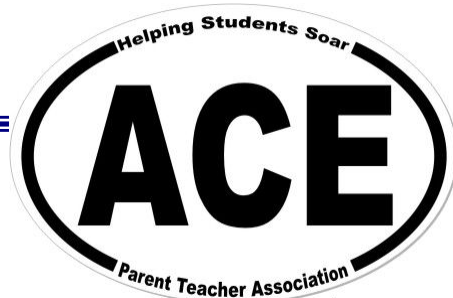


ACE PTA and It's Volunteers



*What a difference PTA and a Community of Volunteers
can do for our school!!*

August 2009



Dear Athens-Chilesburg Elementary Families:

Welcome to Athens-Chilesburg Elementary or “ACE”, a nickname we fondly call our school. We are so glad you are here and ready for another great school year. I realize that you get so much paperwork at the beginning of school, but please take a look at all of the attachments. This packet is full of volunteer opportunities, as well as insights to what is happening at ACE. There are so many programs and initiatives that the PTA brings to the school and without you as a volunteer and a PTA member, it would not be possible. Many times you do not see what the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) helps bring to the school. At the end of this letter, you will find a listing of programs where the PTA has continually been supportive. We hope, with your support, the PTA will be able to continue to assist in these areas in the future. These activities are made possible by using our PTA membership dues and PTA Fundraisers. So, make sure to support your PTA by joining and inviting your family and friends to help support your children’s education.

We will have a fundraiser starting in August brought to you by Bumblebee, a local fundraising company. Also, the Fall Carnival, which is scheduled for Friday, October 9th, is always good family fun and a successful fundraiser. In this packet you will find many ways in which you can help make money for our PTA/school: Kroger gift cards, Meijer cards, recycling printer cartridges, collecting box tops, purchasing food through the Market Day program, and using Goodsearch.com as your web browser to name a few. Look through the attachments very carefully to find the program that will work best for you.

The PTA has also undertaken a program titled “ACE Explores the Outdoors”. Last year trees were planted around our playground and we now have plans to bring an Amphitheater to the back of our school. Check out the “Buy-A-Brick” form which will give you the chance to purchase a personalized brick paver for the Amphitheater stage floor. Leave your mark in ACE History! The outdoor plan also includes the installation of a rain garden, Kentucky wildlife garden along with walking paths in the front of the school. You will be continually updated about the program throughout the school year.

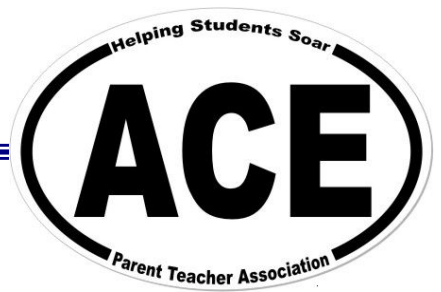
Please take a few minutes to fill out the forms enclosed in this packet and return them in envelopes to their specific committee, as indicated on each form. You may send these forms to your child’s teacher, and they will ensure that they reach the proper PTA committee. We would like to use email as our primary form of communication, so make sure to provide your email address too. Our ACE PTA webpage (accessed from the ACE main website – www.ace.fcps.net) will be updated regularly so that you can stay informed on your own time.

Myself, as well as everyone on the PTA Board, welcome you to another great year at ACE. Please let us know if you have any questions and concerns as we are one membership! Together, we will make a difference at ACE and make it the best school in town. ***Parent Involvement is the Key to Good Education!***

Warm Regards,

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PTA Past Performance & Hopes for the Future

Our school opened 3 years ago and your PTA has provided support for the new building, teachers and staff. Since you may not often be aware of what the PTA brings to the school, the following are some specifics that the PTA has provided since the opening of our new building:

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| Playground | Weekly E-Newsletter |
| Black Top Play Area | Landscaping |
| Painted & Decorated Teachers' Lounge | Painted & Decorated 2 Teachers' Bathrooms |
| Playground Equipment for Each Class | T-Shirt for Each Student |
| Provided Staff Raincoats & Storage Cabinets | Field Trip Support for All Classes |

Also, there are so many programs where the PTA has continually been supportive. We hope, with your support, that the PTA will be able to continue to assist in the areas below in the future:

Constitution Day	Red Ribbon Week	Fall Carnival	Veteran's Day	Lexington Children's Theater comes to ACE
Free Book Distribution at Christmas	International Day	Arts Day	Academic Celebrations	Social Studies Fair
Science Fair	Thanksgiving Luncheon for Staff	Spelling Bee	Walk to School Week	ACE T-shirts for each student
ACE T-shirts for CATS testing	5 th Grade Graduation	Back to School Night	Market Day	Field Day
PTA Reflections Program	ACE Yearbook	ACE Spanish Club	ACE Tour Guides	ACE Tutoring
Charity of the Month	Birthday Books	Volunteers for Teachers	Kentucky Kids Day	Scholastic Book Fair
Canned Food Drive	Colonial Day	Geography Bee	Black History Month	Teacher Appreciation Week
Telephone Directory & Student Handbook	ACE Playground	Math Tiles Volunteers	5 th Grade Trip to Washington, DC	\$400 Scholarship to a former ACE student graduating from High School

And don't forget about PTA Membership Benefits

The scope of the PTA goes beyond the local school boundaries.

- PTA has the "clout" to get things done in the District and State level.
- Dues provide the funds to act and give us representation at District, State and National levels.
- PTA makes a difference beyond local schools by sharing information.
- PTA works to benefit ALL children and youth.
- PTA provides legislative representation at the State and National level.
- PTA Membership = 25% Off at FedEx/Kinkos ~ 5% Off at Barnes & Noble Online
- Entire PTA Membership Amount is Tax Deductible

Be sure to fill out your PTA Membership form and return it to school as soon as possible. By working together and creating One Team, we can accomplish so much for our children, their school and their future!