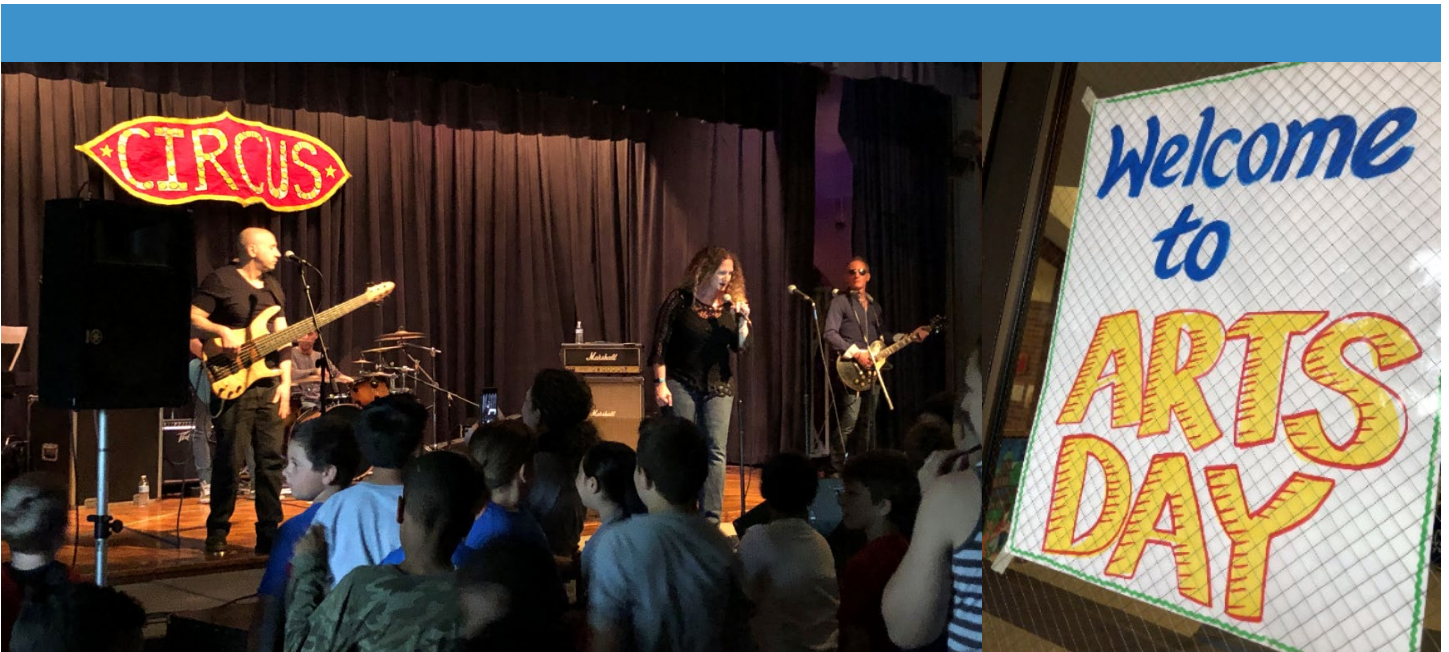




Newsletter

June 2019



Hello! **Dear Asa Packer** **Parents & Guardians,**

Another amazing year at Asa Packer Elementary School is almost over! We hope you and your children had enjoyed this year's events, which the PTA had sponsored and organized with your help and contributions. Read on to discover what we've accomplished this year, and the schedule of exciting events planned for Asa Packer's students for the next academic year.

Thank You! **To Our Volunteers,**

The PTA would like to extend a very big THANK YOU to all parent, student & high school volunteers. You have helped Asa Packer students this year by reading to the students, helping with writing sessions, organizing classroom parties, chaperoning field trips, helping out at school and/or PTA events, and donating and participating in fundraisers. You being involved is another way to show your children that you care about their education and community.

About us **Asa Packer PTA**

Asa Packer PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. The PTA is devoted to the promotion of parental involvement in our schools and does many things to directly support the students and their educational experience. Your participation is vital to further develop a diverse and talented PTA and enrich the lives of our Pumas!

GENERAL MEETING DATES:

October 1 st	6:30pm
(Volunteer Badge	6:00pm)
November 6 th	6:30pm
January 7 th (Tentative)	6:00pm
February 4 th	6:30pm
March 3 rd	6:30pm
April 7 th	9:15am
May 5 th	6:30pm

Calling for Volunteers!

Dear Asa Packer Parents and Guardians,

We cannot do it without you!

Join the Asa Packer PTA
2019-2020!

www.asapackerpta.org/join/

Volunteer in our various Committees, there are many opportunities to fit your interest and time!

Volunteer as little as 30 min. of your time per week, or 2 hours per event makes a huge difference for organizing educational and enrichment events for our students!

Please see our website on many ways to help, either by joining as PTA members, helping with your students on fundraisers, or by signing up as committee volunteers or chairperson during our Fall Volunteer sign-up.

www.asapackerpta.org/committees/

If you have any questions, please e-mail
asapackerpta@gmail.com

ASA PACKER PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD TRANSITION

	2018-2019	2019-2020
President:	Yi-Wen Lai	Shawntay Sabetti
1st Vice President:	Jaclyn Bzura	Jaclyn Bzura
2nd Vice President:	Jodie Harney	Yi-Wen Lai
Treasurer:	Tina Haas	Tina Haas
Fundraising Secretary:	Mara Drabouski	Mara Drabouski/ Jodie Harney
Membership Secretary:	Shawntay Sabetti	Bridget Hujisa
Recording Secretary:	Janine Rothbauer	Madge Chinnery

We have an exciting line-up of events and fundraisers planned for the next school year. We look forward to volunteering with you!

Asa Packer PTA Calendar of Events*:

Date	Event
August 18 th , 1 - 4pm	Back to School Potluck Picnic (HTTC Pavillion)
August 22 nd , 6:00pm	Kindergarten Open House/Playdate
August 26 th , 9:15am	Boohoo Yahoo Breakfast (KDG Parents only)
August 29 th , 6:00pm	Open House (Grades 1 - 5)
September 20 th	Walk-a-thon (Rain Date 9/24)**
September, TBD	Fall Mum Fundraiser (Pick-up TBD)
September 27 th	Picture Day (Make-up 11/8)
October 16 th	Parent Day
October 17 th	Grandpals/VIP Day
October 15 th -19 th	Book Fair (Fall)
Oct./Nov., TBD	Author Day**
October 25 th	Halloween Parties (Classroom)**
October, TBD	Halloween Parade (City of Bethlehem)
November 1 st	The Brain Show (School & Family Sessions)
November 7 th & 14 th	Donuts with Dads(11/7- KDG to 2; 11/14 - 3 to 5)
Nov./Dec., Date TBD	Holiday Flower/ Ornament Sale
Nov./Dec., Date TBD	Mrs. Fields Cookie Fundraiser
Nov., TBD	Family Movie Night
December, TBD	Teacher Appreciation & Luncheon***
December, TBD	Holiday Shops**
December 20 th	Hoilday Party (Classroom)**
January 31, 6-8pm	International Family Dinner (Snow Date 2/7)
Jan./Feb., TBD	Roller Skating
Jan./Feb., TBD	Family Movie Night
Jan./Feb., TBD	Applebee's Pancake Breakfast
March 12 th & 19 th	Muffins w/ Moms (3/14- K to 2; 3/21- 3 to 5)
March 30 th - April 4 th	Book Fair BOGO (Spring)
April, TBD	Talent Show
April, TBD	PTA Member Meet & Greet
May 8 th	Arts Day**
May, TBD	Kindergarten Welcoming Day
May, TBD	Teacher Appreciation Week and Luncheon***
May 15 th , 5 - 8pm	Patio Party
May, TBD	Fifth Grade Picnic**
May, TBD	Field Day and Lunch**

Notes: *Events listed do not include school organized performances, club events, and field trip dates. Additional events may be added. Dates may change due to weather or other scheduling conflicts. Please check our website for latest updates. **PTA sponsored events for student only, and ***staff only.

Thank You to our students & families who help Asa Packer PTA and raised:

\$23,500*

Thank you to our local and national business who had donated*: **\$4,600***

Asa Packer PTA was able to spend on sponsored events, classroom/school supplies and equipment totaling:

\$21,100*



2018-2019 ASA PACKER PTA SPONSORED EVENTS

These are the wonderful events that benefitted our students & families, and enriches our Asa Packer community as a whole. These events were made possible with your volunteer work and fundraising contributions.

- Arts Day
- Assemblies (The Brain Show, Rizzo's Zoo)
- Author Day
- Boohoo Yahoo Breakfast for KDG Parents
- Book Fair - Fall & Spring Bogo
- Donuts w/ Dads
- International Dinner Night
- Grand Pal's/VIP Day
- Family Movie Nights - Free Entry/Refreshment
- Fifth Grade Picnic
- Kindergarten Registration/Open House/T-shirt
- Halloween Parade
- Muffins w/ Moms
- Patio Party
- PTA Member Meet and Greet PSSA/Spirit Supplies
- Roller Skating - Free Entry and Rentals
- Talent Show



2018-2019 ASA PACKER PTA SCHOOL SUPPLIES & PROGRAMS

With your contributions, the PTA were able to purchase much needed school supplies & academic programs that enriches your children's learning experience and environment at Asa Packer Elementary School.

- Classroom Funds for classroom supplies
- Craft Supplies for Lobby Decoration
- Craft Supplies Rock Art Garden
- PSSA/Spirit Supplies Science Programs
- Outdoor Vegetable Garden
- Teacher Appreciation & Luncheon
- A/V Equipment
- Field Trips for Kindergarten to 5th Grades
 - Kindergarten - Mad Science
 - 1st Grade - Da Vinci Science Center
 - 2nd Grade - Lehigh Valley Zoo
 - 3rd Grade - Historic Bethlehem
 - 4th Grade - Harrisburg State Capital and State Museum
 - 5th Grade - Historic Philadelphia & Museum of the American Revolution

Asa Packer PTA Year End Reflections

Dear Parents and Guardians.

Another school year is coming to a close, the Asa Packer PTA Board would like to say a sincere thank you to all our parent volunteers – chairpersons, committee members, room parents, classroom helpers, and high school volunteers, whom have made our events successful, fulfilling our Mission of family engagement in our children’s education.

For fundraisers, we continued with Walkathon, Kid Stuff Book, Fall Mums/Holiday Plant Sales, and Applebee’s Breakfast. This year we introduced Mrs. Fields Frozen Cookies, Matey’s Frozen Pizza, Holiday Ornaments, and Amazon Smile. We also had fundraisers sponsored by restaurants owned by Asa Parents – Broad Street Pizzeria, and Pat’s Pizza & Bistro (for Primary Program). We’ve had a successful fundraising year, and were able to cover the cost of the PTA sponsored events.

This year, we have introduced several new events, and would greatly appreciate any feedback:

- Boohoo Yahoo Breakfast for Kindergarten Parents
- Family Movie Nights with Creation Contests
- Holiday Gift Shop with new format/cost basis
- Meet and Greet events for PTA Members.

We’d like to mention the following businesses who were the major donors to the PTA: Giant A+ Awards \$3,093.25, Patients First \$1,000, and State Farm Companies Foundation, via Elliott Tracey, an Asa Packer parent, donated \$500. His agency also sponsored the costs of Donuts with Dad & Muffins with Mom events. In addition, please see the complete list of businesses that donated to Patio Party, either as raffle prizes, or direct donations to the PTA.

You can find the preliminary summary of this year’s fundraising and programmed event cost to the right of the page. The full Treasurer’s Report will be available on the October 1st PTA General Meeting, and posted on the PTA website after August 26th.

Notes: All numbers are rounded. * Based on financial information as of 5/31/2019 and projection for yet to be incurred expenses.

2018-2019

WE RAISED: \$28,100*

This year, our major fundraising events raised*:

Walk-a-Thon	\$7,010
Patio Party	\$3,190
Giant A+ Awards	\$3,090
Mrs. Fields Cookies	\$2,560
Book Fairs	\$2,180
Kids Stuff Book	\$1,940
PTA Members	\$1,150
Spirit Wear	\$1,125
Christmas City Bonus	\$770
Mum/Holiday Plants	\$950
Applebee’s Breakfast	\$650
Matey’s Pizza	\$470
Box Tops	\$450
Pretzel	\$440
Holiday Ornaments	\$160
Amazon Smile	\$150
Broad Street Pizza	\$150
Talent Show	\$130

This year, the major PTA events spent:

Field Trips	\$6,830
Assemblies	\$2,600
Classroom Funds	\$2,320
Arts Day	\$1,400
Teacher Appreciation	\$1,040
Author Day	\$910
5 th G. Picnic/T-Shirt	\$690
Hospitality/Supplies	\$650
Family Movie Nights	\$560
Education Programs	\$430
Roller Skating	\$480
PSSA/Spirit	\$390
PTA Printing	\$380
PTA Expenses	\$380
Hospitality	\$240

Looking for ways to share your time and talent? Keep informed of upcoming events and opportunities to get involved, by ‘liking’ our Facebook page, following us on Twitter (@AsaPackerPTA), or visiting our website (www.asapackerpta.org). Have a suggestion? Email us at asapackerpta@gmail.com



**The ASA PACKER PTA
THANK THE GENEROSITY OF THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY SPONSORS,
THAT MAKES OUR 2019 PATIO PARTY POSSIBLE:**

**3 Men & A Bagel
Academy of Natural Science of Drexel University
Asian Bistro
Balanced Body Therapeutic Massage
Bear Mountain Butterfly Sanctuary
Cactus Blue Mexican Restaurant
Camelbeach Mountain Waterpark
Cheryl Chickey's All American Performing Arts Center
Chipotle
Copperhead Grille - Allentown
Costco
Crayola
Dickey's Barbecue Pit
Disney Parks
Five Guys - Airport Center
The Franklin Institute of Philadelphia
George's Oasis Miniature Golf
Giant Food
Green Pond Country Club
Grim's Orchard & Family Farms
Hampton Lanes
Harrisburg Area Riverboat Society
Hawk Mountain**

Imagi Nation
Iron Pigs
Just Born
Kings Island
Lehigh Valley Laser Tag
Longwood Gardens
Lost River Caverns
Lucky Strokes Golf & Grill
Moe's Southwest Grill
The Museum of American Revolution
National Canal Museum
New One Third Asian Cuisine***
Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire
Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival
Philadelphia Flyers
Philadelphia Phillies
Philadelphia Wings
P.J. Whelihan's Pub & Restaurant
Playa Bowls
Prime Martial Arts
Putt U Miniature Golf
Reading Fightin Phils Baseball
Reading Public Museum
Richard Kroll Salon
Rodale Aquatic Center
Shammy Shine
Sheetz
Sight & Sound Theatres
Southmoore Golf Club
Spark Orthodontics
Strasburg Railroad
Swim-in Zone
Sweet & Sassy of Lehigh Valley
Touchstone Theatre
Town & Country Lanes
Turkey Hill Experience
Wawa
Wegmans Food Markets
Weis Markets