



NAVY NEWS

Mark Your Calendar

Jan	PTO Meeting,
22	Cafeteria, 9:30 AM
Feb	Family Movie Night,
6	Gym and Cafeteria, 6:30 PM
17	Spelling Bee Finals
March	
3-7	Read-A-Thon
20	PTO Meeting Cafeteria, 9:30 AM
24	Family Movie Night

PTO Board

President	Dana Wozny
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Secretary	Lori Reed
Student Activities Dir.	Kris Rogers

Family Movie

Principals' Corner

We hope that everyone had a fantastic Thanksgiving Holiday that allowed time for family, friends, food, football, and possibly some shopping.

Please read the following information in regards to the month of December.

Time of Thanks...

Thank you to the PTO and all of our families who have been supporting the canned food drive. It has been a huge success, and has and will offer food to those in need in the Fairfax area. We appreciate your participation.

Family Life Education (For Grades 4-6)

The FLE classes will be conducted for grades 4, 5, and 6. Grade 4 will have their lesson on December 19. Grades 5 and 6 lessons will be given from December 15- December 19.

We ask that children not discuss the material with classmates at school. We encourage you to be mindful of this week of instruction and be available to answer any sensitive questions your child may have after the lessons. Parents wishing to opt their students out of all or part of the program must turn in their opt-out form by Thursday, December 11. (If you need another opt-out form, please contact your child's teacher.) Alternate health related subjects will be provided for students who are opted out.

Kiss and Ride

We have noticed that more parents drive their children to school when it rains or is very cold. This causes quite a backup at Kiss and Ride. When bad weather is an issue, please help us by doing one of the following:

PTO Corner

Happy Holidays!

As we enter this holiday season, I'd like to say THANK YOU to everyone for your support of the PTO. Together we have continued to enhance and support the educational experience at Navy Elementary. Here is a highlight of the successful events we have accomplished this first half of the school year.

September

- Back to School Principal Coffee
- New Parent Orientation
- Ladies Night Out at Undeniable Boutique making close to \$800

October

- No Fuss Fall Fundraiser- Raised almost \$31,000 this year!
- Fall Fun Night- Enjoyed ice cream, bingo, halloween games and of course our amazing Book Fair! Record number in attendance!
- Joe Romano "Books! The Magic Is Real!" Assembly for the entire school
- Dolphin Depot reopened for the year
- Box Tops Collection- Raised over \$1,200
- Dining for Navy Night at Sweet Frog and Fanfare raising close to \$600!

Principals' Corner continued

•When it is raining or cold, please have your child ride his or her bus. If your schedule allows, you can drive them to the bus stop and wait together as a family.

•If your schedule does not allow and you choose to drive your child to school, please understand that Kiss and Ride begins at 8:20 am. There isn't much Kiss and Ride traffic during the 8:20-8:30 timeframe. It would be best if you could drop your child off during this time.

Thank you for your cooperation as we try to cut down on some of the congestion.

December 19

December 19 is a 2 hour early release day.

Holiday Break (December 20– January 4)

The Holiday break will be from December 20- January 4. School resumes on January 5.

The school office will also be **closed** during this time. We hope that your holidays are filled with joy and that everyone has a Happy New Year!

Undercover Boss Update

Friday, December 5, I had the wonderful opportunity to teach in grade 4. The lesson that was taught was estimating and comparing numbers. I have now had the wonderful opportunity to teach in first, second, and fourth grade. I look forward to my next great classroom adventure in January!

Once again I thank all of you for the wonderful support to make Navy ES a fantastic school!

—Jon Coch, Principal; Faye Cofer, Assistant Principal, Molly Boe, Assistant Principal



Navy Spelling Bee

Attention Navy Spellers!

The Annual Navy Spelling Bee is coming this winter and more information will be sent home in an upcoming Friday Folder. Students in grades 3-6 are encouraged to participate. There will be a written preliminary round conducted in early February and then the top spellers of the written round will participate in the school's bee later in the month. The winner of the Navy Spelling Bee will go on to represent Navy in the Fairfax County Spelling Bee in mid-March and then possibly on to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC.

Please contact Jennifer Condro (jcondro@yahoo.com) with any questions.

“No-Fuss” Fall Fundraiser A Success

The Navy PTO would like to thank the Navy families that helped make the “No-Fuss” Fall Fundraiser a success. Together, we raised over \$30,000 – *ALL* of which will go directly back to our great school! The generous donations, from just about 65% of our families, will help support Navy's continued effort to create the best possible learning environment for our students. The donations will fund field trips, assemblies, new technology, continued education for our great teachers, and fun-filled events for the entire family throughout the year.

We would also like to thank the Navy Teachers & Administration for their support. The two-week effort had volunteers running in & out of the school – thank you for allowing the disruption as we worked towards our fundraising goals. In addition, thank you for motivating your students to donate within your classrooms. We hope the students had fun trying to reach their 100% class participation goal!

Without the dedication & hard work of too many parent volunteers to mention, our PTO efforts would simply not be successful. The jobs were endless, but the energy and enthusiasm of the volunteers never waned. We all know who you are because you are the ones that always step up when help is needed – thank you for that!

A special thank you goes to **Jennifer Condro** for creating the on-line donation page & sending us daily reports – so very organized!

Also to **Lisa Tully & Elizabeth Gleason** for their creativity with our Dolphin Puzzle Mural that helped the students “see” our fundraising efforts...it was beautifully done!

Last but not least, we'd like to thank our brand new Dolphin Mascot “Flipper” for swimming through the halls and putting smiles on the students' faces. Something tells me Flipper may become a big part of the Navy School for years to come!

Thanks again and please don't forget that all donations are 100% tax deductible & were 100% appreciated!

Sincerely,
The Navy PTO

PTO Corner Contd.

November

- Mad Science, “Up Up and Away” Assembly for the entire school
- Random Acts of Kindness
- PTO Meeting and Speaker, Ann Dolin
- Veterans Day Breakfast

December

- Paint Your Own Pottery at Color Me Mine
- Dining for Navy at California Pizza Kitchen
- The Sweet Shoppe for Navy Teachers and Staff
- PTO Holiday Party for Committee Chairs & Room Parents

The PTO has plans for an amazing second half of the year and we hope you'll continue to be a part of it. Mark your calendar for our first ever Navy Family Movie Night on February 6th. More details to come soon!

Our next PTO meeting will be Thursday, January 22nd at 9:30 in the cafeteria. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow parents and hear of upcoming events for 2015 and find out how you can play a part in them.

So whether you have made treats for the Holiday Sweet Shoppe, donated items and/or money, or donated your time helping out at any of the events so far this year, I again say thank you! I hope you have a fun and joyous holiday season.

—Dana Wozny, Navy PTO President



Navy Spring Carnival

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The **2015 NAVY SPRING CARNIVAL** is arriving on March 20! Join us from 6-8 PM for games, crafts, food and fun!

It takes a lot of volunteers to plan and put on the greatest show on Earth! If you would like to be part of the show, please email Cathy Baptista at catsbap@gmail.com.

SEE YOU THERE!



Science Fair: June 8, 2015

Parents: this is an opportunity for your students to amaze their classmates with their knowledge and creativity. Students will showcase their science projects for all to see and learn. When it comes to choosing a topic, the sky's the limit. Students may work on their project independently or with a partner who is a Navy Elementary student. During the day, we will also have guest speakers, so students can learn about diverse careers in science. At the end of the day, you are welcome to join us as we celebrate the students' hard work at the awards ceremony.

Registration is open now through April 14, 2015 on the Navy Elementary Science Fair Website navyelementary.oursciencefair.com. The site details all the information you need about the science fair, including resources to get started, how to register, dates of informational meetings for participants, and external links that will help students develop ideas for their science project.

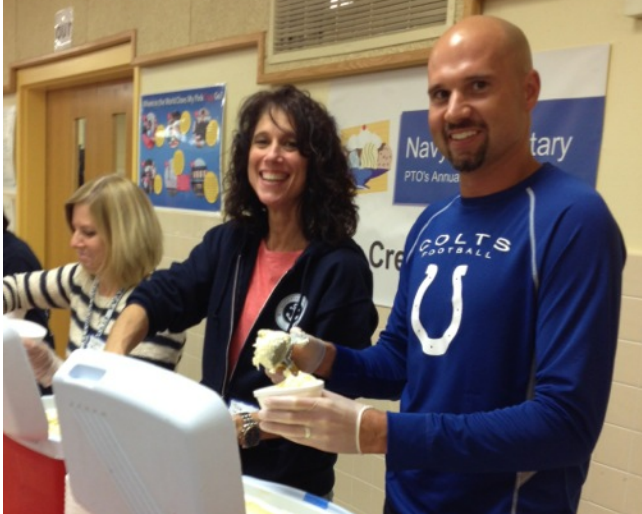
We welcome family and friends to attend the Navy Elementary Science Fair. As time progresses details will be posted in the Friday folders and on the Navy Elementary Science Fair Website. If you have questions students and/or parents can send an email to the Science Fair Chair, Mrs. Strong at: zolaikhas@yahoo.com.



Ladies' Night A Success

The first ever "Ladies Night Out" held at Undeniable Boutique was a huge success. Ladies enjoyed sips and nibbles and had red carpet pictures taken in front of the new Navy Elementary backdrop. The fundraiser brought in over \$700 for Navy! We would like to give a special thanks to all the faculty who participated in the event.





Fall Fun Night

Thank you to all our amazing parents and faculty members who volunteered their time and support during the Navy PTO's Fall Fun Night. It was a successful event and a fun-filled evening for our children. This includes the volunteers setting up and dismantling the pumpkin display, the folks working in the gym helping with bingo, the volunteers helping with the games in the hall, the door monitors, and to all the many volunteers helping to scoop ice cream and toppings. To our amazing clean-up crew, thank you! You are all fabulous and we appreciate your time and support for this great event. Many Thanks!! The Fall Fun Night Committee

Family Movie Night

The PTO will be hosting a Family Movie Night on Friday, February 6th. We will be showing Mr. Peabody & Sherman (K-3 grades) in the cafeteria and Parental Guidance (4-6 grades) in the gym. Both movies have a PG rating. Movie concessions will also be for sale. More details to come but mark your calendars for this fun, family event. Want to help? Contact Beth Arnz (bannacone@usa.net) or Louise Kehoe (louise.kehoe.41@gmail.com).

Read-A-Thon

Please encourage your students to participate in the Read-A-Thon, March 3-7. Prizes will be raffled off to participants and classes with high participation will be rewarded. Questions? Please contact Katie Faircloth: Katie@thefaircloths.com.

Box Tops for Navy

We would like to thank everyone for collecting box tops and teachers for promoting the box top collections. The funds go directly to the school into the instructional account which includes math games, math manipulatives, books for our book room and classroom libraries, PE supplies, as well as technology.

Congratulations Navy on a VERY successful Box top Contest. We collected **12,165 box tops**. That is **\$1,216.50 for our school**. That is a lot of money that you would have thrown away.

2nd grade collected the most with 2,834 box tops
 1st grade collected 2,044 box tops
 5th grade collected 2,018 box tops
 3rd grade collected 1,301 box tops
 Kindergarten collected 1,295 box tops
 6th grade collected 1,194 box tops
 4th grade collected 1,094 box tops

We had big collections by Belmondo, Richenberg and Rainey.

The Fall Winners are...
 First Runner Up with **798 box tops was Ms. Yamoah's 5th grade class**

The winning class of the Fall Box Tops Contest with **966 box tops was Ms. Drost's 2nd Grade Class.**

These 2 classes will win 20 min of Active Games and popsicles for their class. Great Job NAVY!!

Thank you for all who collected box tops. **Keep bringing in your box tops for the next contest in January.**

—Shelly Sweeney & Fionnuala White
 Box Top and Grocery committee

