



LASD Elementary PSA NEWSLETTER

Please visit the Lewisburg Area 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 within the District.

Volunteers Needed:

Kelly Elementary is in need of five adult readers each day from 8:15 to 9 a.m. in December and January. Please sign up at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/kelly11.

Donations Needed:

LAEA Provisional Fund winter coat and clothing drive: Please consider donating gently used items to the Provisional Fund. The Lewisburg Area Education Association (LAEA) Provisional Fund provides clothing and footwear to Lewisburg Area School District students who are in need of these items. Currently, LAEA is in need of gently used winter coats in all sizes for students in all grades – ranging from Child Small to Adult XL. The organization is also seeking gently used clothing in all sizes, including footwear.

Items can be dropped off at any school building office. Please put items in a bag marked Provisional Fund. If your child is in need of winter clothing, a winter coat or footwear, please contact your child's guidance counselor.

President's Message **Carmen Terry**

With one marking period down, our first snowfall on Oct. 29 and the completion of parent-teacher conferences, we are swinging into November and December quickly. I just can't believe it. At our last meeting we did approve the grant for the ActivInspire software system that accompanies our whiteboards. This will create more interactive classrooms...and more fun for our students. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in raising money for our PSA. This comes at a time when more budget constraints make these purchases a wonderful addition to the classrooms to benefit every student ... now and in the future.

We will be voting in November on a grant for Linntown in the amount of \$4,975 for four different programs—The Writing Olympics, headphones for the computer carts, accelerated reader incentives and a program called One Book, One School. I would like to elaborate on the One Book, One School program, which would be scheduled to tie into Reading Month in April. One Book, One School is a program designed to

create a shared reading experience within a single elementary school community. A chapter book is chosen, every family at the school receives a copy and every family reads that book at home over the course of a single month. Activities at school coordinate, promote and enrich the shared reading experience. A variety of activities would be planned school-wide to go along with the book, culminating with a family night at the school.

I would just like to say that we are getting a great response on the electronic newsletter, which can also be found on our website psa.dragonsites.org. Our family directory is at the printer and should be ready soon. Spirit Wear sales are also online this year at the same website. Samples are hanging in the schools. We are using a new email address - kellylinntownpsa@gmail.com - which has made it much easier to email our members. If you are not getting emails, that means you have not given us your email address. Please email the address above to be added to the list.

See you at the next meeting at 7 pm.. Nov. 21 at the Linntown Elementary Library.

2011-2012 Spirit Wear Sale

Spirit Wear items are now for sale and will be available around the second week of December. New this year: In an effort to ensure order accuracy and reduce paperwork, items can be ordered and purchased online at psa.dragonsites.org/spirit-wear/.

Paper forms are due in the office by Tuesday, Nov. 22. Online orders can be submitted through Wednesday, Nov. 23.

Feel free to contact Tara Michaels at Michaels@dejazzd.com or 939-0712 if you have any questions.

Safe Schools Directory

Directories will be passed out very soon! Thank you to Dennis Evans, owner of The Printed Page and father of Grace and Sophia, for getting them out so quickly!

One directory is given to each elementary school student. If you receive multiple copies and do not want them, please return them to the front office; they will be given to new students who enroll in our school.

New families who want to be added to the directory, please email mnolan@bucknell.edu your information. It will be listed in the monthly PSA newsletter so families can add it to their directories. Please include the following:

- Student name
- Grade
- Teacher
- Parents/Guardian names
- Address (Street, City, ZIP)
- Phone number
- Email

Principal's Messages

Kelly Dustin Dalton

Kelly Cares For Kids!

I would like to personally thank all the parents for your participation in the parent-teacher conferences. It is always nice to see parents and teachers working together to make a difference in our students' lives. In the event that you were unable to attend your conference, please contact us as soon as possible. We would enjoy the opportunity to discuss your child's progress through the first marking period.

There are a lot of horrifying stories out there right now involving students who were bullied. As a district, we have taken a stand against this type of behavior. On Oct. 27, we welcomed the Box Out Bullying actors to the stage. It was an excellent program that presented all the Kelly rules in an exciting, fresh new way. We will continue to have brief monthly assemblies to recognize students for a job well done and celebrate that fact that together we are a school community.

The district-approved anti-bullying education is through the Olweus program. The focus of the Olweus program is to bring awareness and meaning to the act of bullying. The students learn what bullying is and is not, and what to do when they are being bullied. Classroom meetings are held once per cycle for students to discuss issues they are facing on the playground, in the bathrooms, classrooms or on the bus. For Kindergarten, the message may be as simple as being nice to others and keeping our hands and feet to ourselves. Of course the messages become more complex as the students get older. Regardless of age, the students know when something is being done that they do not like. Now they are learning the skills to deal with these situations and how to intervene for themselves, if needed. No one deserves to be picked on.

This is just a reminder that the cold weather is upon us. Please remember that our students still participate in recess daily and will need to dress appropriately. Hats and gloves are recommended, as well as boots and snow pants when the white stuff starts to fall. You will need to monitor the Alertnow system, radio stations and TV channels for delays and closing. Please make sure you have already made arrangements for an early dismissal and that your teacher knows what those arrangements are. If we have not heard otherwise, you child will dismiss using the already established routine.

The calendar has begun to fill up with these exciting activities:

- 11/14-11/18: American Education Week
- 11/18: Olweus assembly
- 11/21: PSA meeting at Linntown
- 11/23-11/25: Thanksgiving Break.
School resumes on Tuesday 11/29.
- 12/2: Picture re-takes
- 12/6: Third-grade music program at 7 p.m.

As always, thank you for all you do for the students and staff at Kelly Elementary.

Linntown Paula Reber

Caring for Kids~Striving for Excellence

Dear Linntown Families,

Here we are already at the beginning of a new marking period! The first days of school and the warm weather that accompanied them are now all but distant memories. We hope you took advantage of the opportunity to come in during parent-teacher conferences to discuss your child's progress over the past nine weeks. While there are designated conference days established for the first marking period, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher should a question or concern arise. Communication between home and school is so important and we encourage you to continue to play an active role in your child's education.

It's that time of year - the holidays are just around the corner! As calendars start to fill up quickly, please mark down the following dates for the Linntown winter concerts:

- Fifth grade- Tuesday, Dec. 13
- Fourth grade- Monday, Dec. 20

Both concerts begin at 7 p.m. at the High School. Permission slips will be coming home shortly. The holidays also mean that Thrifty Threads will be busier than ever! For many students, this is the only place where they are able to go to pick up gifts for families and friends. Students truly love picking out special items for those close to them. If you have any items that you can donate, it would be greatly appreciated.

With this year's later start and dismissal times, we were unable to offer Bucknell Buddies in the same format as we had in the past. We have reworked the program so that it now takes place during the last block of the school day. With many children being involved in after-school activities, we recognized that it was difficult for many to be able to have a dedicated time to work on homework. We have restructured our last block of the day when students are not in chorus, band or orchestra so that they have an opportunity to begin their homework. Students who are in need of extra assistance are able to work with the teacher and/or Bucknell Buddies. In addition, this block is also used for our sustained-silent reading, a school-wide initiative we are implementing this year. Stay tuned to next month's newsletter when I explain more about the AR program and some special incentives we will be working towards earning.

As we move closer to Thanksgiving, it is natural to stop and think about all for which we are thankful - and there is much to be grateful for here at Linntown. We have dedicated, caring teachers who each day strive to make positive learning experiences for students and help them reach their fullest potential. Our aides work tirelessly to support our classroom programs and to supervise students during the day. Mrs. Warfle and Mrs. Badger keep us all organized and are always there to greet students and parents with a smile. Our nurses take excellent care of students when they are hurt or not feeling well. The hallways and classrooms are meticulous maintained by our incredible custodial staff. Students enjoy nutritious meals each day thanks to our cafeteria workers. Mrs. Miller, our counselor, is always there to lend an ear or help resolve a conflict. We have parents and families support our efforts here at school and who volunteer to work with students, chaperon trips or serve on our PSA. And of course, I am grateful for the amazing group of fourth and fifth graders who enter this building each day with excitement and enthusiasm. I wish you all a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

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 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

Our first submission to Box Tops this year was a huge success! Thanks to all those who sent in Box Tops; it truly is a team effort and no amount is too small. Also, a special thank you goes out to the team of parents and students who spent several hours trimming and counting Box Tops to beat the submission deadline. The estimated totals are more than \$1,100 for Kelly Elementary, more than \$500 for Linntown Elementary, and almost \$100 for Donald H. Eichhorn Middle School (collected by sixth graders only).

Remember that we collect Box Tops throughout the year, but please send in any Box Tops that expire in 2011 by Monday, Dec. 5. We'll make another submission to Box Tops by the end of the year to avoid tossing expired ones. To minimize our trimming time, please try to trim neatly along the dotted lines (we realize this is not always easy to do, but we appreciate your help). If you have any questions or want to assist in trimming and counting, please contact Estee Sheppard (452-0075) or Lisa Boden (412-4317), our Box Tops team.

Remember Send in Box Tops that expire at the end of 2011!

Yearbook Photos

The Linntown Yearbook is looking for photos. Anytime you are in your child's classroom and if the teacher approves, please take pictures! The photos must be digital (5 megapixels or greater). Please burn them onto a CD or a thumb drive, which will be returned; write "Yearbook and Teacher's Name" on the disk; and drop it in the PSA mailbox in the school office or contact me to make arrangements for pickup. The more pictures we get from each classroom the better. I've found that three to five kids per picture works best. Please try to get each student from the class in at least two photos! Great opportunities for photos would be lunch, recess, class parties, concerts and field trips.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 523-7921 or cvhoff@ptd.net. Thank you.

Vicki Hoffman
Linntown Yearbook Coordinator

Wellness Corner

Did you know the school district has a Wellness Council that meets monthly? We plan wellness activities in the cafeteria and throughout the school district during the school year. The group is comprised of parent, students, community agencies, staff, administration and school board members. We plan to have wellness tips monthly in this newsletter.

This month's tip: The human body is made up of approximately 70% water, and replenishing that supply is an effective way to look and feel your best. Drinking water helps the body flush away toxins and assists in transporting nutrients from one place to the next.

Welcome to new Wellness Council committee member Stacey Clark, the Nutrition Group's New Food Service Director, who is replacing Melissa Everhart. Stacey has 10 years' experience in the food service industry, with a dual degree in culinary arts. Her contact information is nutrition@lasd.us and phone 522-3216.

Labels for Education

The Labels for Education® program is making it easier to earn free educational merchandise. Thanks for continuing to clip and bag all those labels! We are excited to announce the addition of products from Dannon® Kids' Yogurt, GLAD® Food Storage, Emerald® Nuts and select magazines purchased at retail stores including PEOPLE and Real Simple. Please let us know if you have any questions!

Teri Mangano and Katie Gill



A Special Thank You

Dear Friends,

I hope that I will never ask again where the rest of my construction paper is or try to figure out what I am going to spend my budget money on this year. If we could all see other schools in our own country who struggle every day to just "keep their heads above water" and to provide to their children what we do but with very little funding. The school where our daughter teaches is one of those.

Our daughter, Elizabeth, teaches in Dallas, Texas, as part of the Teach For America program. She is currently in her second year as a first-grade bilingual teacher. I could make a long list of the things she does not have in her classroom or school but that would mean I was comparing it to Lewisburg and that would be unfair. I feel blessed each day to work here after spending lots of time this summer helping her prepare her classroom for the new year.

But, I will tell you that Elizabeth, her students, parents and fellow teachers were so grateful to have received the wonderful books that our families here at Kelly donated to her school during the Spring Book Fair last year. I am still shipping some of them little by little to her. Your generous monetary gifts purchased new books and your thoughtful donations provided books for classroom libraries.

Many thanks go to Rebekah Hause here at Kelly for getting this idea up and running after she and I talked last year and to Cindy Martin who passed the information on to families as she organized the book fair. After 34 years in this district, I never felt more fulfilled than when I saw those boxes of books come pouring into my room.

May the joy of watching your children grow and learn always be in your hearts.

Warmly,
Lane Taylor
Second Grade, Kelly Elementary

Related Arts



Many exciting programs are scheduled for both Kelly and Linntown in the upcoming months. We were very pleased to start off our year on Oct. 21 with a performance by the Paragon Ragtime Orchestra from Lewisburg and New York City. The 10-piece orchestra delighted second- and third-graders with a variety of early American music. We would like to thank parent and musician Leslie Cullen for spearheading this event. Many parents signed up to volunteer with Related Arts and we will be contacting you soon to help host our programs.

For more information, please contact Estee Sheppard at 452-0075/ esteeandpaul@hotmail.com or Jennifer Shabahang at 522-9623/ jkshabahang@gmail.com.

Ask your children about these upcoming programs:

- Heartbeat of America - Native American Music, First Grade. Nov. 22
- Holiday Music, Kindergarten, December

Linntown PowerSchool

Linntown parents may check their child's current progress in their core subjects online through the use of PowerSchool, the District's student management system. Letters with log-in information were mailed to all families in August accompanying the emergency forms. If you no longer have this information, please contact the school office at 522-3256 for a new copy.

Donations Needed

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.

Free Family Events

The Public Library for Union County

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. (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: A story time for little ones, Lap-Sit Story Time introduces books to children from birth to one 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. (Nov. 18, Dec. 2 and Dec. 16)

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 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. through Dec. 14. Guest storyteller Thelma Leng will be telling stories on Wednesday mornings. 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 parents or caregivers, will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays through Dec. 14. (Tuesday's theme is repeated on Wednesday.) Call 570-523-1172 to register.

Daddy's Story Time: A story time for children and the special men in their lives will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19. No 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: Want to meet The Big Red Dog, Clifford? He is coming to visit the bookstore. Clifford will help to read a story and do a craft. You can even shake his paws. Come and join the fun 11 a.m. to Noon Saturday, Nov 19, Third Floor Community Room. This event is open to children ages infant to 10 and their parents or caregiver.

American Girl Book Club: Read "Meet Cecile" for this month's American Girl Book Club. Join us for a discussion with activity, 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, Third Floor Community Room. This club is for ages 7 to 12 and their dolls, and meets. Space is limited to 20 children, please call 570-577-3199 to reserve a space.

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
Dec.	Dec. 5

2011

Jan.	Jan. 6
Feb.	Feb. 3

MEETING DATE

2010

Nov. 21 (Linntown)
Dec. No Meeting

2011

Jan. 9 (Kelly)

Meetings held in respective school's library

THROUGH THE LENS: Photos from Our Schools



Fourth- and fifth-grade anti-bullying poster contest winners.



Linntown students raised more than \$520 through a coin drive and donated it to the Central Susquehanna Community Foundation to assist with the flood relief effort. The students pictured are Karla Melendez-Gonzalez, left, and Anton Permyashkin.



Crazy Day at Linntown



Call For Photos

Like what you see here?

Please send your photos of students, activities and/or accomplishments to lburgpsnewsletter@gmail.com.



Mrs. Evans fall party



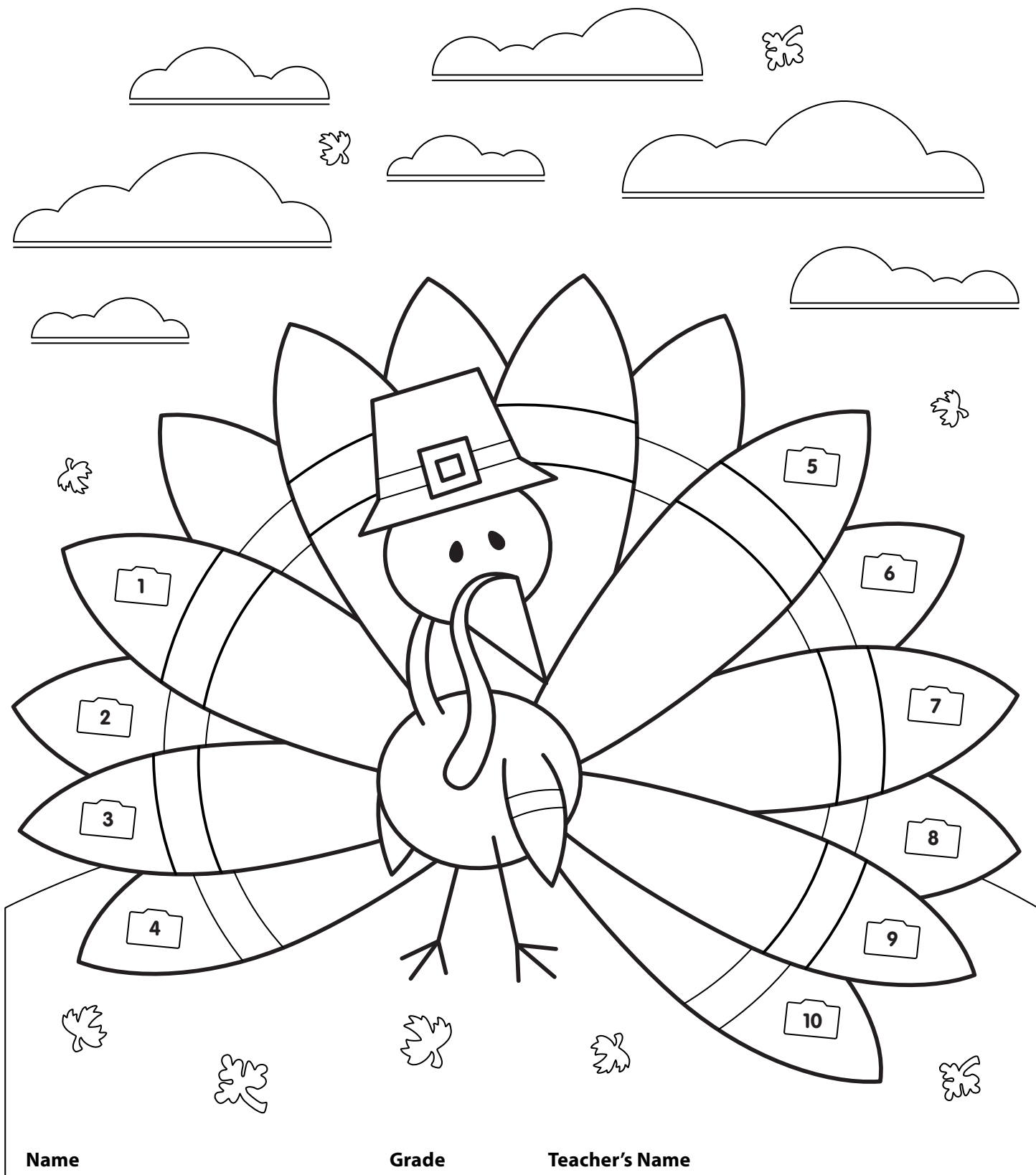
Pumpkin patch First grade field trip



Paragon Ragtime Orchestra



It's turkey time! Show your school how thankful you are with 10 Box Tops.



Thank you for helping! Every Box Top you collect is worth 10¢ for your school.

For more collection worksheets and projects, go to www.boxtops4education.com/activitycenter

Women's Cut
Runs small!



Logo will be white and centered across the chest

LEWISBURG
GREEN DRAGONS

A soft, cottony hand combines with sweat-wicking performance to keep you cooler and drier while training or lounging around. Raglan sleeves with flatlock stitching adds comfort and makes for easy movement. An anti-pill finish keeps this high-performer looking great.

5-ounce, 95/5 poly/spandex

Loose athletic fit

Double-needle stitching throughout

Tag-free transfer label

Raglan sleeves

Bright Pink

Adult sizes: XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL

\$15

(add \$1 for xxl; \$2 xxxl)



Available
in men's &
women's
cuts

Logo will be centered across the chest

LEWISBURG
GREEN DRAGONS

WICKING LONG SLEEVE WARM-UP SHIRT

100% polyester wicking mesh * Wicks moisture away from the body * Heat sealed label * Contrast color accent piping on front shoulder * Contrast color sleeve and side inserts * Set-in sleeves Double-needle hemmed bottom

Adult sizes: XS, S, M, L, XI, XXL, XXXL-men's cut only

XXXL-men's cut only

\$25

(add \$1 for xxl; \$2 xxxl)

2011-2012 Kelly and Linttown PSA Spirit Wear Sale

Order and payment due by Wednesday, November 23. Items will arrive around the second week in December. Order form on the back.

Look for Spirit Wear on display near the office at each school during parent teacher conferences.

Color photos and on-line payments available on the PSA website at <http://psa.dragonsites.org>

Adult \$7 and Youth Sizes \$6



Adult Sizes
Only

\$10



Youth Sizes
Only

\$7



Gildan Blended Short & Long Sleeve

T-shirts

Adult: S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL

Youth: S(6/8), M(10/12), L(14/16), XL-ig. silv. only (18/20)

**youth smalls and women's cuts run SMALL.*

T-shirt sales are final. Size changes cannot be made. Thank you for your understanding.