



Principal's Corner

Welcome Back!



As we begin the 2010-2011 school year, I want to welcome each student and family to Bon Lin Middle. We are now moving into our third year and our team is growing stronger each year. The PTSA has picked "Strengthening our Lynx" as their motto this year and that is a goal we have for the school as well. Each student, teacher, clerical worker, parent, teacher assistant, cafeteria worker, and administrator must work together to strengthen each other.

The mission statement for our school states the following: "We as a community educate all students to be life long learners, productive in society, and respectful of our individualities." Many times mission statements are written by organizations and then put on a shelf and not remembered. At Bon Lin Middle we strive to live up to our mission statement and do everything possible to push our students, teachers, and staff to make the mission of the school come to life. I encourage you as parents and guardians to help us this year make this come to life as well.

For those of you returning to Bon Lin Middle I welcome you back and encourage you to be a good example for our new students. For those new to our school, welcome to one of the best middle schools in the county. Please let me know if I can be of service and I look forward to working closely with each family this year.

Dr. Dyer
Principal
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From Your President...

Your Bon Lin Middle School PTSA welcomes you to 2010-2011 school year. We hope you will join us in supporting the Bon Lin Middle community in a variety of ways. The PTSA keeps you informed through emails and newsletters and we are hoping to improve communications with parents this year by sending the newsletter via email and posting it on our website. www.bonlinmiddleptsa.org.

The best way to support the efforts of the PTSA is to join. Memberships are just \$5 per person. We encourage students, parents and teachers to join the PTSA. Yes, that means "Dads" also. The PTA is not just for Mom. Research says that when fathers and significant males are involved in the lives of children; academic performance and social behavior improve. The "s" stands for student in PTSA. Our PTSA helps our students develop their leadership skills and learn more about the legislative process all while supporting their school.

If we can be of service to you, please contact us. We are here to serve our students, parents and teachers.

Michael Todd
PTSA President

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What's Inside:

- Membership Information
- Fundraising Information
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Calendar of Events
- Important Announcements, etc...



In an effort to GO GREEN, Bon Lin Middle PTSA will no longer be printing a calendar or newsletter, other than this welcome back edition!

Join the PTSA and future News Lynx will be emailed to you, or go to www.bonlinmiddleptsa.org for the latest copy!



Membership Information — Join today just \$5 per member.

Why Become A BLMS PTSA Member?

When you become a member of the BLMS PTSA you join over 5 million other PTA members nationally in becoming part of a support group to help children, families and schools. Each year we as a PTSA have grown and it is our continued goal to grow not only in numbers but involvement in our school and community. Countless volunteer hours were logged during the 2009-10 school year and the following is just a short list of how we as a PTSA were involved in the lives of our children and community:

- Treats for Troops
- Volunteered at Rainbow Assisted Living facility on MLK holiday
- Provided award parties for honor roll students each 9 weeks
- Drug Truck visited campus during Red Ribbon Week
- Purchased e-beams for faculty
- Purchased and planted all trees and plants on campus
- Volunteered in the BLMS clinic
- Assisted BLMS families during times of loss or need
- Provided lunches/dinners for teachers during parent conferences and Teacher Appreciation Week
- Provided speakers for BLMS families to stay abreast of subjects affecting families today
- Sponsored 5K race to promote healthy living

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For only \$5.00 per member, you can become a part of an active PTSA who gives sacrificially to make BLMS an even greater school each year she is in existence! Please use the envelope included in this package to turn in your membership.

Also, mark your calendars for **September 10th** where a \$5.00 student membership will gain a BLMS student access to the first ever PTSA Membership Concert featuring local band **Young Guns**.

Thanking you in advance for your support,
Rene' Liddle, Membership Chair - BLMS PTSA

Acronyms of Bon Lin Middle:

You will notice that in education, as in most professions, many acronyms are utilized that can be confusing for those who aren't part of the "business."

Below are some common acronyms you may hear while at our school and more information on each.

AYP: Adequate Yearly Progress - AYP measures the yearly progress of different groups of students at the school, district and state levels against yearly targets in reading and mathematics. Target goals are set for attendance and graduation rates as well. If a school misses one target, it does not make AYP.

BLMS: Bon Lin Middle School

ESL: English as a Second Language. A program model that delivers specialized instruction to students who are learning English as a new language.

LEA: Local Education Agency (our school system)

PBIS: Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (pbis.org)

MMGW: Making Middle Grades Work (sreb.org)

NAEP: National Assessment of Educational Progress. Also known as the "Nation's Report Card"

NCLB: No Child Left Behind (<http://www2.ed.gov/nclb/landing.jhtml>)

RAD: Research, Argument, Debate (<http://wordgeneration.org>)

RTI: Response to Intervention (<http://www.rti4success.org/>)

RTT: Race to the Top (<http://www2.ed.gov/programs/racetothetop/index.html>)



Fundraising Information — Kickoff September 20th

It is an honor to be a part of the Bon Lin Middle School PTSA because I know we can and do make a difference in the lives of our students, teachers and faculty. Last April, 2010 BLMS PTSA was recognized by the Tennessee PTA in six different categories for awards. We were recognized as one of the top three middle school PTSA's in the state of Tennessee! To implement the programs and to function as an organization requires funding. I am serving as the Ways & Means chair. I am asking for your financial support. I am sure you will agree that the education of your child is extremely important. As a PTSA, we are here to support the students and school in the best way we can. This coming year, we will have several ways you can help us obtain our goals.

The first way is through the Kroger and Schnucks programs. These two companies will donate to the PTSA 5% of your purchases and it doesn't cost you a thing except a few moments of your time. My family spends approximately \$400.00 in gas and groceries. This equals \$20.00 a month in donations back to the school. If every family participated in this program, we wouldn't have to worry about funding our programs! More information is in this newsletter.

On September 20, 2010 we will be kicking off our fall fundraiser with Great American. This is the company we used two years ago. They have excellent products that I know you will enjoy showing your family and friends. The turn in date for orders will be October 8th with delivery on November 9th. There will be a Mega Party for students that sell 10 or more items on December 3rd. If you can help, with any of these events, please contact me.

In April, 2011, we will have our third annual Bon Lin Blazing 5K Race and Fun Run. It is another great way to raise funds for our school and enjoy a healthy activity with your family.

At the June board meeting, our BLMS PTSA voted to give the school \$5,000 for E-beam technology. Dr. Dyer was thrilled with this gift. I hope this school year, we will be able to make an even bigger impact to improve the educational experience for our children.

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Please help Bon Lin Middle School PTSA earn easy money for our school each time you shop at Kroger or Schnucks. Bon Lin Middle PTSA will receive 5% back from your purchases as a donation to the PTSA.

If you shop at Schnucks, you may go to www.groups.escrip.com and enter our group number #500022665. You will need your customer care account card number as well. If you don't have one, you may stop by the customer care counter at Schnucks and sign up. Please tell them you would like to support Bon Lin Middle School PTSA.

Kroger requires you to purchase a \$5.00 gift card. This card will be loaded with \$5.00 and you can add money to your card at any time at your local Kroger store. Please send in \$5.00 for each card that you would like. Remember that gift cards make great gifts, too.

If you have any questions about these programs, please contact Jamae Zarshenas at jzarshenas@aol.com or 372-9020.



Student Name _____
Homeroom Teacher _____
Number of Kroger Cards @ \$5.00 Each _____
Total Amount Enclosed _____



I am looking forward to all of our parents and students participating in various service projects this year. Parents who are interested in volunteering time to help plan, and implement these projects should contact Lokita Glover – Inspiration & Service Chairperson at 901-489-1170.

Parental Involvement = Three For Me

Parental involvement is crucial to the health and well-being of a child. As a parent, you are the most important influence in your child's success in school and in life. When parents are involved in a student's education, students perform better in school and navigate more easily some of the challenges of growing up. Middle school provides new ways you can make a difference in your child's life. The national PTA promotes a program called "Three 4 Me". We encourage you to volunteer 3 hours sometime during the school year. There are many ways you can volunteer during the school day, as well as at night, or on the weekends. If you haven't done so already, please fill out a volunteer form, which can be found at www.bonlinmiddlepts.org, or contact me at Jcfish7@bellsouth.net or 359-3178.

Grandparents, aunts, uncles, or anyone with a strong desire to help our students succeed are welcomed at Bon Lin Middle School. I look forward to working with you this year.

Cindy Fish - Parental Involvement Chair



Clinic Cares

Volunteer parents are needed to staff our Health Room this year. Parents are needed to work one day per month from



10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

Duties are very simple.

You take temperatures, give out Band-Aids, ice packs & call parents!

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!!

Who can volunteer? EVERYONE!!!

Contact our Clinic Coordinator

Tabitha Rogers –

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August 2010 – Happy Birthday written in Red...

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 Registration Day	4 Tracy Leaks	5	6 Penny Ellis	7 Don't FORGET!
8	9 First Day of School	10	11 CitiSaver Fundraiser Kick-Off	12	13	14 Elizabeth Walker
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Rachel's Challenge Event	25	26 SGA Homeroom Representative Campaign Cecelia Bolton – Booker		28
29 Kolleen Perry	30 Sarah Bynum	31 Open House/ Club Fair	Notes:			

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