

LEWISBURG ELEMENTARY
PSA



NEWSLETTER
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LEWISBURG PSA President's MESSAGE

Happy Fall!

We've got a month of school under our belts and it's been a very busy one! The Kelly and Linntown building coordinators have worked with their committee of grade-level coordinators to randomly select the room parents. A complete listing of those room parents are included within this newsletter. Many, many hours were spent contacting the volunteers and filling in vacancies. A huge note of thanks goes to Katie Gill and Elizabeth Cooper for doing such a great job.

We are also underway with our fall Scholastic Book Fairs. Kelly's was held Sept. 28 through Oct. 2 and Linntown's will be held Oct. 5 to 9. We thank you for your support of this program. We receive both financial benefits from Scholastic as well as the opportunity to provide your children's classrooms and libraries with new titles.

Work is ongoing with the Safe Schools Family Directory and we hope to distribute those before the end of the month. A huge amount of work goes into the compilation of this directory and a huge thanks goes to Marcey Nolan for her continuing efforts with the directory.

In an effort to take some small steps towards "greening" our PSA activities, we will be introducing a pilot program in Linntown Elementary during the Open House on Thursday, Oct. 8. In each classroom, you will have the opportunity to "opt out" of receiving a paper copy of the newsletter by signing up on a form that will be posted in your child's classroom. The current newsletters are available to be viewed on the PSA Web site and if you prefer to read it that way, you can opt out of having a paper copy sent home. We will give this program a try in Linntown and if all goes well, we will be introducing it at Kelly in the future.

Speaking of the PSA Web site...the newly updated Web site is up and running and all of the latest PSA information can be found on there. You will find a listing of current officers and committee members, the most recent newsletters, meeting dates and minutes from the PSA meetings. Our thanks goes to Tara Michaels for keeping this site updated. Be sure to check it out at <http://psa.dragonsites.org>.

As always, we'd love to see you at the next PSA Meeting. Please join us 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19, in the library at Kelly.

Tara Humphrey

Upcoming PSA Meetings

Oct. 19 – Kelly Elementary

Nov. 16 – Linntown Elementary

December – No meeting

LINNTOWN ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Off to a Wonderful Start

Dear Linntown Families,

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, you make sure that you contact the Linntown office at 522-3256. Although the teachers are very good about checking their e-mail, they may be unable to do so after their planning time. In addition, if a substitute is in, he or she would not have access to the teacher's e-mail account or the teacher's voice-mail. All of us want to ensure that the students get home safely and to the proper place. Your assistance in following these procedures is most appreciated.

Linntown was very fortunate to receive a great deal of new technology this year. We currently have six laptop carts in the building, as well as our desktop computer lab. Each of our fourth and fifth grade classrooms also now has an interactive whiteboard that can be used to make lessons and activities more hands-on. The teachers are just learning the new technology and, as a building, we are all in various states of learning how to best use the equipment that has been made available to us. I can't tell you how fortunate I am to be in a building where teachers are always willing to try new approaches and techniques to best meet the needs of our students.

Mrs. Miller, our guidance counselor, has started to conduct guidance lessons in the classroom. This year, she is using a program called "Kids Helping Kids". This program is specifically designed for fourth and fifth grades. The key focus is on friendship and relational aggression, better known as bullying. Unfortunately, the intermediate years can often be a time where bullying can begin to occur. Our hope is that by implementing this program, and continuing with the procedures we have in place, we will create a safe and positive school environment that is bully-free.

For many of you, this may be the last copy of the PSA newsletter that you will receive in your fourth or fifth grader's backpack. In an attempt to go "green," we are encouraging Linntown families to take advantage of the link on the PSA Web page <http://psa.dragonsites.org/> and will access the newsletter in that manner. We will have sign-up sheets available at open house for parents to indicate if they no longer wish to receive a printed copy of the newsletter from Linntown. We are hoping that with the information being available online, or via a hard copy from a sibling at Kelly, that we can be environmentally friendly and cut down on the amount of paper we use.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have regarding our school. We greatly value your input.

Sincerely,

Paula Reber





KELLY ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kelly Cares for Kids

Dear Parents and PSA Members,

Fall is upon us and all the excitement that comes with a new teacher, new grade, and new beginning has begun to fade like the leaves on the trees. What once was the unknown is now daily routine and the teachers have established the day-to-day operations and expectations of the classroom. Most of us have had the chance to experience these expectations first hand in the form of homework. I would like to thank each of you for taking the time to revisit the concept with your child. This little bit of time can make all the difference for your child when he or she returns to class the following day. I would also like to take a second to encourage you to read with your child daily. The more practice he/she gets in the area of reading, the better they will be come. Reading proficiency at the end of third grade is often an indicator to future success in school. Ten minutes a day can make all the difference.

The parent center is officially open and ready for visitors. The center is located in the back hall directly across from the Kindergarten area and next to the computer lab. Any time that you are visiting with us, please take a couple of minutes to stop by and take a look at a few of our resources. Many of you will remember answering a survey that was sent home last year pertaining to parents and the kinds of things you would like to see from the school. We tallied these surveys and went in search of materials to meet the various needs identified by the survey. Several items were purchased including DVDs and books on various topics from anxiety to parenting. This and much more can be checked out for use at your leisure. We only ask that you try to limit the amount of time you hold on to any particular item as others may want to view it as well.

October has lots of fun and exciting events. Red Ribbon Week will run from the 26th through the 30th. This is a fun-filled week where our students hear many anti drug messages. The theme for the week will be "Better Things to Do." Our teachers will focus on age-appropriate-drug-related activities. Miss Cristini will publish a schedule for the week and send it home with your child.

Other items in October:

- 6th open house first grade
- 8th fire prevention program K-1
- 13th open house Kindergarten
- 19th PSA meeting at Kelly
- 20th tour of Kelly 7 p.m.
- 22nd and 23rd individual picture day (classroom teacher will let you know which day)
- 27th Community Dialog No. 2 to discuss future facilities planning (High School)

Dustin Dalton



Make a Difference for Our Schools

Clip Box Top coupons from favorite products and send them to our school.

Shop at your favorite online stores through the Box Tops MarketplaceSM (btfe.com/marketplace), and up to 8% of your qualifying purchase will automatically be donated to our school with no additional cost to you!

Purchase books through the Box Tops Reading RoomSM at Barnes & Noble.

We've recently launched our 2009-2010 Box Tops for Education fundraising campaign. This year we've set a goal of earning \$3,000 through Box Tops for our school.

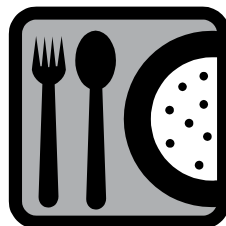
Tuesday, Oct. 13, is the deadline to submit box tops. Please submit clipped Box Tops in baggies with the name of your child's teacher.

For more information on how you can help our school earn cash through Box Tops for Education, contact Kim Gilger, our Box Tops coordinator, at gilger@dejazzd.com or visit btfe.com.

Sincerely,

Kim Gilger

Box Tops Coordinator



Cafeteria Help Needed

Help is needed in the cafeteria to aide students with their lunches each day throughout the school year. **Lunch runs from 11:00-1:15.** If you would like to help out, please sign up on the calendar located at the school office or e-mail Maureen Starmack at tmstarmack@dejazzd.com. You may stay the entire time or as long as you desire.

Extra help is needed Wednesday Oct. 14 and Wednesday Oct. 28.

You Are Invited

Parents,

Please note the following information. The public is invited to a Second Community Dialogue to help the district develop a Master Facilities Plan on Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 7 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria. A tour of the high school will be provided at 6 p.m. prior to the meeting. A tour of Linntown Elementary School and the Donald H. Eichhorn Middle School will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 7 p.m. beginning at Linntown. Also, a tour of Kelly Elementary School will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. to all allow the public to see the current conditions of all our schools prior to the next Community Dialogue. Further information on this can be found of the district website at www.lasd.us.

2009-2010 ROOM PARENTS

Dear Parents,

Thanks to all who volunteered to be room parents this year! The selection process consisted of the building coordinators from Kelly and Linntown meeting with their committee of grade-level coordinators to blindly draw the room parents from the pool of volunteer forms that had been sorted by grade and teacher. Please keep in mind that some classes had many volunteers while others only had one, so you will see some people listed as a room parent for more than one classroom.

If you volunteered to be a room parent and were not selected, please be sure to contact your child's room parents if you are willing to help in other capacities. There are also many volunteer opportunities that can be discovered by attending the next PSA meeting on October 19, 2009. Thanks for your willingness to volunteer!

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Save the Date Kelly School

Oct. 6 7:00 p.m. First Grade Open House
Oct. 13 7:00 p.m. Kindergarten Open House
Oct. 19 7:00 p.m. PSA MEETING
Oct. 22 to 23 Individual Picture Days
Dec. 8 7:00 p.m. Second Grade Music Program

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Save the Date

Linntown School

Oct. 5 to Oct. 10 Book Fair Week

Oct. 8 7:00 p.m. Open House

Nov. 5 to 6 Parent-Teacher Conference

Nov. 16 7:00 p.m. PSA Meeting

Dec. 14 7:00 p.m. Fourth Grade Winter Concert

Dec. 15 7:00 p.m. Fifth Grade Winter Concert



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Back to School Sweepstakes

You could WIN a Busload of gear for your school!

Log on to www.labelsforeducation.com and click on the "Win a Busload" icon at the bottom .

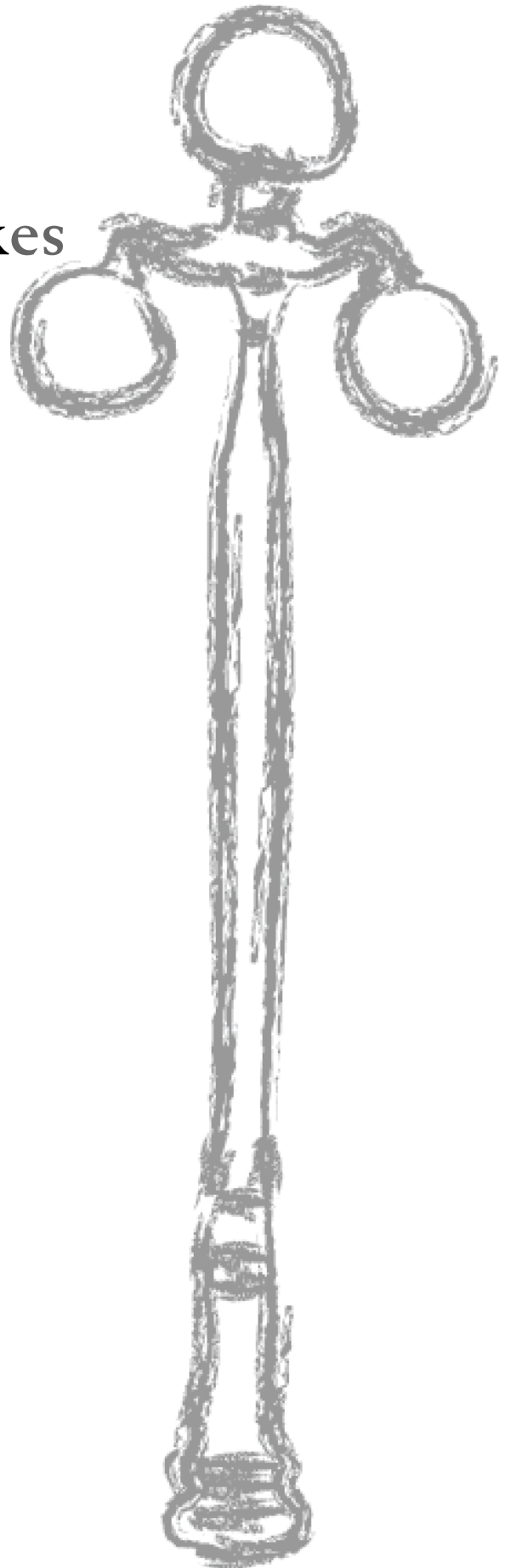
Enter before Oct. 31, 2009.

Keep clipping those UPCs from Campbell's and Pepperidge Farm products.

Save the CAPS from V8 products.

We've submitted 4,171 points so far.

Way to go Kelly and Linntown!



Show Your School Spirit

The PSA will once again be selling spiritwear for students and their families. We are still working on the image and product selection

More information will be sent home soon.

Coming Soon

The Safe Schools Directory is still a work in progress, but it will come soon.

If you have any questions, please contact Marcey Nolan at mnolan@bucknell.edu

Scholastic Book Fairs:

Linntown Book Fair:

Monday Oct 5 - Oct. 9

Open Thursday evening during the Open House



ON YOUR MARKS...

GET SET...

DASH!



DRAGON DASH

The 2nd Dragon Dash FUNdraiser is scheduled for Jan. 22, 2010, (snow day Jan. 29) at both Kelly and Linntown schools. This event promotes a sense of community and emphasizes wellness while raising funds (in a non-commercial way) to support our schools. Kids obtain sponsorships for their 15-minute run/walk during the school day.

The Dragon Dash is a ton of fun for kids, teachers, staff, parents and volunteers. The funds are used to support school programs and purchases that benefit Kelly and Linntown students. Examples of these programs are the Related Arts programs, the Student Assistance Fund (which continues to grow each year) and teacher grants used for classroom related purchases.

In the next few months, you'll be hearing more from us about the Dragon Dash and how you can help. In the meantime, start saving your pennies and lacing up your sneakers!

For more information, contact Tara Michaels at michaels@dejazzd.com or Courtney Rosevear at briscoe0301@yahoo.com.

Related Arts Update

Do you know how to tell a moth from a butterfly? (Hint: It's not about bright colors and patterns or the lack thereof). The fourth graders do, thanks to Rick Mikula, who visited Linntown Sept. 26 and did a program about butterflies. Rick is owner and operator of Hole-In-Hand Butterfly Farm and MonaMe Kennel in Hazleton. He is president of the International Butterfly Breeders Association. Rick is also a butterfly habitat consultant to many schools, commercial businesses, museums and zoos and has designed many "live butterfly" displays such as The Hershey Gardens

Butterfly House and the Butterfly house at Reptiland. If you are interested in raising butterflies or in helping butterflies survive and flourish, find out more by visiting Rick Mikula's Web site, <http://butterflyrick.com>. You might also learn how to create thunder while you are there!

On Oct. 21, Kim Brown will reveal to second graders the secret formula for drawing the famous Arthur character. Kim Brown is the real-life inspiration for Marc Brown's character, D.W.

PSA Newsletter Material Deadlines

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| Nov. 09 | Nov. 2 |
| Dec. 09 | Nov. 30 |