

UPCOMING  
EVENTS

May

- 3 PSSAs End
- 13-16 Breakfast with Buddies – Muffins
- 13 EA STEM Showcase, Logan 6-8pm
- 14 PTO Meeting 7pm, Logan Library  
- Nominations Due at Meeting
- 15 Logan Talent Show
- 16 Logan Band and Chorus Concert
- 17 Staff & Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- 17 Act 80 Day – No School
- 24 Field Day
- 24 Sixth Grade Move-Up Dance
- 25 Kennywood Picnic Day
- 27 Memorial Day – No School
- 28 Read-a-Thon Grades 4-6
- 29 Kindergarten Celebration 10am
- 31 Sixth Grade Promotion 10am

June

- 3 Last Day of School

**WANTED**

Nominations are now open for  
**PTO Officers & Committee Chairpersons**  
for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Executive Board Offices are: President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary. For President and Treasurer, you must have served on our PTO Board as an officer or committee chairperson for at least one year in order to be nominated. For the other offices, this is not a requirement. If you are interested in any of the positions or would like to nominate someone, please contact Sherie Cannin at [spainter@pribanic.com](mailto:spainter@pribanic.com) or Ashley Busch at [abusch724@verizon.net](mailto:abusch724@verizon.net).

Nominations will remain open until our  
May 14<sup>th</sup> PTO meeting.

The PTO can only function and provide for our students if  
we have volunteers.

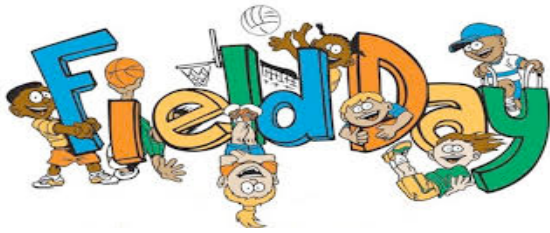
Even if you only have a little time to give,  
**WE CAN USE YOUR HELP!**

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Luncheon



This year's  
**Teacher & Staff  
Appreciation  
Luncheon will take  
place on Friday,  
May 17<sup>th</sup>.**

This is a time for us to honor our amazing teachers and staff for all they do to educate our children and support our Logan Elementary families. This year's theme is Margaritaville! Donations of food, Chinese Auction baskets, and decorations are needed and very much appreciated. If you would like to make a donation or help volunteer in any way during this event, please contact Kelly Probola at 412-721-6678 or [angsmom1@hotmail.com](mailto:angsmom1@hotmail.com). A flyer was recently sent home regarding donations. Thank you for all your support and participation in making this a great Teacher & Staff Appreciation Luncheon!



Our annual year-end celebration, Field Day, will take place at Logan Elementary for Kindergarten through 3rd Grade on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. It is a great way to celebrate the end of the school year and is a time when students can let loose and have fun with all their friends. The day traditionally consists of a variety of events, games and competitions that everyone can enjoy. **Running a successful field day requires two things: lots of planning and plenty of volunteers!** Please remember that to volunteer for Field Day, clearances and TB test are required by the school district for all volunteers.

**This is a very special day for the students, and volunteers like you make it possible.**



## Third Grade News

Our third grade team has busy Wildcat Workers! In Language Arts, students are completing various literature-response activities and literacy centers in conjunction with our *Charlotte's Web* unit. In Math & Social Sciences, students are busy researching, planning, exploring, and problem-solving with their Flat Stanley project, learning from pen pals in all different states and countries, and various STEM experiments with lab partners. They are having fun using technology regularly in the classroom for individual and large group activities. Students are also looking forward to our field trip to SportsWorks and our Spring Math Facts Competition. The end of the year is so exciting for third graders as they prepare to move upstairs to fourth grade at Logan. MUCH MORE to come!

### Five Tips to Help Ease the End-of-School-Year Jitters

Back-to-school jitters are common, but for many kids, the fears and worries begin to set in *before* the school year is over. To prevent your children from having a summer full of anxiety, check out these tips and ideas to ease their fears and help them build excitement for the new year.

#### Back-to-School Events

Make plans to attend any "Back-to-School Night" or summer orientation events put on by the school. Becoming familiar with their new classrooms and teachers can help ease concerns, and limit first-day fears. Help your kids find their seat, allow them to explore their new classrooms, and encourage your children to introduce themselves to the teacher and a few classmates.

#### Make New Friends -- and Keep the Old

Pull out old class photos or yearbooks and remind them of children they may know, i.e., "You were in first grade with Carmen. Do you remember her?" If your children have been separated from any close friends, remind them that they may still see their friends at recess, etc.

#### Point out the Unchanging

Many children (like many adults!) fear the unknown. Take some time to point out the things that will remain the same. Remind your children that they will likely have the same teachers for their specials like PE, music, and library. While your kids may be switching classrooms, let them know that the cafeteria and playground will remain the same. If your children are switching schools, remind them that most teachers and schools share the same set of basic rules.

#### What's in Store?

Explore the school website, read through school newsletters, and ask other parents to find out some of the "perks" of your child's next grade level. Point out opportunities like band, field trips the grade level takes, exciting science units or other fields of study, etc. When your children have something to look forward to, they may be less likely to focus on the negatives.

#### Use Positive Language

When/if your kids express concerns and worries, be an active and sympathetic listener, but remain optimistic and affirming, i.e., "I hear that you're feeling a little nervous about second grade, but I know that you can do it."

Keep your language about schools upbeat and positive. When parents say things like "I hated my fourth grade teacher," or "Third grade was when I stopped understanding math," children tend to personalize and adopt those feelings. If our words can influence their way of thinking, let's strive to stay positive and remind them of their abilities.

## Principal's Message

After several months of short days, leafless trees and frozen landscapes; after bleak days, dark clouds and biting winds; after sniffing colds, numb fingers and slushy streets... there is something stirring in the air. Something that brings with it a message we welcome in our hearts. Spring is here.

As the countdown to the end of school begins, let us not forget that there is still an exciting and busy month of school left. As always, let us not forget that although the PSSA tests for students in grades 3-6 are over, we still have a lot of education left in order to prepare for a successful transition to next year.

As this school year comes to a close, I would like to extend my thanks and gratitude to all the students, parents and staff of Logan Elementary. The story is told of the aged man who was asked if he had had a good day. Supposedly, his eyes sparkled, and he answered that at his age, any day you get through is a good day. Well, not only have we "gotten through," but also, I suggest that we have gotten through in style. If I began to detail all the accomplishments that this past year has brought for us, for our school, and, most important, for our students, then I would be writing longer than your tolerance would permit.

Therefore, as we wind down this year, let it be placed in its honored niche in our memories. Let us not forget it, but use it as a foundation on which to build an even better and more productive year to come.

*Mr. Sean Gildea*

### NO MORE CLIPPING



Over the next few months you'll begin to see a new way to earn cash for Logan Elementary.

A new and improved, user friendly Box Top mobile app will be available in June and will allow you to scan your store receipt, find participating products, and instantly add Box Tops to Logan Elementary School's earnings online. They will still honor all paper Box Tops until they expire. The packaging with the new Box Tops branding (removing physical clips) will be available on store shelves in June 2019.

Breakfast with Buddies



May 13<sup>th</sup> through  
May 16<sup>th</sup>

Students are invited to bring someone special in their life to come have breakfast with them beginning at 8:15 am in the Cafeteria (9 am for kindergarten). **We strongly encourage every student to invite someone special to have breakfast with them during this event.**

## Grade 6

In sixth grade social studies, we wrote children's books about Mesopotamia and read them to the younger students. We created an Ancient Egyptian Museum and gave tours to all who signed up. We read the Freedom Walkers and created informative posters about an influential person from black history. We are studying World War II, and hopefully we will meet WWII Veterans on our field trip to the History Center. We study Ancient Greece and divide into city-states to compete in the Ancient Greek Olympics. We will study Ancient Rome and create news broadcasts about important topics in Ancient Roman History.

Without the support of the parents and children participating in the PTO-sponsored fundraisers, our students would be unable to attend the following field trips:

- K – March 29 - Zoo Assembly
- 1 – May 28 – Roundhill Farm
- 2 – May 10 – Children's Museum
- 3 – May 7 – Carnegie Science Center Sports Works
- 4 – May 23 – Pittsburgh Zoo
- 5 – May 29 – PNC Park Tour
- 6 – May 29 – Heinz History Center



*A special thanks to the PTO for funding the Field Trips.*



### 6th Grade Dance Party!

Would you like to help with the **Sixth Grade Dinner Dance**? Volunteers are needed to help decorate and chaperone during the event. For more information, please contact Kelly Probola at 412-721-6678 or [angsmom1@hotmail.com](mailto:angsmom1@hotmail.com).

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May

**PTO**  
Meeting

Our last PTO meeting of the school year will be held **Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in the Library at Logan beginning at 7pm.**

*We hope to see you there!*



**Please sign up today in just three easy steps!!!!**

1. Register your Giant Eagle Advantage Card at [www.GiantEagle.com/AFTS](http://www.GiantEagle.com/AFTS).
2. Enter our School ID# 1336
3. Shop using your Giant Eagle Advantage Card

Each time your Giant Eagle Advantage Card is scanned, your purchases automatically earn funds used to obtain our overall educational needs. **This will not affect your food or fuel perks so make sure to sign up today!**



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