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A Message from our PTA President and Treasurer

Where Does The Money Go?

By Lisa Stern, PTA President and

Lisa Burris, PTA Treasurer

At Kingston we are very blessed to have such supportive parents every year. Recently, a member of the board was asked "what happens to the money that isn't used by the end of the year that is raised by the PTA?" Great question! We're sure if one person has this question others do as well so here goes. Each year the national PTA charges all PTAs with fiscal responsibilities based on the by-laws, which includes identifying means of funding for the activities, programs and events it wishes to pursue within that year. In other words, if we know that we want to do a program that costs \$250 we need to also identify how we will raise those funds within that same year to cover the expense. The PTA is not a business and therefore does not exist to make money, but to raise the necessary funds to cover its annual expenses. The goal being to have a balanced budget to start the year.

But what happens when we raise more than expected? We end our year with a surplus or what is also known as carry-over funds. Kingston is one of the few PTAs which is lucky enough to have carry-over funds each year. This is a good thing for Kingston as some of our annual events and programs occur within the first few weeks of the school year like the carnival and run. This necessitates having some start-up funds for the first 90 days of the school year, while the annual membership and Cougar Fund drives are happening. Typically, we earmark about \$7k for those events and programs so we can order t-shirts, place deposits on carnival attractions, secure race officials, etc. There is an additional earmark of \$3k for the annual scholarships the PTA gives to former graduates, which we always want to be sure we can offer.

In the past couple of years, even with the downturn in the economy, our parent and teacher support has not wavered. Therefore, this year we have an unexpected additional \$10k that is unallocated of the total \$20k carry-over from last year. The executive committee of the PTA board wishes to take a conservative approach and not make any decisions on how to spend these dollars until we know that all our expenses within our budget are covered. If we do not achieve the income within our budget, we will need some of these dollars to cover that deficit so we can ensure all the programs, events and activities continue as planned. However, it is our hope that we will raise all the budgeted income and would have some of this money to use for next year's start-up funds, but also some to spend this year on unbudgeted items. The board is currently open to ideas that members of the PTA may have as to how to allocate these funds if this occurs. If you have ideas, share them with either of us or any member of the executive committee of the board. This is everyone's PTA and we want to be sure we don't miss any unique ways to enhance the education of our children at Kingston. I hope this has helped answer that question about where the money goes, but if not, please reach out to us. We are always happy to answer any questions.

*A huge **THANK YOU** to all the businesses
who gave
to the All American Run, Carnival and
Concessions*

It takes many of us to make a day like this a success; we would like to thank those businesses who saw to it that our community had a fun filled experience. We appreciate all they were able to give and they include: Chick-Fil-A, Zero's and Cici's Pizza for supplementing concessions this year. Many to thank for the carnival including Chuck E Cheese, Five Below, Royal Chocolate, Animal Jungle, Pepsi, Wawa, Laser Quest, American Indoor Karting, Norfolk Admirals, Destroyers Football, Moss Photography, Virginia Zoo, and Disney Chiropractic and MusculoSkeletal Massage.



**Save the DATE ~ NOVEMBER 4th
Family BINGO Night at Kingston**

Get your daubers ready for a fun-filled and prize packed evening of fun! Family BINGO is November 4th at 6:30 in KES Cafe! Details will be sent home regarding Family PIZZA dinner and BINGO bundles! If you want to volunteer contact PTA Programs VP [Nancy Stephenson](#)

November PTA Events

- 11/1 – SCA Skating Party
- 11/3 – Make-up Pictures
- 11/4 – PTA Bingo Night
- 11/8 – Staff Day. No school for students
- 11/11 – Veteran's Day. No school
- 11/15 – Accelerated Reading Begins, 2nd-5th grade
- 11/15 – PTA Board Meeting

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Kingston's Talent Show

Be on the lookout! Flyers for the **Talent Show** will be coming home in your child's Kingston Folder this month.

Sing beautiful songs, make people laugh, jump on a pogo stick while juggling and playing the harmonica. Do magic tricks. What is your talent?

Next Cougar Clippings Issue

Cougar Clippings is published in electronic format twice per month and posted on the Kingston PTA website, www.kingstonpta.org. The next issue will be posted Tuesday, November 15. Please e-mail any submissions by Friday, November 11 to modarling1@hotmail.com. You can also reach Cougar Clippings Chair Kitrian Meagher at kitriandy@msn.com

INFORMATION FROM KINGSTON'S GRTS

Courtney Schafer & Sandy Whitney, Gifted Resource Teachers

Please note the testing dates below and contact us with any questions you may have. Art and dance applications are being accepted now. These applications are for all students in grades 2-7 who show interest and ability in art and/or dance. They do not have to be currently enrolled in any art or dance lessons. Creativity, self-expression, and great interest are the prerequisites. Ask for applications from Mr. Clements, Mrs. Prof-fitt, or your GRTs. Applications are due on or before Feb. 1, 2012. Teachers appreciate having ample time to complete the applications, so turning them in before Feb.1, is greatly appreciated.

TEST DATES 2011 - 2012

Dec. 6, 2011 2nd Quarter Testing (MPR)

Jan. 12, 2011 1st Grade Screening (1st Grade classrooms)

March 8, 2012 ODC/KLMS applicants - (MPR - Applications due on or before Feb. 1 - no exceptions possible)

March 22, 2012. 1st Grade Testing (MPR)

May 10, 2012 4th Quarter Testing (MPR) - only students grades 2-4 NEW since Jan. 1, 2012 & 2nd grade hold students

SAVE THE DATE: PARENT WORKSHOPS

Dec. 12 5th Grade Options - Application Process and an introduction to the MYP (Middle Year Program at Plaza MS) and a brief overview of Kemps Landing Magnet School 4:30 - 5:30

January 10 1st grade parents - Gifted Referral and Identification Process 4:30 - 5:30

March 19 Communication and Collaboration in the 21st Century 4:30 - 5:30 This workshop is helpful for all Kingston parents!

2011-2012 COUGAR FUND SPONSORS

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ATTENTION ALL COUGARS!!!

Thank you for making the 2011 29th annual Beach Ford All American Run a success! From the volunteers to the runners, it was truly amazing!

1. If you want one of the awesome AAR shirts, you are in luck! We will be selling AAR shirts through November 11th. To order, simply fill out this form with your name and circle the size and color you would like. Next, send in a check or cash for \$12 for each shirt to your teacher, and we will deliver the shirt to your child the next day! The t-shirts make great spirit wear and would look great on the 4th of July!
2. TriDuo was at the finish line taking pictures of the runners this year! Log on to www.triduo.com and click on Beach Ford All American Run 2011, enter your last name or bib number to view and purchase your photos! There are some GREAT action shots!!

THANK YOU ALL AGAIN for making this year an incredible success!

Kim & Joe Moss

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Save the date for the 30th anniversary of the Beach Ford All American Run and Carnival October 13, 2012!

NAME _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

TEACHER _____

CHILD SIZES AND COLORS

RED S L XL

WHITE S L XL

BLUE S XL

ADULT SIZES AND COLORS

RED S L XL XXL

WHITE S L XL

BLUE S L

**Quantities of t-shirts are limited and will be available on a first come first serve bases.