

the PTO News

Issue 2

Kilby PTO: Parents Making a Difference

September 2011

“Bridging the Future”

The Kilby Reunion is fast approaching! This event, the first of its kind at Kilby, is vital in establishing the Kilby Alumni Fund. We hope you are making plans now to participate in this fun-filled weekend.

The schedule of events is as follows:

- Friday, September 23, from 5:30-8:30, drop off the kids at Kilby for a Movie Night with the Kilby teachers.
- Saturday, September 24, join us for the traditional Kilby float in the UNA homecoming parade. We will meet in the Kilby parking lot at 10 a.m., and the parade goes through downtown Florence starting at 11 a.m. This year, we will also have a Kilby alumni float in honor of our reunion.
- Saturday, after the parade, stay at Kilby for the Reunion Picnic from noon-2:30. Cost is \$5 per person in advance (\$7 day of). The cost covers lunch, live entertainment from Dillon Hodges and Eric Kirkman, and a Kids' Fun Zone with inflatables, facepainting, and more. Also, you can bid on some great items in the silent auction.

To find out more and to purchase tickets for the luncheon and game, please visit alumni.una.edu/kilbyalumni and click on the reunion tab.

Grab the family, put on your purple and gold, and support the Kilby Cubs! We hope to see you there!

Save the Date!

Kilby Reunion

September 23 & 24

Don't miss this exciting new event! Reserve your tickets now!

Zaxby's Night

Tuesday, Oct. 4

Kilby receives 10% of sales from 4-8 p.m. Class with most participation wins a Zaxby's lunch!

Teacher Conferences

Oct. 3, 4, & 5

Watch for sign-up sheets across from the Kilby office.

PTO Needs You!

Donations from Kilby parents are the backbone of the PTO. Because students do not participate in door-to-door fundraisers, the PTO depends on your \$200 donation per child to provide enrichment classes, such as art, music, and swimming. PTO donations also enhance Kilby technology through the laptop program and classroom SMART Boards.

So far this year, PTO has received 41% of the total donations. The classroom breakdown is as follows:

K.....	55%
1	37%
2	58%
3	65%
4	20%
5	35%
6	16%

In order to continue providing the services PTO provides, we need your donations. You can pay PTO directly; UNA employees can do payroll deduction; or you can donate through the UNA Foundation (forms outside office).

However you choose to donate, Kilby PTO works hard to put all donation dollars to use for the students and the betterment of the school.

Donate today!

Announcements

- The directories are being printed and will be coming home with students soon.
- T-shirts and jackets are scheduled to arrive on September 19, and swim bags should be ready by Friday, September 23. We will send t-shirts and jackets home as soon as they arrive, and we will send the swim bags once they are finished.
- Don't forget to turn in your child's Be a Champion & Read contest entry form. If we have 70% participation, we are entered into a \$5,000 drawing for our library! Deadline is October 31, 2011.
- Dillon Hodges will be offering guitar lessons again this year on Thursday afternoons starting in October. Watch for information coming home soon.

PTO Says Thanks!

Open House a Success

Thank you to all the parents and students who attended the first PTO meeting and classroom Open House. We had outstanding attendance. The PTO and Kilby faculty appreciate the tremendous parental involvement we have at Kilby. Your support helps make Kilby the special place it is. Thank you!

SMART Boards are here!

The SMART Boards for K, 1st, and 3rd grades are here! We will be working on scheduling classroom time for installation. Thank you to Kris Robertson for ordering and installing these for us.

A Greener Kilby

In an effort to reduce our waste, become better stewards of our school, and become better citizens, we are implementing several new "green" initiatives at Kilby. These new initiatives will also help reduce costs and, in some cases, even raise money for Kilby.

First, we are trying to cut down on the amount of paper we send home for announcements. PTO will be sending more e-mails, and we will be posting calendars and newsletters to our website. Next, we have established more recycling opportunities at Kilby. We now have plastic bottle recycling containers in the hallway and in the cafeteria, and we are working on getting paper recycling boxes in the classrooms. Finally, we have added a few more opportunities to recycle and earn money for Kilby. The 4th grade class will continue to collect cans to raise money for their Montgomery field trip. Now we are also collecting Capri Sun and Honest Kids drink pouches and Elmer's glue sticks and glue bottles. We can collect these items, send them to TerraCycle, and receive .02 for each one collected.

We hope you will help us with these initiatives, and we hope to add more as the year progresses. We can all do our part for Kilby and the environment!

Congratulations!

We are thrilled to announce that Kilby 5th grader Jones Webb was selected last week as Artsonia's Artist of the Week! Jones won with 930 votes in his age group, 100 more votes than any other winners in his group. That's impressive considering Kilby is much smaller than many other schools participating.

Jones will receive a plaque and a \$50 art supply gift card. Also, Mrs. Hester will receive a \$100 art supply gift card for the Kilby art room.

Mrs. Hester would like to thank everyone for voting and for supporting the Kilby art program. Well done, Jones!