011

Jan.	Jan. 9
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MEETING DATE

2010

Sept. 19 (Kelly)
Oct. 17 (Linntown)
Nov. 21 (Kelly)
Dec. No Meeting

Meetings held in respective school's library

**LEWISBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
2011-2012 CALENDAR
Revised 9-22-2011**

July 2011

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July

Independence Day		July 4
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August

New Teacher Orientation	Aug. 15
Teacher In-Service (Contract)	Aug. 22-23
First Student Day	Aug. 24
School Days: 6	Year Total: 6

September

Labor Day	Sept. 5
Flood Days – School Cancelled	Sept. 8 & 9
School Days: 19	Year Total: 25

October

Teacher In-service	Oct. 10
2 Hr. Delay (Teacher In-Service)	Oct. 19
End of First Marking Period	Oct. 24
School Days: 20	Year Total: 45

November

Teacher In-service (Parent Conf.)	Nov. 3
Teacher In-service (Parent Conf.)	Nov. 4
2 Hr. Delay (Teacher In-Service)	Nov. 16
Thanksgiving Vacation	Nov. 23-28
School Days: 16	Year Total: 61

December

2 Hr. Delay (Teacher In-Service)	Dec. 14
Winter Vacation	Dec. 23-Jan. 2
School Days: 16	Year Total: 77

January

New Year's Day	Jan. 1
End of Second Marking Period	Jan. 11
Teacher In-Service (Contract) / MLK Day	Jan. 16
School Days: 21	Year Total: 98

February

Teacher In-service (Contract)	Feb. 17
School Days: 20	Year Total: 118

March

PSSA Math & Reading Exams (Grades 3-8,11)	March 12-23
End of Third Marking Period	March 16
School Days: 22	Year Total: 140

April

Spring Vacation	April 4-9
Snow Make-Up Days	April 4 & 5
PSSA Writing Exams (Gr. 5, 8, 11)	April 16-20
PSSA Science Exams (Gr. 4, 8, 11)	April 23-27
School Days: 17	Year Total: 157

May

Previewing Next Year's Curriculum Begins	May 21
Memorial Day	May 28
School Days: 22	Year Total: 179

June

Last Day for Students (Half Day)	June 1
In-service (Half Day PM – Act 80 Day)	June 1
Snow Make-up Days	June 4-15
School Days: 1	Year Total: 180

Snow make-up days will be used in the following order:
April 4, 5 June 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15.

Commencement will take place on or after the last day of school for students.

- Vacation
- Snow Make-Up Day
- In-service
- Scheduled 2 Hr. Delay
- Marking Period
- Half Day

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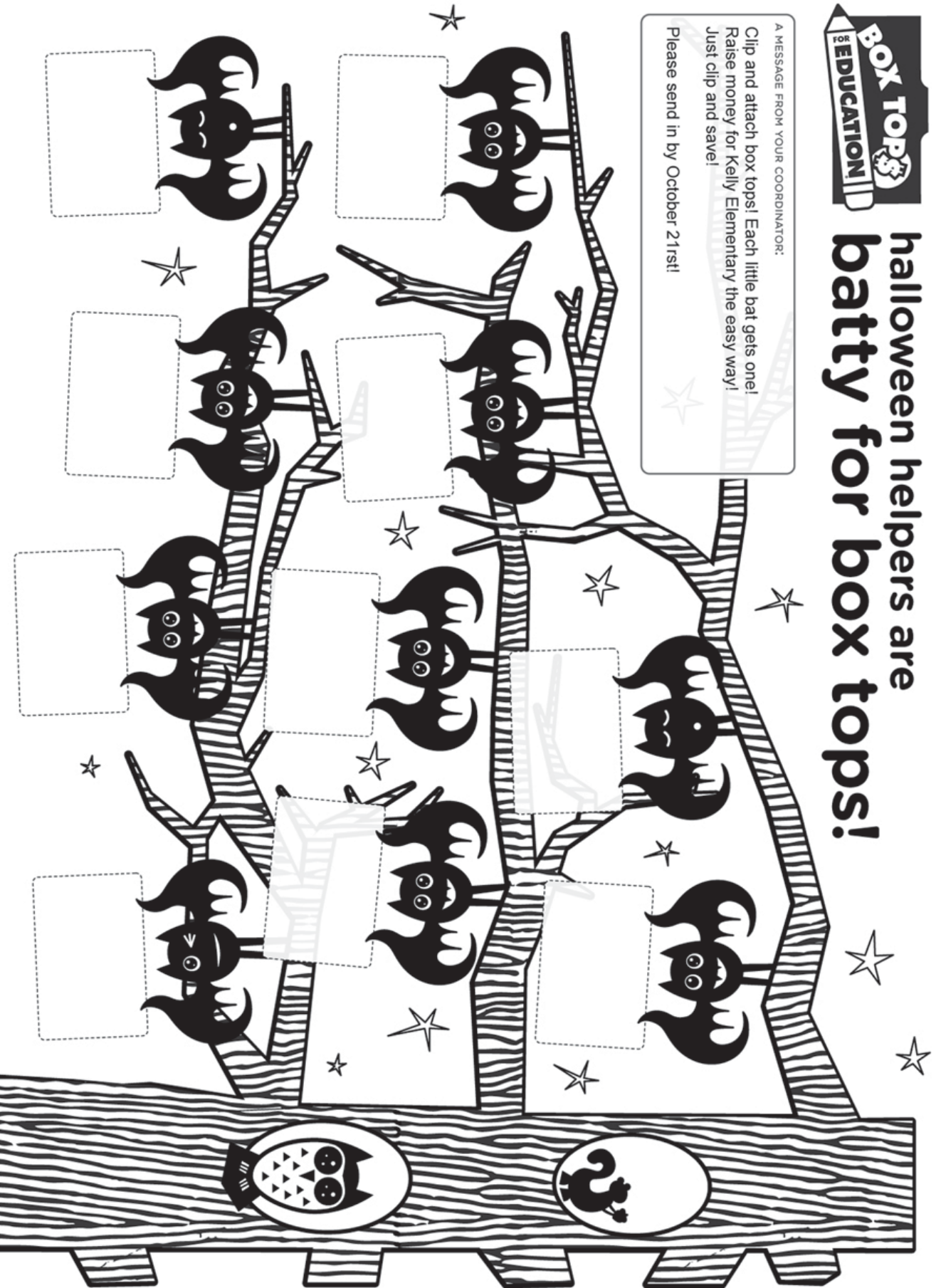


halloween helpers are batty for box tops!

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COORDINATOR:

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Raise money for Kelly Elementary the easy way!
Just clip and save!

Please send in by October 21st!



Attach your Box Tops coupons here - each is worth 10¢ for your school.
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