

# Southeastern Elementary PTA Newsletter

# LIL' HAWK HERALD



September 2009

## *PTA President's Pulse*

Welcome to the new school year!!! For those of you who are new to the Southeastern family, welcome; I hope that you soon feel as comfortable at the school as the returning families do. Returning families: it is good to see you again!

I would like to take this opportunity to say how excited the PTA is about working with Ms. Wiggins, our new principal. We are taking this change as a new opportunity to look at how we do things and to refresh our approach on many activities. Please let us know how we do!

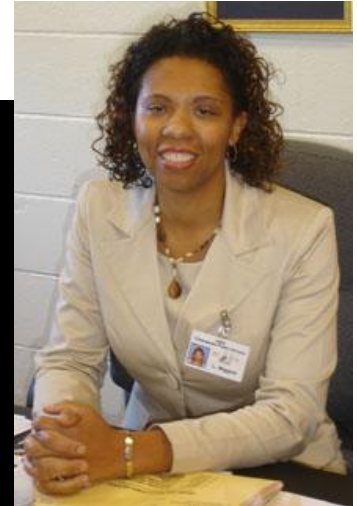
In keeping with our fresh approach, we have some new opportunities to help at school this year. One is our new "Green" committee which will seek ways to reuse, recycle and reduce our consumption of paper and other goods. Interested in getting involved? Contact us via the website!!!! (see below). As part of our new "green" approach, we are also looking for ways to spruce up the exterior of the school and make it look more attractive; please sign up for "Beautification" if you can help us.

We will also be using parents to assist at the "Welcome Desk" as you first enter the school during the lunch hour. We want to give our security officer, Courtney Franklin, an opportunity to patrol the school and assist as needed on the playground and cafeteria. If you can help between 11:00 a.m. - 1 p.m., please let us know.

This newsletter, which will be quarterly, will serve as one of the primary communication devices between the PTA members and Board. Our website, SEEPTA.net, is our other primary means of communicating and offers a "Contact Us" button if you have questions, concerns or needs. Please use these tools!!!

Our newsletter contains much information on ways to help our students grow and assist the school in acquiring additional supplies (see the "Ways and Means" column), so look through it carefully. Also, as part of this newsletter is the Virginia PTA Proposed Legislative Program voting ballot. **Please tear off this last page, vote and return to your child's teacher.** Please also look for the articles on Membership, Reflections, volunteer opportunities and our calendar of events.

Cindy Melton Bitterman  
SEE PTA President



**Ms. Wiggins**

Please join us in welcoming Ms. Leslie Wiggins to Southeastern Elementary School as our new Principal; she most recently was at Butts Road Intermediate as their Assistant Principal. She resides in North Carolina with her husband of nineteen years and their two sons, 12 and 17. Ms. Wiggins has spent her entire education career – which is going into its fifteenth year – in the Chesapeake school system, and she has taught Special Education in both elementary and middle school.

Her goals at SEE are to increase the technology resources, improve reading skills and to look for ways to make the school more environmentally-friendly or "green." Ms. Wiggins has dedicated her career to helping children find ways to reach their full potential and she wants to use her skills to benefit SEE. When she has some free time, she enjoys reading, especially mysteries!!!!



# 2009-2010 PTA EVENTS

as of 9/10/09

<b>September</b>	17-10/2	Fall Fund Raiser – Entertainment Books
	22 (Tu)	Family Night at Carvel
<b>October</b>	9 (F)	Teal Spirit Store
	13 (Tu)	6:00 p.m. <b>PTA Meeting</b>
	22 (Th)	Reflections Deadline
	23 (F)	Black Spirit Store
	21 (W)	Family Night at Chick-Fil-A
<b>November</b>	5 (Th)	Reflections Reception (tentative)
	6 (F)	Teal Spirit Store
	3 (Tu)	<b>PTA Meeting 6:00 p.m.</b>
	17 (Tu)	Family Night – Pizza Bingo 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
	20 (F)	Thankful for You Faculty Luncheon/Black Spirit Store
<b>December</b>	4 (F)	Teal Spirit Store
	7-11	Book Fair
	8 (Tu)	6:00 p.m. <b>PTA Meeting</b>  7:00 p.m. School Musical
	9 or 10 4-7 p.m.	Cookies and Milk with Santa (Tentative)
	18 (F)	Black Spirit Store
	22 (Tu)	Last Day of School before break

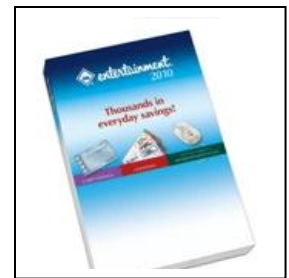
# ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

With the beginning of a new school year comes the start of another, GREAT fundraiser, "The Entertainment Book".

This year's Entertainment Book brings many great offers from some of our local businesses, such as Savannah's, 360 Pizzeria, Little Gym.

Not only do you save money on delicious food, it also saves you time and gas.

Besides restaurants, there are some great offers in entertainment, sports, retail and even travel. As always, all of the money earned goes right back to our children's education.

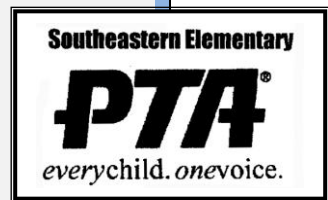


So, why not tell everyone? Family, friends and even co-workers. Once again, the book will be selling for only **\$20.00**. Wow, what a great deal! So, be sure to keep a look out for this year's Entertainment Book.

Sale material and important information will be coming home on **September 17th** and will conclude on **October 2nd**. At this price, we are expecting another sell out, so grab yours before they are gone! This year's top winner will receive a one night stay at the "Great Wolf Lodge" for a family of 4, water park passes included.

SEE thanks you in advance for your participation in helping our school to succeed. If you have any questions regarding the sale, please contact Jeannet Barr at paul39@cox.net.

<b>P T A B O A R D</b>	<b>President</b> Cindy Bitterman
	<b>First Vice President (Fundraising)</b> Jeannet Barr
	<b>Second Vice President (Family Nights)</b> Carolyn Cobb
	<b>Treasurer</b> Nancy Gray
	<b>Recording Secretary</b> Michael Bryan
	<b>Corresponding Secretary</b> Michelle Stevens





# Spirit Store Schedule

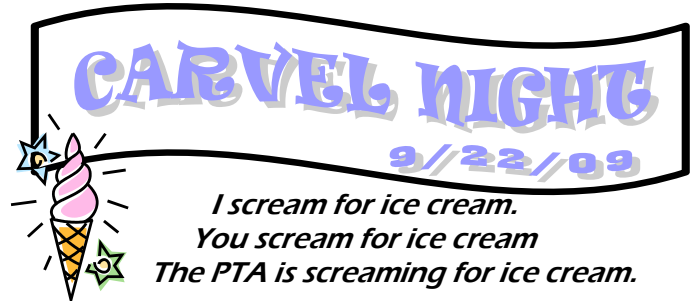
(as of 9/10/09)

The location of the Spirit Store has changed. We will be located in the hallway between the 1st grade classrooms and the gymnasium lobby area. Please look for us!!!!

<u>Teal</u>	<u>Black</u>
Myers	-----
Kight	Heely
Nye	Taylor
Hall	Alexander
Pascale	Williams
Rhodes	Garver/Sheperty
Higgerson	Malsbury
Cameron	Beach
Rose	Taylor
Keasey	Toppin
Cruz	Eason
Walker	Heath
Brown	Benitez
Graves	Thrasher
McLaughlin	Fulcher

<u>Teal</u>	<u>Black</u>
October 9	October 23
November 6	November 20
December 4	December 18
January 8	January 22
February 5	February 19
March 5	March 19
April 2	April 16
May 7	May 21

We will try to stock school supplies (highlighters, mechanical pencils and lead, erasers, pencil sharpeners, etc.) in addition to some of the "collectible" items that we have had in the past. If you have any specific requests, please place them in the PTA mailbox. Thanks for your help and support.  
SEE PTA



Please join us at Carvel for ice cream night  
**On September 22**  
**Tuesday, from 6:00 - 8:30p.m.**  
 A portion of the  
 Sales go back to the SEE PTA. See you there!!  
 And who knows: you might even see a  
 teacher or two screaming for ice cream.



## "Reaching For the Stars"

Every parent, guardian, grandparent, aunt, uncle, sibling and friend who joins the PTA helps not only his or her own child, but every child. Each of us has strengths and talents to share. Be part of the largest volunteer organization in America that speaks on the behalf of our children.

Please complete the PTA Membership envelope, enclose **\$5.00** and return it to your child's teacher as soon as possible. Each classroom receiving 100 % membership will receive free ice cream.

Imagine how strong our community could be if every parent, every community member, and every business leader got involved in PTA! **Help us "Reach the Stars" by becoming a member.**

Jeannet Barr, Membership Chair

**It's Coming....  
Pizza Bingo Night!  
Save the Date....**

Tuesday, November 17 at 5:30 p.m.  
Look for a flyer in early  
November...

**Donations  
Needed.....**

Donate a prize or gift card for Pizza  
Bingo Night!  
Have something to donate? Contact  
us at SEEPTA.net

**It's Not Easy Being  
Green.....**

But SEE PTA is going to do our best!  
Join our new "Green" committee to  
investigate ways to recycle and  
reuse our resources. Contact us at  
SEEPTA.net



[www.seepta.org](http://www.seepta.org)

We welcome your feedback . Any ideas,  
additional features, or info etc. can be  
submitted under the *Contact Us* section.



Oh Chick-Fil-A

What more can we say

The PTA is heading that way!!

Chick-Fil-A Family Night is

**Wednesday, October 21, 2009**

**5:30-8:45 pm**

Edinburgh Commons

Please join us for family night.

Bring the Chick-Fil-A flyer

and a portion of the sales

will be donated back to our school.

**Simple ways to support SEE**

**"DON'T BLOW YOUR  
BOX TOPS!!!!"**



We have launched our 2009-2010 "Box Tops for Education" fundraising campaign. This year's goal is **\$3,500** which will help to support our "Projects" fund. Each box top is worth .10 - help us reach our goal !

**"FREE PIZZA CONTEST"**The PTA is holding its first contest! The classroom that collects the most box tops during the month of September will win a pizza party for lunch. To participate, have your child bring their box tops in a bag labeled with their teacher's name by September 30th. It's that easy!



**CAMPBELL'S  
SOUP  
LABELS**

Send in your **UPC codes, caps**  
and **bonus certificates**. Some  
UPC codes are worth 5 points.  
Send them in with your child.

**FARM  
FRESH  
RECEIPTS**



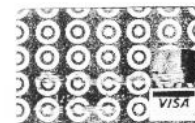
Save and send  
in your Farm  
Fresh Receipts  
and earn free books, computers,  
audio visual and more.

Link your accounts to SEE and every time you use your card  
the school receives a percentage from your purchase.



**FOOD LION**

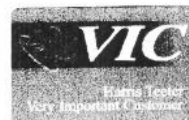
at [www.foodlion.com](http://www.foodlion.com)



**TARGET**

[www.target.com/tcoe](http://www.target.com/tcoe)

SEE School ID #103440



**HARRIS TEETER**

Sign up in the store. Please note that you must re-register each  
September to get Harris Teeter Credit. Account #6263.

**2009-2010 Reflections Theme**



Calling ALL students!! Get out your paint brushes, warm up your camera,  
put on your dance shoes... it is time for the PTA Reflections Program.  
The theme this year is: *Beauty is...* Entries will be accepted in Film  
production, Dance Choreography, Musical composition, Photography,  
Visual Arts and Literature. More information will be coming home Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.

# Want to Volunteer?????

## Here's How!



Outside of volunteering in the classroom, there are other ways to volunteer at SEE.  
Here's a few of our "Help Wanted" ads:

- **The Welcome Desk:** We need people who are able to help once or twice a month from about 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to check in visitors to the school. This will allow our security officer to patrol on the playground and in the cafeteria. Ms. Wiggins said that this would be a great opportunity for a parent with a baby as babies are welcome!
- **Volunteer Hour Counter:** We need someone who is willing to total up the minutes from each month's volunteer logs. You can do this at home.
- **Book Fair:** In early December we need volunteers to help the children select books and ring up their purchases.

Here are some of our other committees with a brief description of the committee and its needs:

**Spirit Store** – Volunteers assist children as they go through and select school supplies and other items.  
Opportunity: twice a month, Fridays from 10:45 – 1:00 p.m.

**Scrapbook** – Take photos and memorabilia from school events and activities and turn them into a page for our album! Opportunity – at your convenience

**Ways & Means** – Clip and count coupons, manage one of our store programs (Farm Fresh, Food Lion, Harris Teeter), send in labels and store receipts. Can do from home or school; on-going.

**Teacher Appreciation:** Help with "Thankful for You" lunch in November, "Dessert Day" in February or "Teacher Appreciation Week" activities the first week in May.

**General Volunteers** – Those who sign up for this committee get a little bit of everything sent their way!

**Family Nights** – Like to help with Pizza Bingo Night? Do arts and crafts? Help with Santa? Then this is the committee for you!

**Book Fair** – See above! This is the first full week of December. Some early evening hours available too!

**Bulletin Board** – Help us create masterpieces on our front boards! Think "giant scrapbook.....!"

**Beautification** – Help improve the appearance of our school. We could use help with the interior and exterior.

**"Green"** – We are trying to find ways to better use our resources. Can you help?

**Website** – We have a great webmaster who keeps us updated.

**Newsletter** – This comes out quarterly and we can use help counting and distributing to the staff. Want to be a journalist? Write a story for us!

Please fill  
out and  
send in

*Yes! I would like to help!*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Area(s) of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_