

A Note from the President

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On behalf of the PTA, I want to welcome you to a new year of school at Fairfield! The back to school rush is behind us, and we are in full swing!

If you are new to our school, I believe that you will find much more than just a school; we are a community committed to caring for our children. Our PTA is involved in so many of our school's activities, and volunteers are always welcomed. Please join our PTA, which always has 100% parent and staff participation, and if you haven't already, consider volunteering on one or more committees of our PTA Board. This is a great way to get to know other parents while becoming more involved.

Our PTA Board meeting dates are posted in the Bulldog Calendar and on the school website. Everyone is welcome to attend. Board meetings give you the opportunity to present new ideas, hear the latest projects, and ask questions.

At our last PTA meeting of the 2009-2010 school year, \$33,000 in technology grants were awarded to teachers at our school. This year, we hope to completely satisfy all of the current technology wishes from the teachers and address suggestions from our parents on spending. Once we decide where the money from this year's fundraisers will be spent, we'll announce it in a BIG way!!!

Your PTA has already assisted in many areas preparing for the beginning of school. Please join me in thanking:

Ms. Barberousse for her endless time and support of the PTA.

Allison Manning for selling memberships and business listings and working so diligently on the PTA directory.

Melanie Peacock for planning and organizing our fundraising efforts and for baking 39 dozen cookies for the Bulldog Bash!

Casey Hyde and the Hospitality Committee for providing a wonderful Tears and Cheers Breakfast for our new Kindergarten Puppy Parents.

Micheal Collins for using his time and resources to provide us with great service for purchasing memberships, spirit wear, yearbooks, etc., at the Bulldog Bash.

Jodie Stump for producing the PTA newsletters this year.

Joanne Black and **Sharon Leethy** for organizing a bountiful breakfast for the teachers, faculty, and staff the day before school started and giving our new teachers welcome gifts from the PTA.

Stephanie Easterling for selling and ordering all of our Spirit Wear.

Laura Grieder for selling ads and organizing our yearbook.

Stephanie Taylor for working with the room moms and continuing that work through the school year.

Julie Diamond and her 5th Grade Committee for throwing the "Big Dogs" a great pool party to start the year off right.

Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Farris for serving on our PTA Board as teacher representatives.

I am so excited about the events and programs that we have in place. Fairfield is truly a wonderful place in which to educate our children, and it is with great pleasure that I am serving with you in supporting our children and staff. Please feel free to contact me with questions, concerns, or suggestions. My email address is smzeagler@bellsouth.net.

Staci Zeagler

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A Note from our Principal



And Away We Go!!!

Welcome to everyone! As Fairfield continues to attract the brightest and the best we started our year with a student population of 425. In addition to the 66 new kindergartners we have also added 30 new students in grades 1st – 5th. Our waiting list is substantial and all of this speaks to the overall climate of our Fairfield Community! This includes everyone: students, parents, extended family, faculty, staff and our strong community supporters. I don't know about a village but I definitely believe that it takes this complete community to sustain Fairfield.

We have two new faculty members and several moves for this year! Mrs. Andrea Horton is in room one teaching 2nd grade replacing Mrs. Stokes who moved back to Georgia. Mrs. Anna Granberry has made a home in room 2 also teaching 2nd grade and Ms. Cross has moved upstairs to 5th grade! Ms. Rhonda Cross is replacing Mrs. Shamburg who couldn't pass up an opportunity to use her new library science degree at a different location. Mrs. Hillidge who teaches 1st grade is on leave for the year and Mrs. Howard has generously agreed to teach the entire year. In 3rd grade Mrs. Julie Little has started the year subbing for Mrs. Schaff who is at home the first nine weeks acclimating to her new baby boy and Mrs. Melinda Wallace is posed and ready to take over for Mrs. Rachel Guy who will add a baby boy to her clan any day now! The rest of us are the returning cast and just tickled to be back with all your little bulldogs!

One of our biggest challenges is to keep up with the ever changing technology. Thanks to you through your support of PTA we are implementing a wealth of new tools/devices to enrich every classroom. A list of specific technology and where it went is listed in the fund raising column.

PTA is the force that allows us to go beyond needs to achieve dreams. Every single minute of time, every monetary gift, every word of encouragement helps build a stronger Fairfield community.

Thanks for everything you do and for trusting us with your children!
Kathy Barberousse, Principal



PTA Memberships

Our goal is to achieve 100% membership once again this year!

Parent Memberships – We need a parent member for each child enrolled in our school to attain this goal. The cost to join PTA is minimal (\$6 individual membership and \$10 couple membership) and includes a **FREE** school directory.

Student Memberships – This is our first year to offer student memberships to 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders at a cost of \$3. Student meetings will be held during a portion of the regular PTA meeting. The students will be given an opportunity to vote on projects such as end of year PTA meeting location, fundraiser prizes, and other items that affect our school.

Grandparent Memberships - Once again we will be selling grandparent memberships for only \$3 during Grandparents Day. We would love to have more grandparents involved at our school!

If you would like to join the PTA before our first meeting, feel free to fill out the form provided and turn in to your teacher or contact Allison Manning at allisonandjames@bellsouth.net.

FYI - All students participated in the art contest for the PTA directory. Winners will be announced at the PTA meeting on September 28th. The school directories will be available that night for all paid PTA members.

Allison Manning

_____ \$6.00 for 1 PTA Membership

_____ \$10.00 for 2 PTA Memberships
(Couple)

_____ \$3.00 for Student Membership
(3rd, 4th, and 5th grades only)

_____ \$3.00 for 1 Grandparent
Membership

Name _____

Child's
Name _____

Grade/
Teacher _____

Thank You!

DON'T MISS THE PTA MEETING!



DATE: September 28th (in the auditorium)

SUPPER: 5:30 (pizza/water by pre-order)

MEETING: 6:00 – 7:00

Student and School Award Presentations

Meet the Enrichment Teachers

Speaker: Mrs. Kelly, Librarian

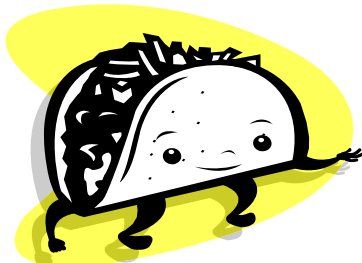
3RD, 4TH, and 5TH grade PTA members will hold a short meeting of their own with VP of Membership, Allison Manning.

K, 1ST, and 2ND graders will be allowed to watch a movie during the meeting. They will be supervised by Fairfield siblings who are in middle school and are certified babysitters.

The next PTA Board Meeting will be September 13 at 5:45 in the auditorium.

Friday, September 17th
Jeans Day with Donation of \$5
Funds will go to a Shreveport
community project

El Chico Night
Tuesday, September 21st
5:00 to 8:00



BOOK FAIR



**SEPT. 25TH-
OCT. 1ST**

Grandparents Day
Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grades
Friday, September 25th
8:30 to 10:20 am



Fairfield Fall CARNIVAL

Saturday, October 9
11:00 to 3:00

Dunking Booth · Games
Inflatables · Food · Cake Walk
Confetti Eggs

FAMILY FUN FOR EVERYONE!

Friday, October 15

Jeans Day with Donation of \$5

Your donations will benefit enriched classes at Fairfield.



FALL BREAK
Monday
October 25th



Friday,

October 29th
Fall t-shirts and
jeans day



PUMPKIN SHINE ON LINE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27TH

Survey Results

I was completely amazed at the large number of PTA Surveys that were filled out in the spring of 2010. I am grateful that you shared your ideas and recommendations with us. The PTA Board has discussed your suggestions, and we will use the surveys to guide us when we explore ways to spend the money that PTA raises this year.

Top 5 ways that parents want the PTA to spend money:

- 1) Parking
- 2) Playground equipment for the front playground
- 3) Gymnasium or exercise equipment
- 4) Improved auditorium
- 5) New sound system for auditorium



Although we cannot afford to have a new parking lot built, we would like to assure you that we will have full access to park in the grassy areas behind and in front of the school this year. Please plan on using the back lot until it is full and then proceed to the front lot.

Ms. Barberousse has informed the PTA that a gymnasium is in the Caddo Parish School Board's long term plan for our school. We do not know when that will happen and if our children will still be here when it does, but again, the PTA does not have the funds to take on such a project.

We plan to begin looking into prices and resources for new playground equipment and a sound system very soon. We will be forming committees and would like to include anyone who can help. If you have any expertise or connections in these areas, please let me know by emailing me at smzeagler@bellsouth.net.

THANK YOU! *Staci Zeagler*



Clip, Snip and Save...

\$\$\$ for Fairfield \$\$\$

- Box Tops for Education
- Campbell's Labels for Education UPCs
- Tyson Project A+ box ends and tear strips
- Community Coffee UPCs

Turn in on the first Friday
of each month

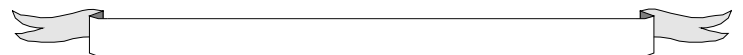


Congratulations!!!

Ms. Barberousse – LSUS Circle of Excellence Recipient, 2010

Mrs. Farris – Fairfield Teacher of the Year, 2010-2011

Ms. Marilyn Farley – Fairfield Support Staff of the Year, 2010-2011



FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Our PTA fundraiser is in full swing! I hope you had many opportunities over the long weekend to sell lots of cookies and magazines!
There is only one week left, so keep selling so we can reach our sales goals.

PRIZES – Beginning at three units sold

A Trolley Ride to play at Kid City during school – 20 units or more sold (see green sheet for details)

MEGA PRIZES – If we reach our sales goal of \$50,000!

Everyone selling 15 units or more will be entered into a drawing. Only one entry per family.

There will be two lucky winners - one from K-2nd, one from 3rd-5th.

Each will each receive \$500 cash.

REMEMBER, in order to give away the Mega Prize, we must reach our sales goal.

That means we need your help to get there. Please do all you can to support this fundraiser. It allows the PTA to provide our children with resources they would otherwise not receive.

Who doesn't enjoy a nice warm cookie and a good magazine to read?

...and to top it off, great prizes, fun rewards, and a chance at a quick \$500! **Happy selling!**

Melanie Peacock

2009-2010 PTA Grants

5th grade – 2 Document cameras,
5 digital cameras and 1 set of
classroom responders

4th grade – Aveaver pens, document
camera, and 1 set of classroom
responders

3rd grade – 3 document cameras
and 3 sets of Aveaver pens

2nd grade - To be determined

1st grade – 3 Starboard Interactive
Tablets

Kindergarten – 3 Document
Cameras

Discovery and Gateway – 2 Smart
Boards and 1 Smart board with
projector

Library – Document Camera

MANY THANKS!!!

PTA Board Member
Deborah LeMere
secured grants from the
following companies:

**THANK YOU, EXCO
FOR \$4,500!!!**

**THANK YOU, ENCANA
FOR \$4,500!!!**

The money was used to
purchase Smart Boards for
all of the Kindergarten
and 2nd grade

Reading Saves The Day

The fall book fair will kick off on Grandparent's Day September 24th and run through October 1st. The book fair will open each day at 7:50 and close at 2:30. Our theme is Reading Saves the Day! We will be using funds from the book fair to purchase more technology for the library. Grandparent's Day and library volunteers will be receiving an email soon requesting help. We are looking forward to a successful book fair. If you are not contacted but would like to help with the book fair, please contact Lori Edmonson at 423-3423 or email rabbittales1001@yahoo.com.



Thanks,
Mrs. T.J. Kelly
and
Lori Edmonson, Library Committee

Yearbook news:

Congratulations to the front cover winner, Victoria Wells, and the back cover winner, Taylor Reed for their colorful interpretations of Pieces of Time. We had many awesome entries for the yearbook cover and are very proud of all of our 5th graders' artistic talent.

The yearbook is underway and pictures are still needed from last semester (Feb Fling - end of year parties). Please submit your pictures via CD Rom or email at lauragrieder@bellsouth.net. Yearbooks and yearbook ads are on sale now. Yearbooks are \$30 and ads vary by size. Please look for your yearbook and yearbook ad order forms to come home in Tuesday folders. There is a deadline of Sept. 24th for ads and Oct. 1st for yearbooks. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me by email or at 797-0461.

Always wondered how yearbook works and why things are the way they are? Here are a couple of yearbook facts that may explain why we do things a certain way. First, the yearbook cover is due the first week of September, so that is why we are in such a rush at the beginning of the year to do the yearbook cover contest for the 5th graders. We also have to gather lots of pictures from the previous year to do the collage on the cover. Second, the entire yearbook has to be turned in at the beginning of February, with several deadlines due before the end of the first semester. That is why the yearbook covers the 2nd half of last year and the 1st half of this year. This is the only way we can get the books back in time to hand them out at the end of the year. Finally, the yearbook takes a lot of time to "create" and organize, so we don't have that much time to go in the classroom to take pictures of children. That is why we really depend on you to send us your pictures and for you to be our photographers. We really try to use as many pictures that are sent to us as possible, assuming they are high quality pictures (not fuzzy, etc.).

Thanks in advance for sending all your pictures and for your support throughout the year!

Laura Grieder

2010-2011 PTA Officers and Chairs

Executive Officers

President — Staci Zeagler
Membership — Allison Manning
Fundraising — Melanie Peacock
Hospitality — Casey Hyde
Corresponding Secretary — Jodie Stump
Recording Secretary — Laura Gooszen
Treasurer — Michael Collins

PTA Board & Committees

Room Mother Coordinator — Stephanie Taylor
February Fling — DeAnna Collins
Auction — Dorothy Shemwell
Field Day — Tammy Beardsley
Carnival — Angela Mayo
Yearbook — Laura Grieder
5th Grade Coordinator — Julie Diamond
Faculty/Staff Appreciation (TAP) — Joanne Black
TAP Co-Chair - Sharon Leethy
PTA Contests — Deborah LeMere
Grandparent's Day — Kathy Williamson
Spirit Wear — Stephanie Easterling
ArtBreak — Lacey McCollum
Building & Grounds — Brad Beardsley
Library — Lori Edmonson