

# David Fairchild Elementary PTA

Newsletter  
September 2014



## WELCOME BACK

We are excited to have another

**"A"wesome** school year!

We hope you enjoy our

**1st David Fairchild Elementary Newsletter.**

We are looking forward to better connecting with you at David Fairchild Elementary and its PTA.



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

David Fairchild is your neighborhood school. Please be on the look out for ways you can volunteer. We **NEED** your help! You can volunteer as a homeroom parent, the Book Fair, Halloween Fun Night, Silent Auction / Family Fun Day and many other events. Prior to volunteering, you must register on the [Parent Portal](#). We will be reaching out for your help and hope that you will volunteer.



**OPEN HOUSE & SPAGHETTI DINNER** Please join us for the Annual Spaghetti Dinner On Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> 5:00 to 6:30 PM. Sponsored by **Randazzo's Little Italy**.

This event is the PTA's first fundraiser of the year. Tickets can be purchased prior to the event for \$6 or at the door for \$8. The spaghetti dinner will be held in the school cafeteria.

**David Fairchild Elementary School's Open House** will follow the dinner at 7 PM. The Open House will give you an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and learn a little bit about what your child is learning and will learn throughout the year. More information will be sent to you in the upcoming weeks.



## T-SHIRT SALE AND HAIR BOWS

Tired of seeing "red" everyday? Purchase your David Fairchild Elementary T-Shirt for \$10. They are available in blue, lime and pink. We also have long sleeve t-shirts for \$15 when the weather gets cooler. The t-shirts can be worn Monday through Friday in place of the red polo shirt. This year we also have a limited amount of adult t-shirts are available for purchase for \$10 each. T-shirts can be purchased by filling out the t-shirt order form that was sent home the first week of school and submitting them in to your child's teacher. If you are in need of another form, they are available in the main office as well. You may also submit the forms directly to the main office.

**New** this year, we will begin selling bows for the hair. These will come in colors that match both the school t-shirts and the red/khaki school uniform. They will be sold at \$6 each. This will be a new addition to the t-shirt fundraiser. If you are interested in buying a hair bow, you may email Gina at [ginapmesa@yahoo.com](mailto:ginapmesa@yahoo.com).

## PTA MEMBERSHIP

Support your child's education by joining the PTA. Membership is only \$10 per adult and is open to parents, grandparents, friends and any other adult that would like to support David Fairchild Elementary School. The deadline to join is DECEMBER 12th. Classes that obtain 100% adult participation will receive a free pizza party!



## Parent Portal

Any parent, who wishes to volunteer at school, **MUST** register on the Parent Portal within the Miami Dade County Public School website. Make sure you have your child's student ID and parent pin #. This information can be obtained in the main office. You **MUST** reactivate your account every year! To log on or register, please go to <http://www.dadeschools.net/parents.asp>

**BOX TOPS** It's time to turn in all the Box Tops you collected over the summer. Place trimmed box tops (non-expired) in a Ziploc bag with your child's name and homeroom teacher labeled. Box Tops can be submitted on collection sheets but it is not necessary. Box Tops will be counted and tallied for each homeroom. Prizes are awarded to the classrooms that bring in the most box tops. Stay tuned for flyers going home regarding upcoming contest rules.



## BUYING LUNCH????

Did you know you can manage your child's lunch account on line? Register with [www.PayPAMS.com](http://www.PayPAMS.com) and you can put money into your child's school lunch account. You can also view on line what your child has been purchasing in the cafeteria each day.

**New Drop Off Procedure** All Students may be dropped off at the front gate beginning at **7:45 a.m.** **Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders** will be escorted by a school staff member or volunteer to the cafeteria. **3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders** will either go the cafeteria for breakfast and then proceed to the PE court OR they may directly go to the PE court. **Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade** teachers will pick up their students from the cafeteria at 8:10 a.m. If your child is dropped off to school after 8:10 a.m. they will be escorted to their classroom. **2<sup>nd</sup> grade** teachers will pick their students in the cafeteria at 8:25 a.m. If your child is dropped off to school after 8:25 a.m. they will be escorted to their classroom. Students in **Pre-K through 1<sup>st</sup> grade** must be in their seats by 8:20 a.m. and **2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade** students must be in their seats by 8:35 a.m. to avoid being marked tardy. **Dismissal** for students in **Pre-K through 1<sup>st</sup> grade** is at **1:50 p.m.** and **2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>** at **3:05 p.m.** **Early dismissal** for all grades on **Wednesday's** is at **1:50 p.m.**



Parents please mark your calendars for our **Fall Fundraiser** starts **September 19<sup>th</sup>**. It's a way to get a head start on your

holiday shopping and an easy way to show your support for our school. This year's fundraiser will include great home good items such as candles, kitchen must haves, lunch bags, magazines, chocolates, cookie dough and much more! Let's get ready to shop. Part of the proceeds will go to our local animal shelter.

## I have a question for the PTA...

### Do all grade levels have Art/Music/P.E.?

Beginning in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, students participate in organized art and music classes as well having physical education. Students in Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade have these fine arts incorporated in their daily lessons.



**Lunch Bunch** is a special reading program at DFE for students in **Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade**. Registered Volunteer parents/guardians come to school during lunch breaks and read age-appropriate books to an assigned group of children. It is a fun and fulfilling experience for both the children and volunteer readers! If you would like your PreK - 2<sup>nd</sup> grader to participate, simply complete and sign the light blue permission form that was sent home with your child(ren), and return to the teacher. If, in addition, YOU would like to participate as a volunteer reader for your class, please also complete the other side of the light blue form -- indicating your schedule availability. **(Note to volunteer readers: Don't forget to sign up as an official MDCPS volunteer at the Parent Portal)** We are proud to continue this rewarding Lunch Bunch tradition at DFE and hope you can join us. Our children really do look forward to these special lunchtime story-reading opportunities!



## David Fairchild PTA is your PTA!

We are here for you and your children!

Please support us and volunteer with us!

We are looking forward to meeting and volunteering with you!

You can email the PTA at [dfeppta@gmail.com](mailto:dfeppta@gmail.com)