

AESA CONNECTION

Austinburg Elementary School Association Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2015

Welcome back to another year at Austinburg Elementary School. There will be some new faces this year as we welcome a new principal, teachers, parents, and students! We have lots of information to share with you that we communicate through this monthly newsletter, a closed Facebook group, and monthly meetings. We provide many enrichment activities for the students and continue to need your support this year. It is easy to become involved with AESA, our parent group here at Austinburg. So stay tuned as we start another exciting and fun school year. *Tiffany Miller, AESA President*

CALENDAR

September	1	Stronger than a Bully Assembly
	12-13	Austinburg Country Days Parade at 12pm. Meet at 11
October	6	AESA Meeting 6:30 pm
November	3	AESA Meeting 3:20 pm Book Fair Parent/Teacher Conferences Veteran's Day Celebration (Light reception breakfast for Veterans and their families)
December	1	AESA Meeting 6:30 pm Santa Shop
January	5	AESA Meeting 3:20 pm
February	2 23	AESA Meeting 6:30 pm COSI Parent/Teacher Conferences
March	1	AESA Meeting 3:20 pm Book Fair and Parent Luncheon Nominations for AESA officers
April	5	AESA Meeting 6:30 pm Election of new AESA officers
May	3	AESA Meeting 3:20 pm

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

At the end of our school year last year our treasurer, Giovanna Kustala stepped down because she moved to a new school district. Jessie McKinney was voted in as our new treasurer. She has three boys in Austinburg: Luke—4th grade, Patrick—3rd, and Zachary—Kindergarten. She works at Eaton as a Legal Administrator. She enjoys swimming, country music, and spending time with her family.

I am also stepping down as president. I have loved the opportunity to be a part of the AESA board and will continue to help where I can. We have an amazing group of parents, grandparents, and relatives who do a great job supporting the school and the kids through the AESA programming. I'd like to welcome Audrey Pate as our new president of AESA. Audrey has two boys: Bryce—1st grade and Parker is 2 and not yet in school. She has been a Coast Guard wife for 12 years. She loves the beach and being outside.

Welcome ladies!!

Our new board members are going to be finishing out the previous officers' terms. In March we will accept nominations for the new AESA officers. In April we hold elections for the AESA board officers. The terms are 2 year terms. If you or someone you know is interested, please start thinking about that now. Volunteering at the different events is a great way to see what all we do to enrich the kids' experience at Austinburg Elementary School.

LANDSCAPE BRICKS

Have you seen the engraved old Austinburg Elementary School bricks that are in front of the library? They look amazing. We still have bricks available for engraving. One brick is \$25 or you can get two engraved for \$45. Thank you Val Harrington for continuing with this project. More information will be coming home soon for ordering information.

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Summer Reading Program and Breakfast

This year we have a new chairperson for our Summer Reading Program, Mrs. Chernisky. We have watched this program grow every year and are excited to see how much our students are reading. The students who participated are invited to attend a special light breakfast before school on September 18. There will be more information coming home soon.

SPIRIT WEAR

It's time to wear your school spirit! Spirit Wear order forms will be coming home soon. We are offering two different designs. Last year the students submitted designs for Spirit Wear and the students voted on the winners. The two winning students who are receiving free t-shirts in their designs are Trent Carrick and Elijah Hicks. We offer long sleeve, short sleeve, and sweat shirts to keep you covered in school spirit! In our effort to support local businesses, we are having our Spirit Wear printed at Ringers this year. Please seal your order form and payment (*made out to AESA*) in an envelope marked AESA. Thank you.

Austinburg Country Days Parade and Float

This year we went with a Minecraft themed float. Our motto is "We're Building Excellence!" If you want to participate by riding the float in the Austinburg Country Days Parade you will need to fill out the attached permission slip and return it. The parade is on Saturday, September 12 and it starts at noon. We would like to ask that all the children and volunteers meet at the east side of the school where the buses pull in by 11 am. They will leave to walk to their parade space at 11:30am. If you are not to the school by that time, your child will not be able to participate. Thank you to everyone who has helped with the float this year, especially the Carrick family for pulling the float, organizing, and making sure we have a presence in Austinburg Country Days!

Stronger Than a Bully Assembly

Our first assembly of the year was on September 1. It was an anti-bullying assembly filled with "DyNOMite" action, magic, ventriloque, and excellent tips to help students Stand Up against bullying and continue to make our school a Bully Free Zone. The kids learned to SMILE and how to be a HERO (friend) to someone who might be a victim of verbal bullying.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH
(Since this is my last newsletter, I thought I'd leave you with a couple quotes—instead of one.)

WHY FIT IN WHEN YOU WERE BORN TO STAND OUT? -DR. SEUSS

WHATEVER MAKES YOU WEIRD IS PROBABLY YOUR GREATEST ASSET. -JOSS WHEDON

Be yourself. Everyone else is taken. -Oscar Wilde

NO ACT OF KINDNESS, NO MATTER HOW SMALL, IS EVER WASTED. -AESOP, *THE LION AND THE MOUSE*.

New Chairpersons

Thank you to **Jen Marrison, Bobbi Jo Park, Jen Bushnell, Sandy Caradmon, and Jakayla Britton** for becoming the new co-chairs (and committee) for Santa Shop this year. Thank you **Jessie McKinney** for becoming our new COSI chair. Thank you ladies! If you missed the sign ups to help with these events, please contact the chairperson directly or send in a note to the office for the AESA mailbox to their attention.

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Donations and Grant Writers

We want to let all the parents know that we will always be thankful for monetary donations in lieu of or in combination with other fundraising efforts. AESA will happily accept a check made out to "AESA." We want everyone to be aware that this is **always** an option. We would also like to ask if any of our parents are grant writers. If so, we'd love to have you help us find grants that benefit our children and school. Thank you for your support.

Changes this year

We have a few changes this year. We have decided to change the **meeting time** to right after school at 3:20 pm so the teachers would be able to attend. We also want to be able to include as many parents as possible so we will be having alternating night meetings at 6:30 at the school. We are doing our best to be as inclusive as possible. The calendar on the front page tells the times of each monthly meeting.

Market Day is no longer a program, so we aren't participating in it! We are taking a break from the **Fall Fundraiser** this year and are considering an "a-thon" the next time we need to do a fundraiser. In the meantime, we still collect Box Tops and Campbell's Soup labels throughout the year (more information coming home soon about these programs). We also participate in Giant Eagle Apples for Education and Target's Take Charge of Education. These two programs are simple ways to contribute to the school without too much of a commitment. You sign up your Giant Eagle card or Target card once and a portion of your regular purchase sales goes directly to the school.

Parade Permission Slip

I give permission for my child, _____
to participate in the Austinburg Country Days Parade
Saturday, September 12, 2015.

Child's age/grade _____

Parent/Guardian name _____

Phone number _____

(Where you can be reached on parade day)

Giant Eagle Apples for Students

When you scan your Giant Eagle Advantage card you help our school earn FREE equipment and supplies. Register your Giant Eagle card for Apples for Students in three easy steps! Go to www.gianteagle.com or call 1-800-474-4777; Enter our School ID: #0035; and use your Giant Eagle Advantage Card! Anyone can sign up their card and have Austinburg Elementary as the recipient school.

Target Take Charge of Education

As of the September 1, Target has donated over \$1900 to Austinburg Elementary School through their Target Take Charge of Education program. If you shop at Target please consider getting the Target Red card (Debit or Credit) and designating Austinburg to receive 1% of your sales. We currently have 17 REDcard holders who have designated Austinburg to receive their 1%. Our school ID # is 82711. You can sign up for the card in person at your favorite Target store or online. There are other benefits to the Red Card including a five percent discount EVERY time you use your card at Target or online at target.com and you also get free shipping with no minimum purchase amounts.

Detach and Return by September 9, 2015

_____ Yes, I am available to be a parent leader.

Name _____

Email _____