

PTO Newsletter

Parents - Teachers - Students



October was FaBOOlous!

Halloween Parade, Parties and Teacher Treats

A big, beautiful thank you to everyone who donated snacks, games, crafts and time to make the classroom Halloween parties possible! Also, thank you to those who were able to make it to the annual Halloween Parade! We had beautiful weather for the parade and a great turn-out, too! Our students enjoyed wearing their costumes and seeing their teachers dressed in their costumes. Each year the teachers/staff select a theme and this year was superheroes. The PTO Board had no tricks, just treats for teachers/staff and dropped-off classroom wishlist items to teachers/staff. Thank you teachers & staff for being so "faBOOlous"!



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**YOU made PTO thrive
in October!
THANK YOU!!!**

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Red Ribbon Week

Taking a Stance Against Drugs & Bullying

To celebrate national Red Ribbon Week, PTO encouraged students & staff to dress-up each day of the week. For example, students wore bright colors because they are "Too Bright for Drugs".

Also, on Monday students signed their name on a banner, pledging to stand-up against bullying and to stay drug-free for life. On Tuesday, each classroom discussed things they could do other than drugs and bullying, then wrote those ideas on a red ribbon. On Wednesday & Thursday students received themed pencils and bookmarks.



Fire Prevention Week

Happy 100th Anniversary!

In honor of National Fire Prevention Week's 100th Anniversary, PTO partnered with our local Baden Volunteer Fire Department for a "Ride a Fire Truck to School" raffle. PTO tried giving half of the funds raised from the raffle to the fire department; however; the fire department kindly declined the donation, insisting the money be used for our students.

Also, our State Street Family showered the first responders with appreciation and gratitude. PTO delivered countless cards/posters/pictures/etc. made by our students, teachers and families. Thank you Baden Volunteer Fire Department for all that you do for our community.

KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

Students who are 5 years old on September 1st are eligible for State Street's full-day kindergarten program! The students enjoy a full schedule filled with math, reading, computers, STEAM, art, music and gym. By the end of the school year, most students will be able to count to 100 by 1's, 5's and 10's. They will also be able to complete simple addition, recognize over 100 sight words, sound out words phonetically and read books suitable for early readers!

State Street Elementary utilizes two fabulous reading programs: McGraw Hill and Foundations - a Wilson Reading Program.

Meet one of our fabulous kindergarten teachers on pages 5.

1st PTO Meeting of 22-23

With Book Bingo!

The 1st PTO meeting of 2022-2023 was held on Tuesday, October 18th! PTO members voted to approve the budget presented by the PTO Board, which included a \$2,000 carry-forward into the 2023-2024 school year. Any remaining funds collected during the 2022-2023 school year will also be carried-forward.

Also, PTO members approved the purchase of a circle-time rug and chair buddies for 1st grade.

Fundraisers

Thank You for Your Support!

October was a busy month for fundraisers! So that orders could be delivered before the holidays, PTO scheduled Anderson's Candy and Spirit Wear fundraisers during the month of October.

Other smaller fundraisers were: "Ride a Fire Truck to School" raffle, Boscov's Coupons, Baden Monte Cello's and Halloween Squishmallow Raffle.

With the exception of Moe's Taco Kits, we'll be taking a break from fundraising during the upcoming holiday season. As always, thank you for your continued support of PTO!



Did you know? For several years Old Crow Coffeehouse in Ambridge has ensured State Street Elementary families in need had gifts under the tree on Christmas morning. The company has donated food, clothing, toys and monetary items to our school. Thank you Old Crow Coffeehouse! We are grateful for your generosity and the positive impact you've made in our community.



Treasurer's Corner

Finance Update: October

Now that we've completed some fundraisers, it appears our budget is on-track for the 2022-2023 school year.

Summary of October Income:

- "Ride a Firetruck to School" Raffle - \$325
- Boscov's Coupons - \$150
- Baden Monte Cello's - \$150
- Halloween Squishmallow Raffle - \$147
- Profit amounts have not yet been provided for Spirit Wear and Anderson's Candies/Holiday Traditions fundraisers.

Summary of October Expenses:

YOUR support allowed PTO to give-back about \$350 to 15 teachers/staff that completed a PTO Classroom Wishlist! Some of the items were: jump ropes, fidget toys, circle-time rug, rhythm scarves, treasure box items, reward erasers, etc.



We'd like to give a big, beautiful "THANK YOU" to our donators, volunteers, teachers/staff, vendors & community groups who helped make PTO possible in October!

Volunteers

- Beverly Cobern
- Danielle Zatchey
- Jen Tusick
- Jo Ann Hoover
- Classroom Head Parents
- Classroom Volunteers

Vendors & Community Groups

- Anderson's Candies
- Baden Volunteer Fire Department
- Monte Cello's of Baden
- Stuvach Printing & Graphics

BEAVER COUNTY TRUANCY EDUCATION PROGRAM (TEP)

"TEP is Beaver County's effort to reduce truancy (absenteeism) in our local schools. It is a means for the Magisterial District Justices to offer alternatives to fining families of first time offending truant students.

The program works cooperatively with all fourteen Beaver County school districts to identify students who may be approaching critical truancy levels and are on target to be sent to Court. School meetings are provided to parents and students as an opportunity to develop a new strategy in improving school attendance as well as a chance for a more successful future."

<http://www.beavercountypa.gov/Depts/CYS/Pages/AvailableServices.aspx>

Meet Our Kindergarten Teacher

Mrs. Helen Leseiko

The Ambridge area holds a special place in Mrs. Leseiko's heart. She is a "hometown girl" and attended AASD from kindergarten through 12th grade, then stayed close-to-home for college (Geneva). She was recently acknowledged for her 25 years of service to the district: 21 years teaching Kindergarten at State Street and 4 years teaching Kindergarten, 3rd, 4th and 5th grades at Highland. However, when asked about this accomplishment, Mrs. Leseiko said "When former students stop by my classroom or see me out & about and tell me how much they loved my class, that means the world and far more than any award."

Over her career, Mrs. Leseiko has become known as the "Best Hugger" and the "Never On Time Teacher" (haha!). If you've ever met her, one thing is clear - Mrs. Leseiko LOVES her students and considers them to be "the world's most precious gifts". Her favorite part of teaching kindergarten is the students' innocence and their expressions when they learn something new or finally understand a concept... plus, kindergartners share the best stories! Mrs. Leseiko most enjoys the beginning and end of each school year because she sees where each student starts in August and watches them learn & grow through May, when they proudly walk across the kindergarten promotion/graduation stage.

If Mrs. Leseiko wasn't teaching, she'd most likely be a dog walker, farmer or perhaps a veterinarian... but we sure are glad that she chose teaching! Thank you for loving our "most precious gifts" and giving them a fabulous education, foundation and first impression for their primary schooling.



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- **Favorite Color:** Orange & Yellow
- **Favorite Food:** Chicken Parmesan
- **Favorite Drink:** Sweet Ice Tea (Summer) & Hot Chocolate (Fall/Winter)
- **Favorite Snack & Sweet-Treat:** Peppermint Patty
- **Favorite Hobby:** Walking, Reading, Family Game Night with her husband Sean, sons Reed & Joseph and dog Reese
- **Favorite Author:** Nicole Trope
- **Favorite Quote:** If you want something, work hard. If you don't get it, work harder. (Love ya, Dad!)