



Titan Times

Ann Smith Elementary September 2011

Fall PTO Meeting/ Back-to-School Night A Success

Thanks to those of you who attended our Fall PTO Meeting/Back-To-School Night. We had a great turnout and loved getting to see lots of new faces! And thanks to our teachers and staff for opening up their classrooms for parents to learn more about what goes on each day. We'd also like to remind you to be sure to turn in the blue PTO volunteer cards. If you don't have one, you can pick up a card at the front desk. We have lots of activities and events where we could use your help!

Titan Funland

Our PTO is sponsoring Titan Funland at RHS this Thursday, Sept. 8, starting at 5 p.m. There will be inflatables and lots of fun activities for the kids. Following Titan Funland, RHS will host a homecoming parade and community pep rally. Then on Friday, Sept. 9, help us cheer on the Titans during their homecoming football game which starts at 7:30 p.m. Go Titans!

Fall Fundraiser

Our fall fundraiser, selling World's Finest Chocolates, will kick off Wednesday, Sept. 28. This particular fundraiser is super-easy because the product practically sells itself! Prizes will be awarded to the top sellers, and the funds we raise will be used to enhance our school!

Room Mothers/Coordinators

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to be a room mother. And special thanks to the following ladies who'll be coordinating room mothers in each grade: kindergarten - Marci Williams, first grade - Harriet Carter, second grade - Lisa Dodd and Karen Baker.

Healthy Snacks

Please send a healthy snack to school for your child every day. Sodas, candy bars and chips are not allowed. Healthy snacks include fruits and vegetables, granola bars, trail mix, string cheese, pretzels, etc. Help us encourage our students to develop healthy lifestyles at an early age!

Vision Screening

Vision screening will be offered to all kindergartners on Monday, Sept. 26. A form will be sent home, and parents will need to sign and return immediately.

Important Dates

- Sept. 8.....First-grade lunch help
- Sept. 8.....Titan Funland at RHS
- Sept. 9.....RHS Homecoming, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 15.....Second-grade lunch help
- Sept. 16.....Movie Night at Highland Elementary
- Sept. 26.....Kindergarten vision screening
- Sept. 28.....Fall fundraiser kickoff
- Sept. 30.....September Box Tops due
- Oct. 3.....School pictures
- Oct. 5.....Walk to School Day
- Oct. 8.....Ann Smith 5k Frolic & Fun Run
- Oct. 17.....Teacher Appreciation Lunch



Teacher Spotlight!



Congratulations to Coach B, who won first place in the Powerlifting National Championship held in Scranton, Penn., in August. He is the national champion in the Masters 55-59 lightweight 148 lb. division. Way to go!

Welcome, Sherrie Kolak (kindergarten assistant) and Christiana Smith (first-grade assistant)!

5k Frolic and Fun Run

We're excited to host our first-ever Ann Smith Elementary 5K Frolic and Fun Run on Saturday, Oct. 8. The race is one of the ways we're encouraging our students and the community to become more physically active. The proceeds will be used to upgrade our playgrounds. We'll send home a brochure soon, but in the meantime you can visit our website, www.madison-schools.com/ase, for more information and to download a registration form. The race is less than five weeks away, so lace up your shoes and start training! If you'd like to volunteer to help with the race or to man registration tables, contact Allison Ruhl at aruhl@madison-schools.com.

Nissan/BankPlus Grant

Second-grade teacher Mrs. Stephens wrote a grant called "Creating Analytical Thinkers." She was awarded \$850 from Nissan/BankPlus to buy math manipulatives for the second-graders to use in implementing the new Core Curriculum. Great job, Mrs. Stephens!

School Publicity

One of the ways we generate positive publicity for ASE is by sending photos to local newspapers and other media outlets. Last week, our PTO sent home an additional photo release form for parents to sign and return. Even if you've already filled out the form that was on the back of the student handbook, we're asking you to complete this form, which indicates that we have permission to submit your child's photo and complete name (first and last name) to newspapers or TV stations for publicity purposes.

HES Movie Night

ASE families are invited to attend HES Movie Night on Friday, Sept. 16, at 6:30 p.m. (movie starts at 7 p.m.) in the outdoor classroom at Highland Elementary. They will be showing "How To Train Your Dragon." The event is free, although a \$2 donation is encouraged. For details, contact Debbie Best at dbestmom1@bellsouth.net.

Special Thanks

We'd like to thank Donny McGraw and The Grounds Guys of Brandon for tilling a pumpkin patch and for donating the plant mix to prepare the soil. Several of our second-grade teachers use the pumpkin patch as a science experiment for their students, who enjoy caring for the pumpkins and watching them grow.



We're now collecting Campbell's Labels For Education to earn points that can be redeemed for free resources for our school. Much like Box Tops, you simply cut out the label from specially marked products and turn them in to your child's teacher. You can also register your shopper loyalty card by going to elabelsforeducation.com, and every time you purchase a participating item, one point will be added to the ASE account.



2011-2012 T-shirt Order Form

Order your Ann Smith Elementary t-shirt today.
Wear it each Friday to show your Titan spirit!



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Shirts are navy blue, with white, light blue and yellow design

Complete and return this form along with your payment to your child's teacher or to the school office. T-shirts will be sent home in backpacks.

Teacher Name: _____

Grade: _____

Student Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

| T-shirt Size | Number of Shirts | Total Price |
|------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Youth Small | | |
| Youth Medium | | |
| Youth Large | | |
| Adult Extra Large (XL) | | |
| | | \$ |

Price: \$15.00 each

Please send cash ONLY in a sealed envelope with order form
(and write "tshirt money" on envelope)

August Box Tops Winners:

Kindergarten - Beasley (305)
First Grade - Johnston (610)
Second Grade - K. Neal (347)
Keep collecting Box Tops!