



## Burlington PTA News August 2016



Dear Parents/Guardians/Teachers/Students,

Welcome back to our returning families and teachers! To our new families and teachers, welcome to Burlington Elementary. We hope everyone had a fun filled summer!

### **What is the Burlington PTA?**

PTA is a non-profit Parent Teacher Association within a public school to promote mutual understanding and to increase the effectiveness of the educational program. The Burlington Elementary PTA strives to support and enhance education within our school by working with parents, teachers and staff. Events and fundraisers are held throughout the year to provide fun social interaction and funds to support needs of our school.

### **Playground Status**

Thank you to our wonderful teachers, staff, parents, students and community for all of your help in getting the new playground equipment purchased and installed! Play and physical activity is a very important part of elementary education and we greatly appreciate all the support to complete this project.

### **Events Planned for 2016 – 2017 Year**

So far the events that are in the planning stage for this year are as follows:

**Saturday Live** – September 24th

**Read A Thon** - October

**Math A Thon** – Jan/Feb

**Spring Carnival** – Mar/April

**Family Skate Night** – Dates yet to be determined

**Friday Spirit Day** – Every Friday will be school spirit day. Please wear red or your Burlington Bears T-shirt on Fridays to celebrate our school.

### **Burlington Bears T-Shirts**

We will be keeping the same T-shirt design for the 2016 – 2017 year. Attached to this newsletter is a t-shirt pre-order form. Please fill out and turn in by Friday, September 9th<sup>th</sup>. T-shirts are \$10 each.

### **Box Tops & Labels For Education**

Please continue to clip and send box tops with your student(s) to school. Before sending your box top please check to make sure they are not expired. The Labels For Education program is changing a little bit. Only UPCs with the Labels For Education Logo will be accepted this year.

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### How can you get more involved?

- Join the Burlington PTA with a \$10 single membership or a \$15 family membership (for 2 adults). Joining the PTA does not mean you are required to attend meetings. All PTA Members signed up by October 1<sup>st</sup> will be entered into a raffle to win an Astro Tablet. Drawing to be held at the October 3<sup>rd</sup> PTA Meeting
- Attend PTA meetings to help plan, budget and organize events and fundraisers. PTA meetings are normally the first Monday of each month at 5:45 in the teacher's lounge at Burlington school.
- Watch for PTA newsletters coming home in your child's backpack.
- Check the PTA website (<http://burlingtonelementarypta.weebly.com/>) for upcoming events
- Like the **Burlington Elementary PTA** Facebook page for updates
- Volunteer at our various events such as Saturday Live, Vision Screening, Spring Carnival and more . . .
- Limited Time? No problem. There are several different ways you can help the PTA without attending meetings or volunteering for events. Joining PTA and providing us with your contact information gives you the opportunity to help when and where you can. Maybe you can spare time, maybe you can provide monetary support, and maybe you have an item we can borrow for an event. You never know when there might be opportunity for you to help.

### Upcoming Events:

**Burlington Open House:** *Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 6:30 pm.* Visit your student's classrooms and check in with your student's teacher for any classroom updates. Burlington PTA will have a table available to answer your questions about the school and the PTA. Boy Scouts will also be at open house to answer questions about scouting.

**1<sup>st</sup> PTA Meeting:** *Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 pm in the Teacher's Lounge.* Even if you are not a member please feel free to attend the meeting to find out how you can be involved.

**Saturday Live:** *Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am – 4:00 pm.* Burlington PTA will have a booth at Saturday Live and we will need volunteers. Please contact us if you can volunteer for this event.

Sincerely,

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