Buckingham Elementary PTO Newsletter

Late Spring 2022

Late Spring Round Up-

SO MANY THANK YOUS

The Buckingham Elementary PTO would like to thank all of our families and volunteers for a wonderful year! We hope you had an opportunity to enjoy a few of our events this winter & spring. Thank you to <u>all</u> of our committee chairs, parent volunteers and teachers for their assistance-these events cannot happen without your support & volunteering.

Wow! We had over 140 students participate in the After School Happenings Program this past winter that included 8 different classes! Thank you to our committee of volunteers including Johanna Kane, Tammy McCarthy, Adrienne Cohen, Yulia Vovk & Christine Deiley for organizing such an awesome variety of interests for our kids including science, sports, yoga, and art. It was a great way for the kids to be involved and socialize in a fun and safe learning environment. This is offered every other year at Buckingham alternating with the school musical.

The talent and creativity at the **Science Fair** this year was amazing! So many thoughtful and innovative experiments with incredible displays. Thank you to Mr. Radcliff and Cara Miller for chairing this rewarding & educational experience.

Hey there hockey fans!! Our Winter Family Outing at the **Phantoms Hockey Game** was awesome! Thank you to all the families who attended and thank you Shannon Sticker for arranging such a great night of family fun!!!

Who loves bowling?! Buckingham Elementary does!! Thank you to all who attended our **MVP Bowling** event in March. Kudos to our chairpersons Amy Incudine & Lauren Donohue. Families had a great afternoon filled with laughter, friends and lucky strikes!!

Thank you to Sarah Mohr for chairing the annual **Sweetheart Dance**. The cafeteria was transformed into a ballroom with a DJ, photobooth, and delicious treats. Attendees had a great time socializing with friends, dancing, and giggling the night away! Special thanks to Kelly Thibeault for donating her time and talent taking pics of our dancers and their guests.

Our Spring **Book Fair** was a huge success, simultaneously raising over \$2,000 for the library & another \$2,000 to support the PTO! Many thanks to Amy Incudine & Cheryl Szyarto for chairing this event.

Pizza, mystery callers, friends, and **B-I-N-G-O!** What a great family night out! So many left with prizes and there was a lot of cheering faces and friendly fun. Thank you DeeDee Snyder for chairing this event for the school and PTO.

iRun4Life recently concluded an AMAZING 8 weeks of running and healthy living! Thanks to Rachel Olenick and all the volunteers (parents and students) who make this event successful!

Katie Baab and Melissa Hollinger deserve big props for organizing and pulling together the **Yearbook for 2021-22!** Thank you for all your hard work throughout this past year!

Thank you to Bridgette Thompson and Lauren Donohue for coordinating our **Golden Utensil Recognition Lunches** this year. These fancy lunches are a sweet reward for lunchroom etiquette & respect each trimester!

Big thank yous to all our families for their more than generous donations to our teachers and staff for **Staff Appreciation Week!** Holly Walker & Laura Heuschel ordered and arranged not one, not two but THREE delicious lunches celebrating our hard working staff here at Buckingham. Special thanks to the Tustin Group for their one-of-a-kind donation!

Day of Design 2022 was a wonderful day celebrating design & engineering! The kids had so much fun coding & creating! Thank you to Matthew Appell, our parent volunteers & Mrs. Rotella for such a great day!

Buckingham FUN FEST is back baby!!! What an amazing day of games, food, prizes, community and FUN!! Thank you to all who attended and volunteered at our BIGGEST fundraiser of the year. This event is continually successful thanks to the <u>MANY</u> hands that plan and coordinate throughout the year, including Cat Stephenson, Holly Walker, Yvette White, Brandi Taylor, Lainie Dalby, Sarah Lazzaro, Lisa McGuire, Lauren Donohue, Bridgette Thompson, Kelly Thibeault, Amy Karpinski, the teachers and staff at Buckingham and the PTO Board members.

Want to be part of the **FUN** next time?! Keep your eyes and ears open for volunteer opportunities as this event returns back to its traditional place in the **Fall of 2022**!!

INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED?

We can only offer a wide variety of activities each year because of our awesome volunteers, and we need you! There are so many ways to be involved!!

ATTEND

Just by attending our events you are supporting the PTO. We are grateful for the community we have here at Buckingham and appreciate your support and involvement in our programs. We are always open to your suggestions and feedback as every year is a new year with new students, families, and interests. Feel free to contact us at anytime and we can discuss your ideas at our next PTO meeting.

PARENT VOLUNTEER

Most of our events require a team of volunteers for it to run smoothly. Your Homeroom Coordinator (HRC) will routinely email you links to our sign up genius page where you can volunteer at one of our many events!

HOMEROOM COORDINATOR

Every classroom requires an HRC to help coordinate classroom parties and organize unique classroom events. You will also act as a liaison between your classroom and the PTO when it comes to event planning and communication. This is a one year commitment with your child's teacher and is a great way to stay involved with the school and your child. Please contact Kati McKiernan at katimckiernan@gmail.com if you are interested for the 2022-23 school year.

EVENT CHAIRPERSON

Our team is ever changing with graduating students, new families, and new programs. With that, we are always recruiting and accepting new chairpersons to help organize PTO events. Please contact us if you're interested in being part of one of our teams! Some options include: Fun Fest, Spring Movie Night, Dine Out Nights, MVP Bowling and more.

PTO BOARD

This 6 member team consisting of our Principal, President, Co-President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary meets monthly to discuss, plan, and manage fundraising efforts and school events so that we can give back to the school and students in fun and meaningful ways. These are two year term position and we are STILL seeking to fill 2 positions: **Treasurer and Co-President**. Please contact the PTO at buckinghampto@yahoo.com if you are interested.

2021-2022 PTO BUDGET: \$ 19,915

Enrichment: \$ 4,450 Recognition: \$ 2,525

Assemblies, Visiting Author, Reading Olympics, plus funds Art & Quest Engineer Expos, Science Fair, 6th Grade

for Art, PE, Music, and Quest Promotion, DARE

Field Trips: \$ 5,850 Faculty Support: \$ 3,200

Field trips are subsidized by the PTO to reduce families'

Teacher Discretionary Funds to support classroom

direct costs enrichment.

Hospitality: \$ 2,350 Other Expenses: \$ 1,540

Ice Cream Social, Faculty Appreciation Lunches and Landscaping, Recess Supplies, Veggie Garden,

Dinners, Family Fun & Fitness Boomerang, Field Day, PTO Expenses (photocopies, Sign-

Up Genius, etc)

For More Information:

Board Members: Dan Estep, Kati McKiernan, Johanna Kane, Tammy McCarthy, Amy Ludovicy, & Krystal Fleisch

Email: BuckinghamPTO@yahoo.com Website: www.CBSD.org/domain/443

Here you will find detailed information on all of our programs and activities, how to volunteer, our leadership team, calendar of events, annual budget, past gifts to the school, and our fundraising activities.

Facebook: www.Facebook.com/MightyKnightMessenger

We communicate upcoming activities on our Facebook page, so "LIKE" our page to stay on top of the events!