September 10, 2019

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Message from the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

Welcome back to school! Our PTO is already in full swing for the 2019-20 school year, and we are excited to keep the momentum going throughout the year. You are all members of the PTO, and we hope you’ll find a way to participate...stay tuned for Power Hour Information Sheets heading your way! We are currently in need of volunteers to participate in our International Night Committee, to help us with our Fall Festival, and to coordinate our Talent Show. Grab a friend or two and email us at agnorhurtpto@gmail.com to let us know how you’ll help out. We encourage all parents, caregivers and students to attend our next PTO meeting on Sept 24 at 6:30pm in the library. Don’t forget to follow/like us on Facebook and sign up to receive our e-newsletter at www.agnorhurtelementarypto.org.

T-Shirt and Grit Coffee Fundraisers

We have kicked off our T-Shirt and Grit Coffee Fundraiser Sales and look forward to your participation. Short sleeve and long sleeve t-shirts and hooded sweatshirts can be ordered online through Custom Ink at https://www.customink.com/fundraising/agnor-hurt-pto.

Fill out the hard copy Grit Coffee Fundraiser form and return it in your child’s parent/child communication folder (red folder) ASAP. Our “Good Morning Gators!” Side Hustle Medium Blend Coffee is roasted at our local Grit Coffee Shop.

Library Volunteer Opportunity

Do you like to organize? Are your cereal boxes in alphabetical order? If so, we have the perfect volunteer job for you in the library! Help is needed with organizing books and getting them back on the shelves. Training will be provided and the hours are completely flexible. Contact Cary Shaffer at cshaffer@k12aslbemarle.org or in the library.

Children’s Magazines - Reuse

Do you have recent children’s magazines hanging around the house like National Geographic Kids or Sports Illustrated for Kids? Let’s reuse them in the library! Please ensure they are recent, child-focused and in good condition only. Drop them off anytime on the librarian’s desk. Thank you!

Thank you

Thank you to Tracey Payne and her family for all the beautiful updates to our flower beds and flower pots around the building. It looks amazing!

Thank you to all the parents who brought in food items for our Welcome Back Staff Breakfast held on Monday, August 12. The staff was thrilled to kick off the year with such a delicious start!

We so appreciate Jimmy John’s donation of Mini Jimmys for our Staff Luncheon that was held on August 20. Thank you to Grit Coffee for your donation of coffee for us to taste at our first PTO Meeting and Back to School Night.
Thank you to the UVA Darden School of Business for sending us volunteers to freshen up our flowers, water, seal our picnic tables and raised garden beds, freshen up our blacktop lines, and start our posters for International Night and Fall Festival.

2019 International Night
Our 2019 International Night will be held on October 18, and we hope to have everyone participate in sharing their cultural background and celebrating the diversity of our school community. If you are interested in helping to plan this event, join our International Night Committee by emailing us at agnorhurtpto@gmail.com.

2019 Fall Festival
Believe it or not, we are requesting sponsorships and silent auction items for our Fall Festival being held October 26 from 3-6 p.m. Our request letters have been updated and the PTO is requesting some help reaching out to businesses in the area. Please email us at agnorhurtpto@gmail.com to help out! We use sponsorship monies to rent our inflatables and purchase materials for games/activities. Money raised from our Fall Festival goes directly back into our school community for the remainder of the school year (i.e. Fall Festival 2019 will help us reimburse teachers for materials/supplies during the 2019-20 school year).

Easy Ways to Raise Money for Our School
Our school fundraising efforts are year-round. The funds we raise go directly back into our school community for materials and supplies, outdoor improvements, field trips and assemblies and more. Check out these ways to earn money for Agnor-Hurt while you shop:

1. Link your Kroger Card to our school. Invite your friends and family to do the same, no matter where they live. You’ll have to create/log in to your account on https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/. Once you’re linked, you won’t have to do this again. We earn thousands of dollars from Kroger each year and really need everyone’s support here. You shop, we earn money.

2. Shop at https://smile.amazon.com/ – link your Amazon Prime account and every purchase you make helps earn our school money. You must shop through https://smile.amazon.com/ to earn money back for our school...unfortunately the app doesn’t help us out.

3. Box Tops for Education – they’re updating their program to an app that you can download at https://www.boxtops4education.com/newbtfe. You’ll scan your receipts and AHES will automatically earn money. In addition to this app, you can still clip and save your Box Tops as long as they haven’t expired. In fact, we can “double dip” and get extra points this year with your Box Tops that you send in to school and with the app!

4. We have a couple of teachers who are participating in the Staples Classroom Rewards from now through September 15. Log on at https://www.staples.com/classroomrewards to enter your receipt information and select one of our dedicated staff members to make a buck or two!

Direct Donations
We are accepting donations of any amount to obtain our Direct Donation goal of $5000 for the school year. Donations can be sent in cash or a check made out to AHES PTO in an envelope marked PTO Direct Donation in your child's red parent/teacher folder. Hop onto our website www.agnorhurtlementarypto.org or our Facebook page and hit the "Donate" button to donate online. Or swing by the office to leave cash or a check and the wonderful front office staff will get it to us. Thank you for all your support!

Contact Us/Stay Informed
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PTO Website
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School Website
www2.k12albemarle.org/school/AHES

The next Gator Gazette will be published September 24. The submission deadline is Sept 18.

Do you have information for the Gazette? Please send submissions to agnorhurtpto@gmail.com

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