

ALEXANDER SPARTANS



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November 2019

From Your PTA

Happy Fall!

With the school year in full swing and the busy fall/holiday season fast approaching, the PTA is holding a number of fundraisers over the next few weeks. Our goals are the same: support our children by raising funds to provide enrichment; and support our families by making things convenient for you!

In our upcoming events section, you'll see details about upcoming fundraisers like Thanksgiving pies (what's more convenient than picking up your Thanksgiving pies when you pick up your children?), holiday gift cards, and more. As always, participation is voluntary, but we hope that you'll find that these are opportunities to cut down on errands while supporting our school.

Thanks to everyone who attended our annual Trunk or Treat! This event is not a fundraiser – we simply aim to offset event costs and provide a fun, festive environment for our families to enjoy. We are grateful for the feedback we've received on how to improve the event and will continue to listen and refine each year!

See you at school!



Trunk or Treat Winners 2019

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Gertrude Hawk Holiday Candy Sale

Orders taken November 1 – 14

Delivery in December

Thanksgiving Pie Sale

Orders taken November 1 – 15

Pickup on November 27 on school grounds (day before Thanksgiving)

Holiday Gift Card Sale

Orders taken November 12 – 22

Delivery in December

Simple Greek Dining Night

November 15, 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

PTA receives 25% of sales with flyer

Dine in or take out!

Killarney's Parents' Night Out

November 16, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Dance-a-Thon

Pledges taken from November 1 – 20

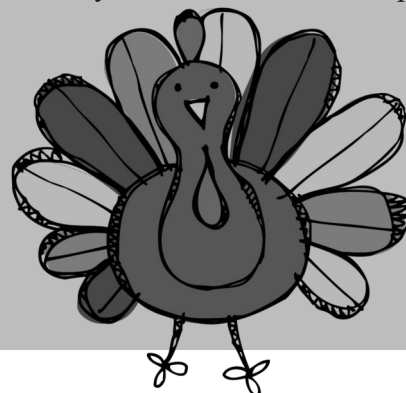
Kids dance on November 22

(during the school day)

Reflections

Submissions due November 11

Ceremony November 20 at 7:00 p.m.





FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

Thank you for your help with the transition into the school year – during our last PTA meeting I shared with our attendees that this year’s transition was one of the smoothest I’ve experienced in my career. Our teachers, families and students all contribute to that and we are grateful for your help in getting the year off to a great start. I value our collaboration and our shared goals for our students and school community.

We’ve seen some improvements to our play areas on school grounds over the course of this calendar year. We have a new playground, new soccer goals, new backboards for the basketball hoops, and more. We also received some new tables with solid surfaces that can be used for writing, which enable our teachers to hold lessons outdoors. Our PTA was instrumental in making these improvements happen. Some of these were paid for entirely by PTA funds and some were achieved with our PTA’s collaboration with the school board. Thanks to our PTA for supporting these efforts, and thanks to all of our school families, because the PTA can’t achieve any of these goals without your support. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Joe Bookholdt

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 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, as the PTA will collect them until the program is entirely digital. In fact, the class that brings in the most Box Tops by November 15 will win an ice cream party! Thank you for supporting Alexander with Box Tops!



Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair Committee thanks our Alexander Families, teachers and staff for making this fall’s Book Fair the most successful yet! Our total sales were \$10,184.90, which is over \$1,700 more than last Fall! We raised \$1159.21 from the All For Books Pencil Grams and Coin Collection, which ensures that every child in our school went home with books. It also contributed to our classrooms and Library. Mrs. Danch’s 5th Grade Class was the winner of our coin collection, which means that they chose Mr. Bookholdt’s costume for the Halloween Parade! Our Scholastic Dollar rewards now total over \$7,000 and go directly back to our school. The Book Fair ran smoothly from start to finish thanks to the efforts of our hardworking Committee and Volunteers. Thanks to all of you for your ideas, efforts and time!

Alexander’s First Dance-A-Thon

We are looking forward to our first ever Dance-a-Thon! The event will take place in the Multipurpose Room during the school day on November 22. This will be a fun event, with a live DJ and other fun activities to keep the kids moving and grooving. Fundraising will take place from November 1 – 20, and **our goal is to raise \$10,000** to support our children. There will be lots of prizes for fundraising and the top fundraiser will win a 2020 Hamilton Area YMCA Sawmill Pool Family Membership!





With Appreciation

Thank you for supporting our first few events this year. So far, we've raised (figures reflect profit):

- Johnson's Locust Hall Farm Fall Festival Wristbands - \$344
- KidStuff Coupon Books - \$1,525
- Friendly's Scoop Night - \$403
- Mum Sale - \$832.75
- Spirit Wear - \$725.87

We hold the Back to School Block Party as a fun, celebratory event for our school community, and do not consider this event a fundraiser. We aim only to recoup the costs of the event. This year, we were fortunate enough to profit \$314 on this event which, like all of our funds raised, will go directly to supporting our children and school.



Join Us!

We are looking for volunteers for committees that plan and execute activities throughout the year. Interested? Contact the PTA or join us for our next meeting!

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for a few of the events we have planned in November and December, including the Dance-a-Thon and Holiday Shop. Contact JamesWAlexanderPTA@gmail.com or message us on Facebook if you're interested in helping out. These are both daytime events taking place during school hours. We welcome your help for these or any other events you'd like to attend!

2019-2020 PTA Meeting Dates

Meetings begin at 7:15 p.m. in the School Library

November 12	March 17
December 10	April 14
January 14	May 12
February 18	June 9

Contact Your PTA

- Alexanderpta.com - **Check out our new website!**
- Facebook.com/AlexanderPTA
- jameswalexanderpta@gmail.com
- PTA Mailbox in the Alexander School Main Office

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UPcoming events

December

- Barnes & Noble Night
- Holiday Shop
- Babysitting Night at All Heart Academy
- Cheesecake Sales

January

- Family Ice Skating