



PTA

SAVE THE DATES

AUGUST 24
TWISTED CUP SPIRIT NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 10
PTA MEETING/OPEN HOUSE

SEPTEMBER 13
CHICK-FIL-A SPIRIT NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 28



OCTOBER 15-19
GREAT BOOK EXCHANGE

NOVEMBER 14&15
PAPA JOHNS SPIRIT NIGHT

DECEMBER 6
CHICK-FIL-A SPIRIT NIGHT

DECEMBER 10
PTA MEETING/HOLIDAY CONCERT

DECEMBER 10-14
HOLIDAY SHOP

NEWS FROM BELL'S CROSSING PTA

BELL RINGER

AUGUST 2018

A WORD FROM OUR PTA PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Bell's Crossing Elementary PTA, I'd like to welcome you back to another year at our amazing school! As your new PTA president, I'm excited to start this new school year and look forward to working with all of you to make this an amazing year for our children! Our mission as PTA is to make a difference in the lives of our students here at Bell's Crossing, and it takes all of us working together- our parents, teachers, staff and administrators- to make that difference.



Over the summer, your PTA board has been working hard to lay the foundation for a rewarding and exciting year for our Bell's Crossing family.

One of our goals this year is to reach 100% PTA membership because we believe parent involvement

in their children's education leads to student success, as numerous studies over the years have shown. We encourage you to help support your children's education by purchasing PTA memberships this year for everyone in your family. We also

hope you'll consider volunteering to help with some of our events and/or programs throughout the year, all of which directly benefit our school and our children!

In addition, plans are already underway to help support school improvements and enhancements with our advocacy and fundraising efforts. Over the past few years, our fundraising efforts have helped to build shades over the playground and new playground equipment, purchase much-needed technology, and provide numerous educational resources for our teachers and staff. Many of our fundraisers are fun, family-oriented events, like the upcoming annual EagleFest Carnival & Silent Auction, featuring new rides and games this year as well as delicious food trucks and exciting silent auction deals!

As you can tell, we have an exciting year ahead of us! Make sure to stay up-to-date on the latest news and events on our PTA Facebook page and our website (www.bellscrossingpta.org). I look forward to serving with all of you this year!

Lindsay Howell
PTA President

SUPPORT YOUR PTA

Join the PTA- Make a difference in the lives of our students by joining the PTA. Membership is only \$5 per person, and you may purchase memberships for all adults in your family. Complete the membership form in your "Meet the Teacher" packet or go to our website (www.bellscrossingpta.org) for a copy of the form.

Donate to the PTA- Make a tax-deductible donation to the BCES PTA in any amount using the form available in the "Meet the Teacher" packet. If you have any questions, email bcestreasurer@gmail.com. **THANK YOU!**

From the Principal's Desk

AUGUST 2018

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer with family and friends. We will continue our growth this year as one of the school district's first Personalized Learning Schools. We launched this initiative two years ago with the district's support when they provided Chromebooks to all 3rd-5th graders. Then, we moved all our iPads to our kindergarten-2nd grade classrooms. In the past two years, we have worked with our upper grades using Google Classroom to collaborate on projects and assignments. In our younger grades, we have accessed SeeSaw for student portfolios and learning opportunities. We want to continue our journey so we have added a Technology Instructional Specialist. Amanda Madden will work with teachers and students to best use our technology to enhance and improve instruction. She will collaborate with our instructional coach, Kelley Nalley, to provide best practices to teach our curriculum. Bell's Crossing will continue to lead the way with the use of our technology with our students.

Literacy will always be the foundation of our curriculum and we plan to continue to emphasize reading and writing instruction. Last year, we focused on the student's independent reading time. Our Literacy Specialist, Jill Schmidt, coordinated several reading workshops for our teachers while creating exciting activities for our students. Our Winter Reading Challenge was one of the biggest and best activities of the year. We will continue to provide reading intervention to help any child who is not reading on grade level as well as enriching the children who read above grade level. We continue to believe reading and writing are the foundation for our students' success.

We are looking forward to another wonderful year at Bell's Crossing Elementary School!

Christopher Ross
Principal



SPIRIT WEAR FEATURING NEW SCHOOL LOGO

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What BETTER reason to show your school spirit and support your PTA. Check your "Meet the Teacher Packet" or visit www.bellscrossingpta.org and don't miss that **AUGUST 31st** due date for orders.



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MATHNASIUM
The Math Learning Center

Thanks to Mathnasium for sponsoring our Summer Activity Program! Don't forget to turn in your Summer Activity Program forms to your teacher by **Friday, September 7!**



Get ready for Reflections 2018-2019!

Reflections is a national PTA arts recognition program. Students are invited to reflect on a designated theme and create an original work of art to show their interpretation of the theme. This is a great opportunity for our students to explore an idea and be creative! A wide variety of arts are accepted including: creative writing, photography, dance, visual arts, music composition and more. There's something for everyone! **All grades are eligible.**

This year's theme is: "**Heroes Around Me**". Visit www.scpta.org (under "Programs: Reflections") for more information including official rules for entries. Email Becky Clarke at bcesptareflections@gmail.com with questions. More details and entry deadlines will be announced soon.

Carnival & Auction Friday, September 28 4:30pm - 8:30pm

Please join us for a fun-filled family night at our annual Bell's Crossing EagleFest Carnival and Silent Auction.

We are excited to offer rides, games, delicious food and excellent auction items. There will be old favorites and a few new surprises this year! Be on the lookout for ticket pre-sale information and volunteer opportunities.





Our volunteers helped make last year a fantastic year for our school, and we have many exciting opportunities for volunteers this year as well. Volunteers are needed throughout the year in the classroom, at home, on school committees, and with ongoing programs or special events. Check your "Meet the Teacher" packet for a form outlining the many volunteer opportunities offered at the school/PTA. Please mark any areas you're interested in helping with and return it to your child's teacher. Volunteer needs will also be communicated through school/PTA emails, Web sites, and our Facebook page.

THANK YOU!

FREE \$ FOR OUR SCHOOL

Did you know that you can help raise money for our school when you shop? Here are the school booster programs you can participate in when you shop:

Publix. Publix has changed its school incentive program and there will no longer be keychain cards. To support our school, sign up for the new Publix Partners program through your www.publix.com account. If you don't already have an account, then please go to www.publix.com and click on the person icon at top of page to sign up and select Bells Crossing Elementary as your Publix Partner school. If you already have a Publix account from using online ordering or digital coupons, then simply log in, click the "Go to My Account" tab under your name, and select Bells Crossing Elementary as your Publix Partner school. Then, enter your phone number each time at checkout and a portion will be donated back to our school!

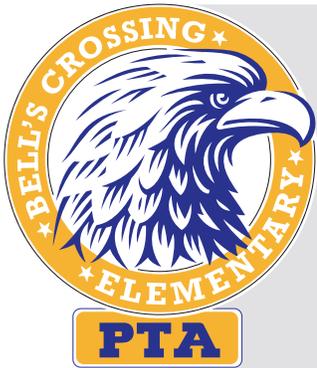
Lowes FOODS Make sure you link your Fresh Rewards card to Bell's Crossing Elementary by visiting their Web

site at www.lowesfood.com and clicking on the Back2Schools/ Cart to Class link or stop by their Guest Services counter in the store. Lowes Foods will reward our school based on the amount of private label items purchased.

YOU MUST RELINK YOUR CARD EACH SCHOOL YEAR.

When you shop at Amazon.com, you can support Bell's Crossing Elementary! Simply go to the **amazon smile** Amazon Smile website (www.smile.amazon.com), log in with you regular Amazon account and select BCES PTA as your charity. Every time you make a purchase through the Amazon Smile site, a portion will be donated directly to our PTA.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION Look for Box Tops on products you buy, clip them and send them in to school to earn free money for Bell's Crossing! Check your Meet the Teacher packet for a copy of the form or visit www.bellscrossingpta.org. Make sure to check the expiration dates before you attach them to the form, and turn them in to win prizes!



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Bell's Crossing Elementary School PTA

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Find us on Facebook at Bell's Crossing Elementary (BCES) PTA and send a request to join the closed group.

The Bell's Crossing Elementary School (BCES) PTA is dedicated to making a difference in the lives of our students by providing enrichment programs and funding for the school. The BCES PTA is part of the South Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. (SCPTA). If you have any questions or suggestions related to the PTA, please contact us.