

KELLY & LINNTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

*A*s PSA President, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone to a brand new school year! I hope you have all found yourselves enjoying our opening days.

With our first weeks behind us, the PSA is moving full steam ahead. By now, you should have received, and hopefully, returned your PSA Safe Schools Directory form and the Volunteer/Room Parent form. If you have not already done so, please return those forms as soon as possible. If you have not received a form, they are available on the district Web site on both the Kelly and Linntown homepages – www.lasd.us – or you may contact me at tarahumphrey@mac.com.

The room parent selections will happen in the next few weeks and a complete listing of the room parents will be published within the next newsletter.

Every family within our schools is a member of our PSA. **Our next meeting will be held on Monday Sept. 21, 2009 at 7 p.m. in the library at Linntown.** Please plan to join us and see what the PSA is all about.

As you may recall, we announced last Spring that we will not be holding the fall fundraiser this year, but instead will focus our fundraising efforts on the Dragon Dash to be held Jan. 22, 2010. Mark your calendars now and keep your eyes open for information to be presented in the upcoming months.

I'm looking forward to a productive year and I look forward to seeing many new and familiar faces at our PSA meetings!

Tara Humphrey
PSA President

Upcoming PSA Meetings

Aug. 17 – Kelly Elementary
Sept. 21 – Linntown Elementary
Oct. 19 – Kelly Elementary
Nov. 16 – Linntown Elementary
December – No meeting

It is Back to School Time!!

Hello Parents and PSA Members,

Welcome back to all of our returning Kelly students. For all of you who are first timers and kindergartners, welcome to Kelly Elementary. For the past several years, our motto has been Kelly Cares For Kids! It has never rung more true than now. We have more than 570 students who have been entrusted to our care; we plan to love each of them and provide them with the safest, most nurturing learning environment possible.

Let me begin by telling you a little about the day to day operations of Kelly. Students arrive each morning between 8:00 and 8:30. Students are greeted by our staff members, who then guide them to the cafeteria. If the student has already eaten breakfast, he/she will be asked to participate in our morning reading program located in the gym. Third-grade students are paired with first graders and second graders are paired with kindergartners for the purpose of buddy reading. We are looking for every opportunity to engage our students in literature and we are always looking for parent volunteers to help with this task. At its peek, we can have as many as 200 students in the gym at this time. The time that the students arrive will affect the amount of time they are engaged in a book. All students are released to their classrooms at 8:15, when they are greeted by their classroom teacher.

We operate on a six-day cycle. This means that our first-, second-, and third-grade students will participate in music and physical education classes three days per cycle. They will participate in art, library, and computer day each per cycle. Your child's teacher will send a schedule home that will give a better understanding of the process. We ask that you please send your students with proper PE footwear on PE days, but also consider sending students in footwear that promotes safe play daily. All students participate in recess approximately 20 minutes per day. During this time, the students run, play games, and play on recreational equipment. Our playground consists of a blacktop area, a field, and a mulched equipment area so we have had injuries occur due to the kinds of shoes the children were wearing.

The month of September is a busy one as we get back in the full swing of providing the students with meaningful learning opportunities. We would also like the chance to get to know the parents who entrust us with their most precious possessions. We will be hosting a series of open houses. Please note that we host each grade level individually. Sept. 15 (third grade), Sept. 29 (second grade), Oct. 6 (first grade) and the kindergarten evening is Oct. 13. Each teacher will be here to explain how their classroom works, and what the expectations are for the students.

On a final note, the parking at Kelly has been changed to meet the requirements of a safety audit done by the State Police. Each staff member has been issued a parking number in the lot that is located by the gym. All of the parking spaces in front of the building are now reserved for visitors. We do ask that you avoid parking in that area between 7:50 - 8:40 and 2:45 - 3:15 due to bus traffic. If those spots are full, feel free to use the overflow lot located in the rear corner of the south side of the building.

We are extremely excited about the start of school as I am sure the students are as well. I want to personally thank each of you for allowing us to have the opportunity to educate your child. I look forward to seeing each of you throughout the course of the year.

Sincerely,
Dustin Dalton
Principal Kelly Elementary

Welcome to another school year

Dear Linntown Families,

Welcome to the beginning of another school year! We are off to a great start here at Linntown. Our fifth graders are excited to be back and are enjoying being the "big kids" in the building. The fourth-grade students are making an excellent transition to the school and are well on their way to learning the layout and procedures of Linntown. In fact, their main question right now seems to be "When does Thrifty Threads open?" Many have also commented on how the building is so "shiny". Our custodial staff does a wonderful job of preparing Linntown for the opening of school and maintaining it throughout the year.

For those of you who do not know me, allow me to share a little background about myself. This year, I am starting my 19th year in the district. I was fortunate to begin my teaching career here in Lewisburg, teaching first and second grades for 14 years. In the fall of 2005, I joined the Linntown staff as an assistant principal and became the principal in June of 2006. It is with much excitement that I begin my fifth year as an administrator at Linntown..

Should you visit the school during the day, please remember to sign in at the office and to obtain a visitors pass. To lessen interruptions to classroom instruction, please refrain from calling your child's classroom during the day. If you call the front office, we will relay a message to the teacher and he or she will get back in touch with you. We also ask that at the end of the day, you follow the pick-up procedures for the school. Please remain in your vehicle and proceed single file through the line. The safety of our students is of the utmost concern to us and we thank you for your cooperation.

Linntown is very pleased to be using PowerSchool, our student management system, for our emergency and health forms again this year. You should have already received these forms in the mail with much of the information already pre-populated. If you haven't already, please update the forms and return them to your child's homeroom teacher. In addition, you should have received information regarding the parent portal of PowerSchool, which will allow you to access your child's grade and attendance online. If you did not receive these forms, please contact the Linntown office at 522-3256. Also, please make sure you read the student handbook You will also want to check the calendar for Linntown and the district at www.dragon.k12.pa.us to stay current on special events that are occurring.

Frequent and open communication between home and school is a vital component for a successful school year. Please feel free to contact me throughout the year. I do ask that you first address any classroom concerns or questions directly with your child's teacher. All of us here at Linntown share the common goal of providing each child with learning experiences that will develop academic, social, and emotional success. I look forward to working with everyone in the Linntown community this year, especially all the wonderful students you entrust to us each day.

Fondly,
Paula Reber
Linntown Principal

LINNTOWN ELEMENTARY



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to another great year at Kelly and Linntown Elementary! My name is Kim Gilger and I'm the volunteer coordinator for Box Tops for Education. This year, our goal is to raise \$3,000.00 for our school. Box Tops offers three easy ways to earn cash for our school through everyday activities such as buying groceries, shopping online and purchasing books.

Clip — Clip Box Top coupons from hundreds of participating products and send them to school. Box Tops coupons are worth 10¢ each when our school redeems them from Box Tops for Education.

Shop — Shop at your favorite online stores through the Box Tops MarketplaceSM (btfe.com/marketplace). Up to 8% of each qualifying purchase is automatically donated to our school. There is no additional cost to your purchase and many exclusive deals and discounts can be found!

Buy books — Purchase books online at Barnes & Noble through the Box Tops Reading RoomSM. Our school will receive 6% of your new book purchases and 3% of all other online purchases.

One of the easiest ways you can help is to sign up to support our school at btfe.com. You will learn about new and easy ways to help our school earn the extra cash it needs.

Exclusive Web benefits:

- See how much our school is earning with Box Tops
- Enter online promotions for chances to win Bonus Box Tops
- Print money-saving coupons for your favorite Box Tops brands
- Make mealtime easier with family-pleasing recipes

Plus, you can sign up for e-mail newsletters to receive new-product updates, and Box Tops members-only deals and discounts at Box Tops MarketplaceSM retail stores.

All box tops must be counted and bundled for submission. Due to the limited number of volunteers that work on the box tops, we ask that you please trim your box tops and submit them to your child's classroom in a plastic baggie. Please write the teacher's name on the baggie, as prizes will be awarded throughout the year for those classrooms that collect the most box tops. Our first deadline is Oct 13.

Thank you for your participation in this valuable program!

To learn more, visit btfe.com — and thanks for choosing to make a difference for our school with Box Tops!

Sincerely,
Kim Gilger
Box Tops Coordinator

Web site Update

We are currently in the process of updating the PSA Web site. Once it is completed, you will be able to find copies of meeting minutes, agendas, PSA-sponsored events all in one easy location.

Be sure to stop by and check it out at <http://kelly.lasd.us/index.cfm?pageid=3410>

Labels for Education Collection Drive

Dear Parents:

Welcome back to school! The Labels for EducationSM program is a great way to get FREE merchandise for our school, and it's even better this year. With your help, Kelly Elementary can make this year the best ever!

To meet our goals, we need to collect 25,000 points. Participating in the program is easy — simply save proofs of purchase from participating Campbell products and send them to our school.

Some of the products eligible for redemption during the 2009-2010 program year include:

- Campbell's® soups
- SpaghettiOs® Pasta
- Campbell's® beans, gravies, and canned pasta
- Prego® Italian sauces
- Swanson® broths and canned poultry
- Campbell's® tomato juice
- Pepperidge Farm® breads, cookies, crackers, and frozen products
- Campbell's Foodservice products

Campbell's has made it easier for Kelly Elementary to reach our collection goals with products worth 5 points! The following products are worth 5 points for the 2009-2010 program year:

- 26 varieties of condensed soup in specially marked cans
- All Campbell's® Microwavable Soups
- All V8® Soups
- All Campbell's® Select Harvest™ Soups
- SpaghettiOs® Pasta (Original and Meatball)

Visit labelsforeducation.com for a complete list of eligible products and point values. Help multiply our efforts by asking your friends and family to collect proofs of purchase on behalf of our school. If you have any questions, or would like to help with our Labels for Education collection drive, please contact our program coordinator Cayce Carlsson at caycarl@sbcglobal.net. Don't forget to visit labelsforeducation.com for a complete list of participating products and more information about the program. Thanks so much for your support. Together with Campbell's Labels for Education — we can build a better school for our children.

Sincerely,

Cayce Carlsson

Soup Label Coordinator



Scholastic Book Fairs:

Kelly Book Fair:

Monday Sept. 28 - Oct. 2

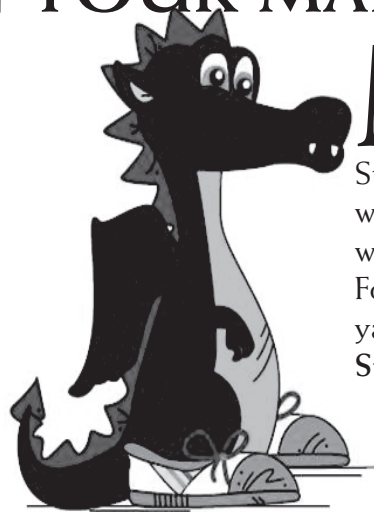
Open Tuesday evening during the Open House

Linntown Book Fair:

Monday Oct 5 - Oct. 9

Open Thursday evening during the Open House

ON YOUR MARKS...GET SET... DASH!



Mark your calendar for the 2nd Dragon Dash Fundraiser scheduled for Jan. 22, 2010, snow day Jan. 29, at Kelly and Linntown schools.

Students are asked to seek sponsorship for their 15-minute run/walk during the school day which will raise funds for the PSA without selling anything but wellness!

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

Start saving your pennies and lacing up your sneakers!

DRAGON DASH

Save the Date

Linntown School

- Sept. 10 1:30 p.m. Fifth Grade Band/String Demonstration
- Sept. 11 2:00 p.m. Fourth Grade String Instrument Demonstration
- Sept. 21 7:00 p.m. PSA Meeting
- Oct. 2 Picture Day
- Oct. 5 to Oct. 10 Book Fair Week
- Oct. 08 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

Kelly School

- Sept. 15 7:00 p.m. Third Grade Open House
- Sept. 22 7:00 p.m. Second Grade Open House
- Oct. 5 to Oct. 9 Fall Book Fair
- 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

PSA Newsletter Material Deadlines

2009		2010	
Issue Month	Deadline	Issue Month	Deadline
Oct.	Sept. 28	Jan.	Jan. 11
Nov.	Nov. 2	Feb.	Feb. 1
Dec.	Nov. 30	Mar.	Mar. 1
		Apr.	Mar. 29
		May	May 3

Greening the Green Dragons

Earth Day won't come around again for many months, but it may still be on your mind. Are you interested in making every day Earth Day? Would you like to see the LASD "go green?" Are there ways you could help us pursue sustainability?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you are invited to attend a meeting on school greening organized by the Lewisburg-based Local Action Network (LAN). The meeting will be Monday, Sept. 21, at 8:30 p.m. at St. Paul's United Methodist Church (42 S. 4th St.) in Lewisburg. LAN is an all volunteer community group dedicated to promoting sustainability and relocalization in the Central Susquehanna Valley. We will meet others who are also interested in helping the school district go green. We will review options for programs and funding that are available locally, hear about successful programs from other local schools, and discuss the community's particular interest areas.

All are welcome — parents, teachers, students, staff, administrators, or general community members. For more information on the Local Action Network, please call 522.8159 or visit www.LocalAction-PA.org.



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