

# KES PTA NEWS

*It takes a village...*

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## The PTA President's Corner ...

Happy New Year Kemptown Families!

I hope everyone had a relaxing and fun winter break spent with family and friends! It's hard to believe that the holidays are done, we are in 2020, and the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter is upon us!

The PTA has a lot of great things planned for the rest of the school year! Minute to Win It Game Night, Pajama Day, Staff Hospitality, Valentine Parties, Bingo Night and much more! Be sure to stay updated by reading through the newsletters, checking our website on a regular basis <https://kes.ptboard.com/> and if you're on Facebook, join our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2037214879872494/> !

Also, you can still **JOIN THE PTA** if you haven't already! You can join ONLINE through our website or see the attached paper form at the end of the newsletter! IF you join online, click membership, create an account, sign up with code: H4HUYK. Easy peasy!

Sincerely,

Your KES Executive Board

Volume 9 – January 16, 2020

## Mark Your Calendar!

### January:

1/20 – Schools Closed (MLK Day)  
1/24 – Minute to Win It Family Fun Night  
1/28 – Spirit Day (Pajama Day)  
1/29 – Schools Closed

### February:

2/6 – PTA Mtg @ 7pm  
2/12 – CarterQue Dinner Night  
2/14 – Classroom Valentine's Parties & 2-hour early dismissal  
2/17 – Schools Closed – President's Day  
2/21 – BINGO Night, Family Fun Night

### March:

3/2 – Spirit Day (Dr. Seuss Day)



## NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE NEEDED!



Although we are only in the month of January, the PTA needs to start thinking about **next school year!** **We must establish a Nominating Committee!** The Nominating Committee will be responsible for contacting current Committee Chairs to see if they would like to stay in their positions for the 2019-2020 school year, or if they would like to pass their position on. If they do not wish to return (but we hope many will), the committee will work to find folks interested in taking on those roles in the PTA. It isn't a huge time commitment and as always, the executive board is here to support you! If you're good at communicating and following up, reach out! It would be a great way to get involved in the PTA/help organize next year's team!

The Executive Board is so appreciative for all the time, hard work and dedication that everyone has put into their positions so far this year! For next year, since Executive Board positions are 2-year terms, we will need to fill 3 positions: President, Vice President and Secretary. Please reach out ASAP if you may be interested in any of those positions! We already have one person expressing interest in President!

If anyone out there is interested in being on the nominating committee, or being on a PTA committee next school year, please don't hesitate to reach out to me ([kemptownpta@gmail.com](mailto:kemptownpta@gmail.com)) or 240-793-5308!

Thank you for your continued support! No PTA Meeting this month! Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm!



*If you have pictures from attending a KES event, we'd love to share them in our newsletters... please send them to [kesptanews@gmail.com](mailto:kesptanews@gmail.com)*



## Family Game Night – Minute To Win It

When: January 24th

Time: 6:30-8pm

Where: Kemptown Elementary Cafeteria and Gym

Come out and enjoy an evening of minute long games. Family and friends of Kemptown are welcome to come compete, strategize, laugh, and try to win fun games! Who doesn't love a little friendly competition? This evening is sponsored by the PTA, and is **FREE of charge to families, staff and friends of KES.**

All you must do is **bring a timer** (you can use your cell phone) and **a good attitude!** All games will have directions posted. Parents, please help your child clean up and put back each station before moving to the next.

There will be a score sheet at each game for the winner to record their name and score. Winners of each game will be posted in the newsletter. Games will include: *Marshmallow Chop Sticks, Move 'Em Up Cups, FLIP IT, Don't Drop the Ball, Stack the Dice, Potato Head, Roll the Dice, Suck it Up,* and more! All games will be family friendly!

Volunteer opportunities will be needed. Please keep an eye out on the [Kemptown Elementary PTA Facebook Page](#) for updates.

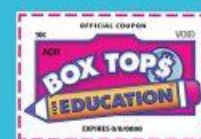


## Fundraising Corner...

We want to first apologize for the delayed items from the **Yankee Candle fundraiser**. This was not expected and hope you all took advantage of the additional discount. We ended up selling \$4758 and profited \$1903! This is another great addition to our fundraising initiatives.

**Penny Wars** are still over a month away and we will send out more information in the February newsletter, along with specifics on how those funds will be distributed and spent. Start collecting that change!!!

We continue to have fantastic turn outs for our **Spirit (dinner) Nights**. A huge thank you to Kim Huang who most graciously makes and offers prizes for each event!



SEE THIS...  
**CLIP IT**



SEE THIS...  
**SCAN YOUR RECEIPT**

Drop your Coke codes in the office in the Coke jar to help KES earn \$\$\$

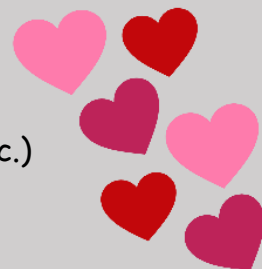


# Shoebox Project: A Little Box Goes A Long Way

Beginning **January 13-24, 2020**, we will be packing some Kemptown spirit into shoeboxes for kids in our area. Shoeboxes are filled with goodies like toys, books, crafts, and stuffed animals that will be donated to the Heartly House in Frederick.

We are asking that each grade bring in specific items:

- Kindergarten:**      **Small Games** (can include cards, handheld games, jacks, etc.)
- Grade 1:**              **Small Toys** (can include dolls, cars, balls, yo-yos, deck of cards, jump ropes, etc.)
- Grade 2:**              **Small Craft** (can include Rainbow loom, Paint by Numbers, etc.)
- Grade 3:**              **Small Comfort** (can include pillow, blanket, pillowcase, etc.)
- Grade 4:**              **Activity Books** (can include books, journals, crossword puzzle, Sudoku, coloring books, word finds, etc.)
- Grade 5:**              **Small Stuffed Animals** (Please **ONLY** new or **GENTLY** used items)



*If you have any shoeboxes, please send them in, too!*

## *Class Valentine's Day Parties*

Class Valentine's Day Parties will be held on **Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**. Because this is also a 2-Hour early dismissal, party time will be from **9:15 am – 10 am**.

Each class can have up to 6 Classroom Parent Volunteers. Classroom Coordinators should have emailed parents by this week to organize which parents will be helping in the classroom during the party. Parents can split times between classes. Haven't gotten an email yet about volunteering for the Valentine's Day Parties and want volunteer? Please reach out to Rose Salla ([m.rosesalla@gmail.com](mailto:m.rosesalla@gmail.com)).

Classroom coordinators will also be emailing class parents to help support classroom parties with food, goodies, and other various needs. Please consider supporting these fun parties for your students and be on the lookout for those emails!



It's NEVER TO LATE... Join the PTA by signing up online at:

<https://kes.ptboard.com>

All NEW families need the code: H4HUYK



## JOIN THE PTA

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE





## FUNDRAISER NIGHT

Please join us  
Wednesday Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> from 5pm – 9pm

CarterQue BBQ in Mount Airy will donate **15%** of all food sales from any guest that presents this fundraising ticket! (Dine-In or Carry-Out)  
Place your order online: [carterque.com](http://carterque.com)

All proceeds will go to **Kempton Elementary PTA**.

*Thank You for your support. Together we can make a difference in the community!*

See you at CarterQue BBQ on **2/12/2020, 5pm-9pm**  
1310 S Main Street Mount Airy, MD 21771 (301)-829-2222



*Volunteering at KES this year?  
Planning to chaperone a field trip?  
Or helping out with a class party?*

If you plan to participate in any of these ways, please make sure to complete the volunteer training. **EVERYONE**, must complete this training annually.

Click [here](#) to be directed to the training link on KES's website. Don't forget to print and turn in your Confidentiality Agreement when you complete your training! Thanks for volunteering! You make all the difference!

When you volunteer, please log your hours [here](#)!



Jill will be quite a busy the next couple of months getting all the FCPS nominations ready for a variety of awards programs! Many hours will be spent advertising, writing, collaborating with Ms. Golightly and staff, editing and submitting these awards. The Frederick County Teacher of the Year Award, Charles E. Tressler Distinguished Teacher Award, Support Employee of the Year Award and Substitute Teacher of the Year Award, are among the awards Jill will be requesting nominations for in the coming weeks and months! Your help will be greatly appreciated by sending in nominations and experiences with staff members who are nominated!! Jill is such an eloquent writer and is organized and detailed and I want her to know her efforts are greatly appreciated! THANK YOU, JILL for fulfilling the responsibilities of the awards committee and working to get our fabulous staff the recognition they deserve!



**Jill Wade**  
Awards Committee



**Rebecca Dixon**



**Jenny Thornett**



**Laura Vicinelly**



**Emily Willard**

***5<sup>th</sup> Grade Event Chairs***

Becca, Jenny, Laura and Emily are the 5th grade event chairs this year! They started earlier this school year with the 5th grade t-shirts, which look fantastic!!!! Next up on their agenda is to plan the infamous 5th grade field trip/pool party!! They have a few meetings scheduled (one which happened this week!) and some awesome ideas for this memorable day for the graduating class of Kemptown!! Thank you, ladies for all your planning and hard work! Our kids are lucky to have you!!



**Kim Huang**



**Melissa Kigin**

**&**

***Welcoming Committee***

The Welcoming Committee is responsible for assisting and welcoming new parents to Kemptown by contacting them (upon family's requests) and serving as a mentor for all new families who come to KES. While we haven't had many new families come to Kemptown, it can be a wonderful thing to have friend to help you get to know the ropes! Kindergarten Registration for 2020/2021 will be begin in the Spring of 2020. If you know of any new families that will be joining our Kemptown community or a new neighbor moves in next to you with kids that will be attending KES, please let them know the PTA has a wonderful resource for them with our Welcoming Committee. Thank you, Kim & Melissa, for your enthusiasm, friendliness, and willingness to serve on this committee!

# Support the Kemptown PTA - Become a member today!

Join KES PTA on our Website at <http://kes.ptboard.com>

1. Click PTA Membership
2. Create an account
3. Sign up for PTA online
4. Type in our school code: **H4HUYK**
5. Fill out form & payment
6. **DONE!**

Or Use this form to join and you will be able to access our Virtual Buzz Book (student directory) and Facebook PTA group and receive our bi-weekly e-Newsletters.



Complete one form per family. Please be sure to **PRINT CLEARLY** to avoid any typos.

<b>Contact Information</b>		<b>Faculty – check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
Family Last Name:		
	PARENT 1	PARENT 2
First Name:		
Last Name:		
Street Address:		
City, State, Zip:		
Home Phone:		
Cell Phone(s):		
E-Mail Address(s):		
<b>Child/Children Information</b>		
<b>Child 1 Name:</b>		
Teacher Name:		Grade:
<b>Child 2 Name:</b>		
Teacher Name:		Grade:
<b>Child 3 Name:</b>		
Teacher Name:		Grade:
<b>Child 4 Name:</b>		
Teacher Name:		Grade:

☐ I have verified everything above is accurate!!

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

## CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX BELOW:

☐ YES, I want my family info listed in the Virtual Buzz Book\* (\$15/Member)

☐ NO, I do not want my family info listed in the Virtual Buzz Book\* (\$15/Member)

Make checks payable to **Kemptown PTA** and return to school in an envelope labeled: **PTA Membership/Virtual Buzz Book**

*\*Virtual Buzz Book is Kemptown's online Student Directory. Once you have signed up for the PTA, you will receive information with how to access the online Buzz Book. Only KES PTA members have access to this.*

## FOR PTA STAFF ONLY:

# of Adult Memberships \_\_\_\_ x \$15

Total Cash received: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Check received: \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Receiving by  
(PTA volunteer initials): \_\_\_\_\_

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_