

Visions & Voices

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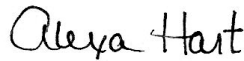
FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT...

Welcome back! It’s going to be another great year! So many families have joined the PTA so far and we are so excited. If you have not joined, have no fear, the membership forms are available on our website (www.plepta.org) and can be returned to school in your child’s backpack. Most paperwork from the PTA should be coming home on Wednesdays this year. Please be sure to check your child’s folder for exciting and worthwhile events. Keep in mind that with over 700 families at PLE, the PTA tries to offer a variety of opportunities to everyone. It’s impossible to do everything and we understand that you will need to pick and choose the activities and fundraisers that best suit your family’s needs. Whatever support that you can give us will be appreciated from fundraising to cutting out Box Tops to volunteering a couple of hours to help with a PTA event. We can’t provide the great programs and services to our children without the help of our members.

Several more opportunities to support the PTA will be available in the months ahead. McDonald’s “No Cook” night will be on November 1st from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Please stop by for dinner and visit with Mrs. DiGiulio, Dr. Peck and additional PLE staff. Any orders placed inside will directly benefit PLE (drive-thru does not count). The Book Fair, Holiday Shop/Used Book Sale and Country Christmas are right around the corner! These events are entertaining and FUN for the whole family. If you haven’t had a chance to check out our updated website, please take a look. The home page highlights all of our committees and the current chairpersons. If you are interested in helping with one of those committees, either send an email to the chairs or complete our Volunteer Interest form online. It’s rewarding to get involved and it shows your child that you care about Penn London. Please don’t hesitate to contact us with any questions. Thank you!

Spirit Wear

Good News...new Spirit Wear designs are on the way! This year’s Spirit Wear sale will offer Penn London families lots of great options. You can get camouflage t-shirts or polo shirts with the Penn London or Avon Grove logos.



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Book Fair

The Fall Book Fair will be held from November 17th through the 23rd. Please look for the Book Fair flyer to come home in your child’s folder in November. We are looking for volunteers to help during the day and evening of the Book Fair. If you can donate your time please contact us at: bookfair@plepta.org

Important Dates To Remember Please Mark Your Calendars

October 12.....	PLE PTA Meeting, 6:45 p.m.
October 12.....	Entries for the Reflections Program Due
November 1.....	McDonald’s “No Cook” Night, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
November 17-23.....	Book Fair
December 4.....	Country Christmas
December 9 and 10.....	PLE Holiday Shop and Used Book Sale

Directory & Distribution Update

Ads We still have room for ads! Please contact Christine Plankinton at 610-274-0331 or christine.plankinton@bankofamerica.com or Julie Divittorio at 610-869-3614 or julie.divittorio@verizon.net for more information. Most ads are business card sized, but a limited number of larger sizes are available.

Volunteers If you'd like to help out on the directory (proofreading and/or distribution) or have Access experience, please contact Michelle Griffith at 610 869-3858 or shellyg1207@verizon.net.

Unlisted Phone Numbers If your phone number was NOT listed in last year's directory, and you would like it to be listed this year, please contact the school to ask that the unlisted tag be removed from your child's record. If you have children at PLE and AGIS, you must contact BOTH schools.

Second family opt-in This form applies to children whose parents do not live at the same address, and is a way for the non-custodial parent to have their address listed in the directory along with the child's primary address.

All forms are on the PTA website. Please contact Michelle Griffith at 610 869-3858 or shellyg1207@verizon.net with any questions.

Country Christmas

Country Christmas is a couple of months away but we are looking for Basket Coordinators/ Teachers from each classroom to contact us to let us know only if your classroom will be participating- no need for themes until we begin preparing for this event on November 1st. Contact Tracey Belfiore at traceybelfiore@mac.com. Thank you and we can't wait to make this the most successful Basket Raffle in Country Christmas history!!

Used Book Sale

The PLE PTA is holding their third annual used book sale during the PLE Holiday Shop on Thursday and Friday, December 9th and 10th. Proceeds will benefit local families in need during the holidays. Any books not sold will be donated. A box will be placed outside the PLE office for gently used and unwanted books through most of November. Please contact Julie Morris or Ashley Bennett usedbooksale@plepta.org.

National PTA Reflections Program 2010-2011

PTA REFLECTIONS ARTS PROGRAM INSPIRES IMAGINATION

In September, students brought home entry forms and other information about the PTA Reflections arts program. This year's theme is "*TOGETHER WE CAN.*" Entries and entry forms will be due in Mrs. Shiley's Art Room by Tuesday, October 12, 2010. Student art works will be on display in the Penn London lobby from late October through early November. Reflections participants and their families will be invited to a celebration scheduled for Monday, November 8, 2010, at Penn London. Judges will select works to advance to the regional, state, and potentially the national level of the National PTA Reflections program. Additional information is available at www.papta.org. If you would like to help with the Reflections celebration, or if you have other questions, please e-mail reflections@plepta.org, or call Colleen Karney at 484-319-1056, or Mohua Poddar at 610-869-7109.

Cash Back Programs Update

Please continue to send in your Box Tops and Labels...remember to include your child's name, teacher, and grade. Each month we draw 3 names for prizes! Our goals for this year are: Box Tops: 4500. Campbell's Labels: 14,000 labels. Money earned from Box Tops goes back into PTA funded programs for PLE and points earned from Labels goes to purchasing balls, chalk, etc. for the playgrounds.

"Recycle Recycle Recycle"

Do you want to help the environment and earn money for your child's school? Please bring in empty inkjets, laser toner cartridges, or used cell phones and PDA cell phones and leave them in the box provided outside the PLE main office. We can earn up to \$5 for inkjets, \$20 for laser toners, \$100 for cell phones & PDA cell phones and double the empty price for new/unused cartridges! Questions? Please contact Louise Parente at southwoo@vet.upenn.edu.

Event Tickets

The PLE PTA will have two functions at the Wells Fargo Center in Philly. Tickets will be for Disney on Ice Toy Story 3 on Dec. 29th at 3:00 pm & for the Phantoms game on Jan. 21st at 7:00 pm. More information on prices, seats and ordering deadlines will be sent home.

Secret Holiday Shop

On December 9th and 10th, the PTA will provide a Secret Holiday Shop to PLE students. The Holiday Shop allows children to shop for carefully chosen, inexpensive gifts for their family members independently from their parents. We will be looking for volunteers to help set up, restock tables, gift wrap, cashier, serve pizza and drinks, and help the children shop. Please contact Ruth Iaia at riaia@comcast.net and Anne Litchko at litchko@comcast.net with any questions or to get your name on our volunteer list.

Last Call For After School Enrichment Instructors

After School Enrichment is a six week program for first and second grade students that runs in late winter at Penn London. It is organized by the PTA and offers a wide variety of after-school classes, including languages, sports, crafts, cooking and much more! The classes are held once a week for 45 minutes from 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. All classes will run on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays starting February 1, 2011 and ending March 10, 2011 (unless we have some snow make-ups).

Currently, we are seeking instructors for the program! If you have a hobby or talent that you would like to share, please visit our website <http://www.plepta.org/programsservices/afterschoolenrichment.html> to view and complete the Instructor's Needed Form. Instructors are paid for teaching a class. The forms are available online only.

You can email a completed form as an attachment to Michelle D'Ambrosio, Jacqueline Mercier and Donna Paraskewich at afterschoolenrichment@plepta.org. Thanks!

Fundraising Information

For everyone that was able to support our Yankee Candle Fundraiser, the PTA would like to extend a very sincere **Thank You!!** Your orders will be available for pickup, in the cafeteria during the November Parent/Teacher conferences. They will be on the right side of the stage.

Once again, families will have the opportunity this year to purchase the valuable, family-friendly Kidstuff Coupon Books! Take advantage of the many money-saving coupons for restaurants, stores and family activities. Most coupons are good through December 31, 2011. And for every 5 books sold, you earn one free! They also make great holiday gifts! Save money and help support the PLE PTA. As always, please do **not** collect sales tax.