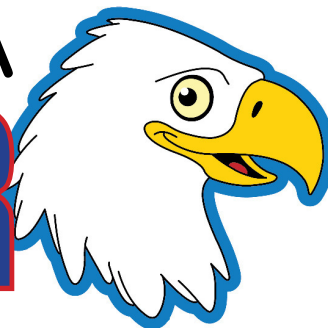


Altamonte Elementary School PTA

NEWSLETTER



THANK YOU to all of Altamonte Elementary... Teachers, Staff, Parents, and Students... for an active and engaged Fall season! PTA's motto is "EVERY CHILD. ONE VOICE." And also "ALL CHILDREN ARE OUR CHILDREN." Every individual helps to achieve these goals! Our Fall Fundraiser, and recent Wonderland Shoppes, were both very successful. These funds go directly to Programs to support our children, families, and teachers! We appreciate your Family Involvement in our school, and everyone's POSITIVE ATTITUDE at Altamonte Elementary! Say a special THANK YOU to your Teachers, for all the time and love they invest in our children!

Remember to always check the Altamonte Elementary PTA & School websites, for updates on many interesting programs and activities...PTA: www.AltamontePTA.org School: www.Altamonte.scps.k12.fl.us My wish for you this Holiday Season is to view it "THROUGH THE EYES OF YOUR CHILD". Ignore the chaos, and look for SIMPLE MAGIC and LOVE. During the Winter Vacation, "snuggle up & read" with your kids. Turn off the electronics (theirs and yours), and cherish the time you have with your children! Play simple board games, and do outdoor activities. Encourage them to read everyday (and then ask them what they learned, and what they think). Play math games in the car. Your goal is to keep their precious brains ENGAGED every day, so they will be ready to kick off a terrific 2018!

Happy Holidays to you!
Lori Behr, PTA President

It is hard to believe that December is here and 2017 is coming to an end. This is my first year serving on the PTA Board and I have enjoyed supporting events that support family engagement. We want to say THANK YOU to all AES families, teachers and staff members for your support.

One of the goals for the PTA this year is to increase family involvement and provide events to support academic success, especially in reading and math.

Thanks to you, we had a successful Family Reading/Math Bingo Night to support this goal. We had over 25 classes represented! Special thanks to the Mrs. Gamble, Ms. Duplantis and Mrs. Little for providing dinner and prizes for the event! We also want to thank the instructional coaches, teachers, parents and family members that volunteered to lead the various grade level bingo games. We could not have done this without you. This was a new program this year and the attendance was fantastic. Congratulations to Mrs. Murphy and her second grade class for having the most students participate. They will have a popcorn party this month.

Another way to support family engagement is to offer Family Spirit Nights on a variety of evenings/days of the week to meet different schedules. We added some different locations this year to provide a wide array of options. We hope you can participate in ONE Spirit Night this year. A portion of each Spirit Night proceeds return to the AES PTA. The funds we raise go back to our school to support family events, teacher recognition/appreciation and special projects.

What's next??? Check out our PTA Calendar for more events.

Do you have any suggestions on family events or Spirit Nights for next year? Please send us your ideas at altamonteelementarypta@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you at future events.

Sincerely,

Kelley Zulueta, PTA Vice President of Programs

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Altamonte Elementary
events and information!**

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Reminders

Winter Class Parties!



All grade levels will be having their Winter Class Parties on Wednesday, Dec. 20th during school. Feel free to coordinate with your student's teacher and room parent in order to help out.

Winter Candy-Grams!



During lunch Dec. 11-18th PTA will be selling Candy-grams! Each candy is \$0.50 OR buy for your whole class for just \$8! All sales benefit the 5th Grade End-of-the-Year Party.

Tijuana Flats School Spirit Night



Don't cook, PTA will be hosting another terrific dinner for our families on Wed., Jan. 17th from 5-8pm at Tijuana Flats at the 436 location.

Altamonte Elementary School
525 East Pineview Street
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701
407-746-2950

Pam Gamble *Principal*
Jo Duplantis *Assistant Principal*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 2017

12/1-12/6 (Fri-Wed) - Wonderland: Students Shop, 8:30am-2pm
12/5 (Tue) - Wonderland: Parents Shop, 5:30-7:30pm
12/5 (Tue) - Winter Music Program - 6-7pm, School Auditorium
12/8 (Fri) - Jason's Deli School Spirit Night, 5-10pm (436 location)
12/11-12/18 (Mon-Mon) - Candy-Gram Sales, during all lunch periods
12/15 (Fri) - Leadership/Hat Day (\$2)
12/19-12/21 (Tue-Thu) - Early Dismissal, 1pm
12/20 (Wed) - Winter Class Parties, All grade levels
12/20 (Wed) - Candy-Gram Delivery
12/22-1/5 (Fri-Fri) - NO SCHOOL, Winter Break!

JANUARY 2018

1/8 (Mon) - School resumes
1/8 (Mon) - 5th Grade Party Planning Meeting, 7-8pm, School Cafeteria
1/15 (Mon) - NO SCHOOL, MLK Jr. Day
1/17 (Wed) - Tijuana Flats School Spirit Night, 5-8pm (436 location)
1/18 (Thu) - Report cards go home
1/25 (Thu) Snuggle Up & Read Program, 5:30-7:30pm, School Auditorium
1/26 (Fri) - All Pro Dad Breakfast, 7:45-8:25am, School Media Center
1/26 (Fri) - Leadership/Hat Day (\$2)
1/26 (Fri) - Color Run Kick-off Assembly, students only, during school

Box Tops for Education

Our Winning Classrooms for
OCTOBER - STRITTMATTER
NOVEMBER - HINTON

Each class that collects and turns in the most Box Tops for AES each month will win a special prize!

Keep collecting, families! Each Box Top you send in to school gives us \$0.10 towards equipment and supplies for Altamonte Elementary! Thank you!



PTA would like to thank all the families that participated in our Fall Fundraiser. It was a big success!



A special congratulations to **Caleb Crutchfield** for being our top seller. Great job Caleb! We are so proud of you!



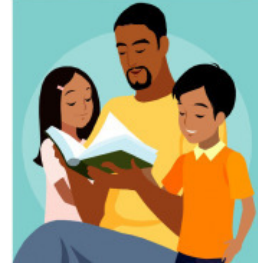
Candy-Grams NOW ON SALE

Candy-Grams are only \$0.50 each or just \$8 for an entire classroom. Students can buy Candy-Grams during their lunch period. The Candy-Gram Form that was sent home with your student can also be sent in to your student's teacher. Put the form and your payment inside an envelope marked "PTA Box". ALL Candy-Grams will be delivered on Dec. 20th, just in time for Winter Class Parties!

Snuggle Up & Read Family Event



Bring your PJ's, blankets, stuffed animals and your family! Watch for more information to come home from school about this great family time where parents and students spend time snuggling up and reading together on **January 25th**. Special snacks will be available.



A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Wonderland Gift Shoppe Volunteers

Altamonte Elementary's first ever Wonderland Gift Shoppe has come to an end! What fun it has been to watch the look on our students faces as they shopped for their loved ones! Thank you to all the families who allowed their children to shop. Also, a big thanks to all AES staff that helped and supported PTA during the Shoppe. Lastly, a very special thanks to the following volunteers for taking time to help before, during, and after the Shoppe: *Ali DeMaria, Alisa Hornsby, Alicia Crowell, Ashley Conway, Barbara and Jeff Strecker, Christiana Jallah, Dan Middlebrooks, "Grammy" Donna Castaldi, Jessenia Colon, Joan Campbell, Karin Barth, Kelley Zulueta, Lori Behr, Lorraine Stewart, Meg Elder, Natasha Gallagher, Paula Michaels, Summer Kotkin, Tiffany Dowling*. It truly takes a village. Thank you all for making this event full of great memories for our children! -Danielle Middlebrooks, PTA VP Fundraising/Wonderland Gift Shoppe Chairperson



What is Color-A-Thon? It's a super fun, exciting, walk-a-thon FUN-raiser that our Altamonte Elementary students totally love participating in! Students request donations for the number of laps they want to accomplish. The day of the Color-A-Thon students line up to get blasted with non-toxic color packets of baking soda for each lap they complete. School will have a kick-off assembly for all students during school hours on January 26th. You will receive more details with the packets they will bring home after school that day. If you have any questions please contact PTA at altamonteelementarypta@gmail.com