

# Northern Lights ABC School

## PTA Newsletter

*Can't hide that Tiger Pride!*

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### MS Valentine's Dance Volunteers Needed!

- When: February 14, 2012
- Time: 3-5pm
- Where: NLABC
- How can I attend? A signed permission slip is mandatory for attendance.
- How can I help? Volunteers are needed to provide snacks and to help chaperone the event. (a volunteer sign up should be coming home soon.)
- Who to contact? Amy Carter 227-6293 or [ajcarter@gci.net](mailto:ajcarter@gci.net)

### Upcoming PTA Events!!

- 2/8 PTA Meeting- 5pm
- 2/10 Spelling Bee
- 2/13 – 2/16 Book Fair
- 2/14 MS Dance- 3-5pm
- 2/22 Spring Pictures
- March: Read-a-thon!
- April: Family Fun Night and Board Elections
- May: Teacher and Volunteer Appreciation



## Items of Interest...

### 1 Math & Science Night:

This year this event was canceled due to lack of an event coordinator. The PTA would like to begin reaching out to all PTA members in an effort to seek a coordinator for next year! If you are interested in ensuring that this event happens, and have exciting new ideas to keep our kids excited about math and science, please contact Joanna @ [lowdenj@yahoo.com](mailto:lowdenj@yahoo.com). Coordinating this event doesn't require much, but does need someone that can schedule the primary entertainment, work with teachers on activity rooms, and keep the PTA board updated on status.

### 2 Playground Update:

The PTA voted unanimously during executive session to approve a total of \$22,000 to the playground committee to purchase playground equipment this year. Stipulations are the following: a proposal is to be presented to the PTA board by 4/18/12 or \$15,000 of non-playground fund savings will go to the PTA checking account to be used in developing next year's budget. See details in the January PTA executive session minutes.

### Message from the VP of Communications....

We are preparing early! As you can see from this month's newsletter, we have lots of great opportunities for people who might be interested in helping organize events for our children. We are sad to see some of our volunteers leave!! We are extremely thankful for the wonderful parents that have dedicated their time, some for many years, doing what they do best! And it's a natural progression to have change. Volunteering is a constant request we have. We always need someone. But next year, more than ever, we need you! Have great organizational skills? Are you great with numbers? Do you have an outgoing personality? Are you a stay-at-home parent, or a professional business person? Your skills are valuable to us! Find out how you can help! Every skill is beneficial to our program.

## Opportunities, Opportunities, Opportunities!!!

1. **Nominating Committee:** We are looking for a parent that is interested in participating in the selection process for next year's board. Duties would include working with on a five member team to select people to be on the PTA board ballot for the 2012-2013 year. It requires meeting with other nominating committee members to review applicants during the month of March. (The nominating committee is comprised on two PTA board members, one NLABC teacher, and one PTA member. The PTA President is the fifth member to resolve deadlocks in voting.)
2. **PTA Board positions!** Applications for PTA board positions will be accepted in March. Stay tuned for open and available positions!
3. **Fall Carnival and Silent Auction Coordinators!!!** We do not want to wait to solicit your help for this major event next year! We don't want to consider cancelling this event, so we are asking really, really early! This event cannot be done alone, and we would never want anyone to do it alone. However, we need someone to be our main contact for this event. Have great organizational skills? Are you wonderful at contacting vendors? Are you interested in learning? Please contact us!! Decisions for next year's major event may be determined earlier than before. So please don't wait!! We need you!!
4. **NLABC Directory:** Laura Young, our wonderful coordinator, will not be overseeing the NLABC directory next year. ☹ This task takes a bit of computer time to organize all the students by teacher, class, grade, etc. What are your talents? Let us know. This position requires some computer skills, organization, and detailed attention. We can help provide guidance, but we need someone to complete the task. Let us know if you are interested!
5. **Box Tops:** Next year we need someone that has great hands and time to count our box tops two times a school year. The positions also need someone that can come up with interesting ways to get kids interested in bringing in box tops. No computer skills are needed. A little time to count those little box tops is the primary requirement. Are you interested? Get in touch with us!!

Interested in any of the positions, please contact Joanna, VP of Communications at [lowdenj@yahoo.com](mailto:lowdenj@yahoo.com)!!