



The Bull's-Eye

November 2022
Allyson Dye, Editor



Dr. Barbara Wood, Principal
Ms. Kristen Lamm, Asst. Principal



Poquoson Elementary School
Parent Teacher Organization



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thank you
TO OUR SPONSORS

We are extremely appreciative of everything we receive, and would like to thank the following families who have donated as of October 14th:

Katherine Banton
Jennifer Barnes
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Rob & Allyson Dye
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Krista & Tim Goodale
Diane Jordan
Tracy & Jason Lewis
Alexis Moffitt

Jennifer & Jonathan
Moore
Amanda & John Pauls
Amanda Strickland
Lindsey Watson
Rebecca Weimert
Karla Watkins
Anjua White

The following classes brought in the most family sponsors forms and earned 10 extra minutes of recess:

3rd—Flynn 4th—Alcock 5th—Hood

Congrats to Mrs. Turner's class. They brought in the most money overall and earned a pizza party!

The teachers from each of these classes earned a \$25 gift card!



Upcoming Dates

11/3—PTO Meeting
11/10—Report Cards
11/11—No School (Parent-Teacher Conf)
11/14—Battle of the Schools (Bean's Spirit Night)
11/16—Early Dismissal
11/19 & 11/21—Bundt Cake Pick Up
11/21—Picture Make Ups
11/21-12/2—Book Fair
11/23-25—School Closed (Thanksgiving)
12/1—Family Night at the Book Fair

NOV. 3RD
6PM



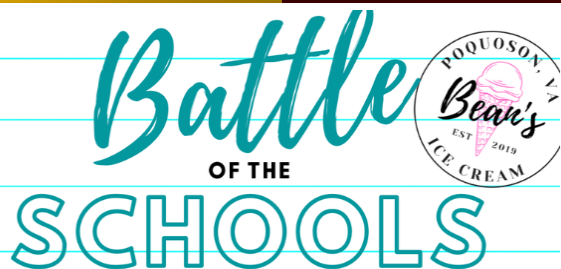
We are in full swing this year and are excited for what's to come! Come join us and see how you can help PES!



Nothing Bundt Cake Fundraiser

*Bundt cakes will be distributed on
Saturday, November 19th
9-11am*

*Additional Pickup Date/Time
Monday, November 21st*



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH
3-9PM

Battle of the Schools is coming back to Bean's Ice Cream.

Four local schools will compete over the month of November. Each school will receive 10% of the sales for their assigned day. The school that has the highest sales, will win a portion of all 4 spirit nights!

Come out and support PES PTO, eat some yummy ice cream, and help PES win the battle!!!



**November 21-
December 2**

**Family Night is Dec 1st
from 5-7pm!**

*The book fair is coming soon!
Come support the PES library and
pick up some great reading!*

POQUOSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, PTO
**SHOE DRIVE
FUNDRAISER**

HELP US COLLECT 700 PAIRS OF SHOES
BY APRIL 11 - JUNE 3, 2022!

**WE ACCEPT
NEW AND GENTLY USED**

**SNEAKER SHOES - ALL SIZES
(NO RIPS OR TEARS - NO HEELS, NO SLIPPERS)**

**TYPE OF SHOES THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED:
RUNNING SHOES, BASKETBALL SHOES, NON-
METAL CLEATS, CROSS TRAINERS, CANVAS
SHOES, GYM SHOES, HIKING BOOTS**

**PLEASE BRING IN SHOES IN A
PLASTIC BAG. STUDENT CAN
DROP OFF SHOES IN THE BINS
OUTSIDE THE FRONT OFFICE.**

**PLEASE PAIR SHOES BY:
TYING LACES
OR
USING A RUBBER BAND**

**For more information contact
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PES PTO Meeting Minutes

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October 6, 2022

Call to order: 6:04pm, Elizabeth Jones

Attendees:

Elizabeth Jones, Dr. Barbara Wood, Daniela Shaner, Roxanne Overby, Samantha Ward, Bobbi Wright, Jenny Defendeifer, Melanie Finch, Kristen Jones

Introductions - brief introductions by those in attendance

President, Elizabeth Jones

- Family sponsorships – email reminder sent to teachers and forms to be sent home by early next week at the latest. Contest will continue until Friday, October 28. Update on standings as of today (10/6):
 - 3rd - Agrinoni and Flynn tied
 - 4th - Alcock
 - 5th - Firth and Turner tied
 - Most money - Turner (\$250)
 - Total raised is \$771.63
- Helping Hands
 - Dr. Wood reported there are teachers who expressed a need for parent volunteer “readers” (PES children read to the parent). Will include as a part of Helping Hands volunteer sign-ups. Parent classroom volunteers will not be tied to their child’s teacher - parent would volunteer as a general classroom volunteer.
 - Suggestion for brief required orientation for all Helping Hands volunteers. Include reminders about the necessity for confidentiality surrounding the students they are working with and also any student disciplinary or other issues observed while in the building. Consider requiring signature on a form describing these and similar “expectations / responsibilities of all PES volunteers”
 - Dr. Wood will develop the brief orientation / any forms needed for volunteers
 - Elizabeth to send out an interest survey to our parent volunteer list to gauge interest for classroom / reading volunteers + helping hands task volunteers (“helping hands tasks” = teacher admin help such as laminating, cutting etc.)
 - 8:45am - 11:10am are encore times and Dr. Wood requests Helping Hands volunteers avoid these times. 12:00pm - 3:00pm timeframe would likely be ideal.
 - Teachers will provide task instructions on Helping Hands forms that will be left in the Upstairs Copy Room, along with any materials needed to complete the task.
- No Trunk or Treat this year because PHS Senior Class sponsors and parents hosting. Details to come from the PHS Senior Class (just now advertised in the PHS Newsletter to PHS Students soliciting trunk volunteers) – **Elizabeth was mistaken and the PHS Trunk or Treat is ONLY for seniors, not open to the public**
- Elizabeth asked if there is a Poquoson City Schools fundraising form? Dr. Wood to locate the form and Elizabeth to coordinate completing and filing with the School Board Office for the Nothing Bundt Cake Fundraiser.

Principal, Dr. Wood

- School year is off to a great start. There are a lot of new staff members at PES.
- 1 open position remains, substitutes are being used to cover. There is a teacher shortage everywhere - this is not a challenge only to PCPS
- Much improved morale overall this year around the school - positive environment and a lot of teamwork
- Gratitude journals were bought by Dr. Wood for all PES staff this year. The brain is naturally trained to problem solve so naturally always thinking about problems. Gratitude journal idea will re-focus on the positive.
- Additional reading specialist was hired with additional State funding
- Dates to come out for Reading Night / Math Night / other similar parent nights (these are where teachers from each grade level put together “centers” for parents to come to PES with the students on a designated evening to work through the “centers” and get a better idea of what the students are doing in each area)
- Parents will soon be able to come in for lunch visits with PES students again
- Dr. Wood also noted there is a Book Fair scheduled for early December at PES - dates are 11/28/22 - 12/2/22. Dr. Wood will coordinate with PES Librarian as to need for any volunteers during the Fair.
- Dr. Wood will look into need for Picture Day volunteers - 10/26/22

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Vice President and Spirit Wear, Roxanne Overby

- Corporate sponsorships
 - For the first time, combined corporate sponsorship efforts with PPS. This is because sponsors at a certain level will go back on the spiritwear shirts.
 - Just over \$6,700 raised in corporate sponsorships - 50% comes to PES. PES portion is approx. \$3,400 which is a huge success considering only \$1,000 was budgeted for corporate sponsorships at PES.
- Spirit wear
 - Spiritwear sales are active now through 10/14. Online only sales are being offered through PPS and PES. Check for total spiritwear sales will come from the vendor and 50% of the total will go to PPS and 50% will go to PES.
- Swag
 - Consider spending ~\$1,200 to purchase swag - including socks, Pura Vida bracelets (maroon and gold in color and the Pura Vida "P" tag also goes with the Poquoson theme), possibly also water bottles, stickers, gold shirt w/ P (to match the "Brave Bull" plush stuffed bull shirt that has been sold at PPS), extra hats from the current spiritwear offering. Suggestion to also consider offering a cinch bag, car magnets and / or yard signs.
 - Swag would be offered in the Spring / next year PTO table at Open House. Could incentive parents to stop at the PTO table and make a PTO donation in addition to swag purchase.

Treasurer, Erika Chwalik (unable to attend)

- Reviewed Treasurer's Report submitted by Erika electronically (including budget + actual income and expenses to date).
 - Explanation provided for the \$200 "expense" in the sponsorship line item is not actually an expense - it was petty cash taken out so change was available at Open House and was re-deposited with membership donation deposit
 - \$350 was spent in August for the Hospitality Luncheon
- **MOTION** by Roxanne Overby to approve the 2022 2023 PES PTO budget as presented on the Treasurer's Report. Second by Melanie Finch. **MOTION PASSED**, unanimously.

Fundraising, Jen Defendeifer

- Nothing Bundt Cakes Fall Fundraiser
 - Thank you to Lorrie Challoner for her assistance in getting the fundraising information out during a very busy time
 - Flavors were chosen based on most successful sellers from last years' fundraiser
 - 10/18 is final deadline for student orders to be turned in
 - Final order turned into Nothing Bundt Cakes by 10/24
 - Friday late afternoon / evening - 11/18 - many volunteers will be needed at PES to sort Bundt Cake orders. All orders will be sorted and organized to be ready for pick-up Saturday morning.
 - Saturday morning - 11/19 - a few volunteers will be needed for distribution
 - Monday morning - 11/21 - Jenny will be available at PES to distribute any final orders not picked up
 - Sign-up genius will be sent out to all PTO Board members + any parents who turned in a PTO volunteer form at least 1 week prior (if not sooner)
 - Elizabeth requested paper boxes be saved by PES to be used for the larger orders
- The Fundraising Company (sneaker fundraiser)
 - Reminder of the nature of this fundraiser started last year and ongoing - collecting athletic shoes (clean) - we need to collect 700 and then turn in to a company in CA (who turn them over to a group based in Africa that teaches women to run a business and sell the shoes - this is why flip flops, dirty shoes, shoes with holes, etc. cannot be accepted)
 - If we collect 700 pairs of shoes, they pay us \$1,100
 - Updated shoe count - currently a little over 200
 - Jenny to move the boxes to PES to be stored in a designated open classroom
 - Jenny writing up a new flyer explaining the project to go home with all current students. Also having a sign created to track progress of shoes collected toward our goal to be displayed at PES.
- Beans Ice Cream Spirit Night
 - Battle of the Schools on Monday, November 14 - 3-9PM (compete against 3 non-Poquoson schools). PES PTO table will be setup at Beans with PTO volunteers from 5-7PM (possibly spiritwear / swag for sale).
 - All schools collect 10% of sales from individual spirit night and an additional 5% from other schools if your school brings in the most
 - Suggestion to see if the PHS bull mascot could come to spirit night for pictures. Also question if we could provide the bull with a PES spiritwear shirt to wear

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- Elizabeth to send flyer template to Jenny that was used by the high school which can be edited for this event.
- Suggestion to reach out to the School Board Office about getting notice about the spirit night up on the electronic message board coming into the City.
- Consider offering a raffle for Bean's Gift Cards (3 \$10 gift cards to be purchased by PES PTO) - raffle ticket offered to anyone who brings a pair of sneakers to donate to our Sneaker Fundraiser

Hospitality, Christy Hatchett and Daniela Shaner

- October 21: Chili bar (parents will donate items through Sign-Up Genius)
 - Dr. Wood reported this can be setup in the Teacher's Lounge
 - Elizabeth to send Sign-Up Genius account information to Hospitality Co-Chairs
 - Dr. Wood noted there is a bulk supply of bowls and plates on site that can be used
 - Dr. Wood noted Hospitality Co-Chairs can come in to PES anytime to inventory supplies / seasonal decorations on hand
- Staff bathroom baskets have been created (variety of pads, tampons, chapsticks, hair ties, smelly stuff). There are 5 baskets already filled and will be dropped off to PES next week - this is enough for 1 for each Pod bathroom.
- Regarding seasonal decorations in the Teachers Lounge - Dr. Wood noted Hospitality team could come in on a weekend or during the week outside of the lunch window (10:30-12:30)

Newsletter, Allyson Dye (unable to attend)

- Submission deadline is October 15

Book in a Bag, Lorrie Challoner (unable to attend)

- 531 books left over from Spring
- Fall date - December timeframe will allow ample time for planning and book order
- Dr. Wood to coordinate with Lorrie about a final date in December - possibly the week of 12/12/22 which is final week before Winter Break
- Elizabeth to coordinate with Lorrie about the new book order
- Dr. Wood noted the event could be held all in 1 day this year (vs. splitting up over a couple days as we had to do in recent years)

Assemblies, Lorrie Challoner (unable to attend)

- Assembly has been booked by PES for the Fall - in person assembly and Dr. Wood will coordinate with Lorrie on the details

Next meeting on Thursday, November 3 at 6pm in PES Library

Adjourned: 7:29PM, Elizabeth Jones

Minutes submitted by Kristen Jones, Secretary