

# ALEXANDER SPARTANS



## Join Us!

We're looking for volunteers to plan and execute activities throughout the year. Join us for our next PTA meeting!



December 2019

## From Your PTA

With the busy holiday season upon us, the PTA has held a number of fundraisers. Our goals are the same: support our children by raising funds to provide enrichment; and support our families by making things convenient for you! As always, participation is voluntary, but we hope that you find these are opportunities to cut down on errands, all while supporting our school.

Our first annual Dance-A-Thon was a huge success – our students had a blast at the event and we raised \$8,361 for our school! One hundred percent of the funds raised from this event are going back to the PTA and our school. A huge thank you to our school community and supporters!

Read on for an announcement about Learning Ally, a new program that will be available to our students and teachers. The PTA is proud to support this program – a great example of the types of classroom enrichment we aim to support with funds raised through our various programs and activities.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy holiday season and New Year. We are truly thankful for our amazing students and families, and look forward to 2020!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### JANUARY

#### PTA Meeting

January 14 • 7:15 p.m.  
School Library

#### Family Ice Skating

January 26 • 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.  
Mercer County Park

*Facility rental courtesy of PTA. Families are responsible only for cost of skate rental (if needed).*

### FEBRUARY

#### Sweetheart Dance

February 7 • 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

#### Founders Day

February 19 • Time TBD

#### Gertrude Hawk Spring Candy Sale

Dates TBD



Learning Ally is a new program that will be available to Alexander students in the coming year. Our teachers requested the PTA's support in purchasing this program at our December meeting, and the members unanimously voted to use Alexander PTA funds to implement the program as soon as possible.

What is Learning Ally Audiobook Solution? Learning Ally is a proven multi-sensory reading accommodation for students who fall into one of the following three categories: Reading Deficit, Blind or Visually Impaired, Other Physical Disability.

Learning Ally will be available to all of our teachers to use in their classrooms. Be on the lookout for more information about this program, how it will be used, and what it can offer all of our students.



## FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

It's been a busy fall season for our students and families! We enjoy seeing our students thrive in their classrooms. I'm especially happy to share that we had nearly 100 percent participation in our first set of parent-teacher conferences this fall. These opportunities to partner with families are appreciated by our teachers and essential for the success of our students.

As we look toward the winter parties, I do want to remind our families about our social media policies at school. It is important for all of us to remember that photos taken on school grounds during the school day must not be posted on personal social media accounts. This includes photos taken during class parties, like the upcoming winter parties. While we all love to share these memories, many parents have requested that their children's photos not be shared, and it is important that we maintain this level of privacy for our students and families. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday season and I look forward to seeing you at school in the New Year!

Sincerely,  
Joe Bookholdt

### *Alexander's First Dance-A-Thon*

**Our first Dance-A-Thon raised \$8,361 – nearly reaching our goal!** The students had a great time dancing the morning away, and were joined by staff from Dance It Up, who led dances with the students and helped keep them moving and grooving! We are grateful for the support of the entire school community for making this first-ever event such a success!

## Current Events



### Box Tops for Education

Many have asked about Box Tops. As you may know, Box Tops are going digital! Many thanks to the parents who have downloaded the app and are scanning your receipts to continue to support

PTA with Box Tops. The process is easy and fast – download the Box Tops for Education app and choose Alexander to benefit from your activity. Whenever you shop, use the app to photograph your receipts and your Box Tops are deposited into our account. Please continue to cut your paper Box Tops if you receive them and send them into school, as the PTA will collect them until the program is entirely digital. Thank you for supporting Alexander with Box Tops!

### Tricky Tray 2020!

March 20, 2020 will be here before we know it! Our annual Tricky Tray is consistently our biggest fundraiser and planning is in full swing. This year, we are excited to announce that we will hold the event at the Nottingham Ballroom. The committee has already obtained some great prizes and will be reaching out to local businesses to request business donations. If you (or someone you know) are a business owner and would like to donate to the event, please contact Lori Hutchins or Hillary McWhorter. If you are interested in helping the committee, Lori and Hillary would also love to hear from you – this event requires as many hands as possible! Lori and Hillary can be reached at lhutchins5@gmail.com, and hillarymcwhorter@gmail.com, or you can contact the PTA at JamesWAlexanderpta@gmail.com.

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