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Message from the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

We would like you to join us at our next PTO meeting on Sept 24 at 6:30pm in the AHES library. Come see what we’re about. You are all members of the PTO and a part of our Agnor-Hurt community.

We hope you can participate in either small or big ways. Just contact us. 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. 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
(Both of these sales will run through Monday, September 30 even though no school this day.)

**T-Shirt Sale:**
- Purchase short sleeve, long sleeve, and hoodie sweatshirts at https://www.customink.com/fundraising/agnor-hurt-pto
- You can have your shirts/sweatshirts delivered directly to your home with paid shipping or you can have them sent to the school and we’ll notify you for pick up (you can pick up in the front office, at International Night (if they are ready), or at Fall Festival). Shirts will be printed and shipped approximately 2 weeks after our fundraiser is complete.

**Grit Coffee Sale:**
- Our Grit Coffee Fundraiser requires you to complete and return a hard copy order form (came home in your child’s parent/teacher communicator or visit our PTO website to print another). “Good morning Gators” will have our own personal label on Grit’s Side Hustle Medium Roast Blend. You can indicate whether you’d like to receive your coffee as whole bean or ground. Coffee will be delivered to you via your child’s backpack as soon as it is received (approximately 1 week after our fundraiser ends).

If You Build It, It Will Be Used

Okay, we need help from our community of builders, carpenters and deck creators!! We would like to build a small deck area in the back of our beautiful school. This would serve as a small outdoor classroom space and would be surrounded by our Peace Garden (which is also currently in the works). Who can help us design, measure, select correct supplies, and build it?! Please email agnorhurtpto@gmail.com if you are interested. We can make our backyard space amazing!

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 to be held on 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).

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 cschaffer@k12aslibemarle.org or in the library.

Parent Council - Albemarle County Public Schools (ACPS)
The mission of Parent Council is to serve as a forum for parents, educators, and school officials to share ideas and exchange information in order to further advance the quality of the public education system in ACPS. Parent Council is committed to providing opportunities for input and feedback from all stakeholders. Sept 18 meeting included:

- Region Ten and Ready Kids are co-hosting a free monthly parenting series this year. Please see the website (acpsparentcouncil.org) Resources tab for more information.
- ACPS is working through challenges including bus routes, length of bus rides, and bus driver shortages. Parents are encouraged to contact dispatch (434-974-5764) with transportation-related issues such as late arrivals as they can track buses in real-time.
- Other topics shared were Away for the Day cell-phone initiative at the middle schools, the new competency-based report cards in elementary schools, and talent and career development focus for students in ACPS.
- Finally, PC and ACPS are actively seeking community input regarding school safety and the 2020-2021 budget. Please email agnorhurtpto@gmail.com with any ideas, concerns, suggestions about these two topics, and we’ll pass along to our PC representative.

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. 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/newbte . 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. 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.agnorhurtelementarypto.org or our Facebook page and hit the "Donate" button to donate online.

Contact Us/Stay Informed

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PTO Website
agnorhurtelementarypto.org

School Website
www2.k12albemarle.org/school/AHES

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

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