

Visions & Voices

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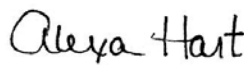
Book Fair

This Fall the Scholastic Book Fair theme is: **To the Book Fair and Beyond!**
Reading is out of this World! The Book Fair will be at Penn London from Nov. 17th through the 22nd. 1st and 2nd grade classes will be visiting the Fair during the school day. The Book Fair will also be open in the evenings during Parent Conference hours for family members and friends to visit. Keep an eye out for more information coming home in folders! If any volunteers with clearances are available to help, please email bookfair@plepta.org and we'll coordinate hours with you.

FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT...

Welcome back! It is 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 is impossible to do everything and we understand you will need to pick and choose the activities and fundraisers that best suit your family's needs. Whatever support 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 7th 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!



Alexa Hart
President



Jennifer Perrin
Vice President

Important Dates To Remember Please Mark Your Calendars

October 12.....Entries for the Reflections Program Due
 October 29....."Run For The Grove" 5K (supporting FSEMS PTO)
<https://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=171548956257617>
 November 1.....PLE PTA General Meeting, 3:30 pm, in the library
 November 7.....McDonald's "No Cook" Night, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
 November 17-22.....Book Fair
 December 3.....Country Christmas
 December 8 and 9PLE Holiday Shop and Used Book Sale

Directory & Distribution Update

Ads We still have room for ads! Please contact 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), 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.

Opt out form If you choose to NOT have all your family information published in the directory, you MUST return this form. Otherwise, all family information (parents' names, home address and phone number) will be published. The family information on file with the district (not the school) will be used in the directory. (PLEASE NOTE- THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO OPT OUT)

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

Fundraising Information

If you have not done so already, you still have the opportunity to order your **Kidstuff Coupon Books**. Please send your order in as soon as possible! They are going quickly!

Our **Yankee Candle Fundraiser** is in full swing! You have until October 7th so please get your order in now. They make great gifts for the holidays and the students at PLE benefit tremendously from the profit! Also, please do **NOT** collect sales tax!

Also, if you have not sent back your form with your Giant Bonus card number on it, please do that today! Through **Giant's A+ program** our school will receive a percentage of all points that you accumulate. This does not affect your points and is an easy and affordable way to support PLE!

National PTA Reflections Program 2011-2012

NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS ARTS PROGRAM IN PROGRESS AT PLE

In September, students brought home an announcement concerning the National PTA Reflections arts program. This year's theme is "*DIVERSITY MEANS*." Entries and entry forms will be due in Mrs. Shiley's Art Room by Wednesday, October 12, 2011. Student art works will be on display in the Penn London lobby in late October. Reflections participants and their families will be invited to a celebration scheduled for Tuesday, October 25, 2011, at Penn London, from 5:30 p.m. until around 6:45 p.m. Judges will select works to advance to the regional and perhaps state and national levels of the National PTA Reflections arts program. **Entry forms, rules, and other information may be downloaded from www.plepta.org.** Questions? E-mail Colleen Karney at c.karney@verizon.net, or call her at 484-319-1056.

Cash Back Programs Update

Please continue to send in your Box Tops and Campbell's Labels...remember to include your child's name, teacher, and grade. Each month we draw names for prizes! 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 outside the PLE main office. We earn up to \$5 for inkjets, \$20 for laser toners, \$100 for cell phones & PDA cell phones and double the price for new /unused cartridges! Questions? Please contact Louise Parente at southwoo@vet.upenn.edu.

Event Tickets

The PLE PTA will be offering tickets to 3 events this year at the Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia. The first, Disney on Ice - Dare to Dream is on Wednesday, December 28th at 3:00. We will also have tickets to see the Adirondack Phantoms (formerly the Philadelphia Phantoms) on Friday, January 6th, 2012 and The Harlem Globetrotters on Sunday, March 11, 2012. More info will be sent home when available. Any questions, please contact Kelly Walker at kellyrwalker@verizon.net.

Used Book Sale

The PLE PTA is holding their fourth annual used book sale during the PLE Holiday Shop on December 8th and 9th. Proceeds will benefit local families in need during the holidays. 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. If you have questions, please email us at usedbooksale@plepta.org.

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! Please check the website for more information at <http://www.plepta.org/programsservices/afterschoolenrichment.html>.

Currently, we are seeking instructors for the program and the Instructors Needed Form is available on the website. It is due back by Monday, **October 3rd** if you are interested in sharing a hobby or talent with the students at Penn London. Please contact Donna Paraskewich, Jacquie Mercier or Colleen Karney @ afterschoolenrichment@plepta.org if you have any questions. Thank you!

Country Christmas

Country Christmas is a fast approaching and we are looking for Basket Coordinators/Teachers from each classroom. Please contact us to let us know if your classroom will be participating - no need for themes until we begin preparing for this event on November 1st. Contact Beth Sharp at tbkzsharp@verizon.net. Let's make this the most successful Basket Raffle in Country Christmas history!!

Secret Holiday Shop

On December 8th & 9th, the PTA provides a Secret Holiday Shop to PLE students. The Holiday Shop allows children to independently shop for carefully chosen, inexpensive gifts for family members. 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 or Julie Morris at julie.j.morris@bankofamerica.com with any questions or to volunteer.

Beautiful children, beautiful pictures...

A big thank you to all our Picture Day volunteers who primed, cleaned, and combed (with individual disposable combs!) your beautiful children so they would look their best. We hope the pictures turn out great but, if not, Picture Retake Day is November 3rd.