

Brandeis Bears PTA News & Notes



January 26, 2017

Dear Brandeis Families,

On the behalf of the Board I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year!

As you know, *YOUR* PTA has been hard at work so far this year try to “make every child’s a potential a reality.” We have had some amazing programs, come together for several great causes, and have some new initiatives I would like to highlight.

First, our **Holiday Bazaar and Silent Auction** was a smashing success. Thank you to everyone who was involved with donating items for the classroom baskets, creating and organizing the baskets, getting donations for the silent auction, and securing vendors. Thank you to all who attended the event and spent your money—we exceeded our goal of raising \$100 per homeroom. See inside for more details!

Second, I would like to report that all of our backpacks for the “**Blessing in a Backpack**” program have been filled. Through this program, students facing food insecurity are provided with meals to take home in their backpacks for the weekend. Thanks to the generous support of Wal-Mart, Southeast Christian Church, and seven families from the school, the fifty-five remaining backpacks were filled.

Third, it is almost time for our major fundraiser for the year—the **Spring Capital Campaign!** As you know, we are a non-profit organization funded entirely through donations and fundraisers. Thus, we rely on *YOU* and your generosity to help fund the programs, supplies, and opportunities the PTA provides for our school’s children. To that end, we are not asking you to sell, sponsor, or bake anything for the Spring Capital Campaign. We are simply asking for you to make a tax-deductible donation in the form of cash or a check.

Fourth, we would like to spruce up and organize the **Lost and Found** area by providing a bookcase, coat rack, and hangers. If you have any of these items, or would like to donate new ones, please let me know. Once we receive the supplies we will also need volunteers to do the sprucing! Please be on the lookout for more details.

Finally, you may have noticed that **our website**, www.brandeispta.com, has been down for maintenance. This is because we are working, with the generous support of Erick Dubuque, to make it your one-stop-shop for all things PTA. The new website has valuable information on items including membership, programs, fundraising, and more. If you haven’t done so already, please take a moment to check it out, but keep in mind it is still a work in progress!

Yours In Service,
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Yearbooks: Purchasing & Ads

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If you have not purchased the 2016-17 yearbook yet, the PTA is happy to let you know that you can still order a yearbook for \$15! A second round of paper order forms will be coming home soon, or you can order online via the website our yearbook publisher set up for Brandeis Elementary using the following information: www.inter-state.com, Order Number: 11766R.

Please note: all personalized yearbooks must be ordered online only.

Also, it is not too late to place a recognition ad in the yearbook! Create a lasting memory for your child through an ad saying how you feel about them. Half page ads can include two pictures. Submit the order form below with your payment to reserve your spot in the yearbook *now*. Space is limited. Please write the message that you would like to write to your student on a separate sheet of paper (75 word maximum) and send with your child to school. Please write the student's name, grade, and teacher's name on the back of the picture(s) -or- you may email your pictures and message to: nozgener@hotmail.com. You may also contact Nur to see sample pages and ideas.

RECOGNITION AD ORDER FORM FOR THE 2016-17 YEARBOOK

Student Name _____ Grade: _____

Teacher Name _____

Parent Name: _____

Phone: _____

Item Requested:

1/8th page Ad \$20 _____

1/4th page Ad \$40 _____

1/2th page Ad \$75 _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Paid via (circle one): Cash Check

Please make checks payable to Brandeis Elementary PTA.

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Holiday Bazaar & Silent Auction
Raises \$3,300 for Homerooms!

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Here is your opportunity to own a beautiful Brandeis Tumbler!

We have 30 Tumblers in stock. Contact Lauren Muir to purchase—only \$10.

VOLUNTEER

There are many upcoming events from your PTA! We would ask every family to volunteer just one hour of their time this school year! Contact Lauren.muir84@gmail.com to schedule your time!

Upcoming Spring Events Needs

- Mother & Son Event—committee members and volunteers
- Field Day—volunteers
- Volunteer Appreciation Reception—volunteers
- Brandeis Staff Appreciation Lunch—volunteers

MEMBERSHIP & TREASURY UPDATES

Brandeis PTA has raised approximately \$6,500 this school year and is gearing up for the Spring Capital Campaign which will serve as our primary fundraiser for the year. We aim to raise \$20,000!

Our membership drive is 75% successful with 302 members! We are only 102 memberships short of earning recognition and awards from the 15th District PTA for meeting our membership goal for the second year in a row. We need your help to make this happen! Membership is only \$6 per person, so please join today. We welcome parents, grandparents, friends, and community members. We value each of our members and thank you for your continued support of the Brandeis PTA!

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GRANDPARENTS' DAY

STAFF HOLIDAY LUNCH



Thanks to the contributions of Brandeis parents' delicious sides and desserts, our staff and teachers enjoyed another wonderful Holiday Lunch.



Special thanks to the volunteers, especially co-chairs Theresa DeFillipsis and Marlene Muir.



Grandparents Day was a resounding success thanks to the planning of Family Resource Coordinator, Stephanie Link. Numerous grandparents joined their grandchildren for Thanksgiving dinner and checked out PTA merchandise, the yearbook sales, and even a Photo Booth!



Congratulations!

Second Grader **Ethan Wright** (Ms. Thompson's class) won the **15th District PTA Reflections Contest** in the photography category. Ethan was honored along with other winners at Louisville Male High School in a ceremony on December 14, 2016. Congrats to Ethan and all of our Brandeis students who submitted entries into the Reflections contest—we are proud of each one of you!