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## E. A. White PTO Newsletter

<http://www.am.dodea.edu/benning/white/>

A monthly publication of the E. A. White Elementary School Parent/Teacher Organization

From The Desk of Dr. Lee—

Our school has a very important event this school year. We are going through a process to reestablish our Accreditation.

In the past, we have been accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACs). We are now moving under the North Central Association (NCA). The North Central Association is an organization under AdvancED.

These agencies exist to insure that schools meet a set of standards and are involved in on-going School Improvement.

Every five years a team of professionals from school Districts other than our own, visit member schools and verify that we meet the required standards, and are engaged in School Improvement.

We will be hosting a visiting team February 3-5, 2009. Every parent needs to understand as much as possible about the accreditation process and be an active participant.

We have a School Improvement Committee in place. The committee will have parent members as well as uniformed military members. This committee will be sending out a great deal of information during the next few months about the accreditation process. You will also see information in your teacher's newsletters your child brings home.

I know everyone wants our school to present itself in as positive a light as possible. I also know we can agree that we should be able to improve on the way we conduct business.

Two academic goals will be selected soon for our improvement focus. When you see these goals, please let us know your ideas and how we might improve on our goals.

Below is our Mission and Vision. We ask every parent, child and teacher to be familiar with these statements:

**MISSION:** The mission of Edward A. White School is to develop student excellence in a diverse military community through a nurturing environment.

**VISION:** Edward A. White School stakeholders aspire to provide an environment for student excellence in academics, behavior, and

leadership that result in lifelong learners who contribute to global society.

You will be hearing more as time goes by. Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions. For more information, please refer to the website: [www.advanc-ed.org](http://www.advanc-ed.org)

### EVENTS TO REMEMBER:

**Sept. 9:** Open House, Multipurpose room @ 6 p.m.

**Sept. 11:** Chuck E. Cheese

**Sept. 25:** CSU Fall Program (Cows Don't Fly and Other Known Facts) @9am

**Sept. 29-Oct. 3:** Book Fair, Multipurpose room @ 8:45-3:30 daily (2:30 Tuesday)

**Sept. 30:** Family Night Dinner @ 5:30-7pm

"Always Do Right, This Will Gratify Some and Astonish the Rest"

-Mark Twain

**SCHOOL SPIRIT FRIDAYS!!** Congratulations Mrs. K's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Class! You won an ICE CREAM party for having the highest percentage of school shirts worn.

**BOX TOPS for EDUCATION:**

Thanks to everyone for all of their help clipping Box Tops! In August, we raised \$102.10 for our school. Congratulations to Mrs. P's Kindergarten Class for winning the free ice cream party this month. Please continue to help our school raise money. For fun Box Tops collection sheets, log on to: [www.Boxtops4education.com](http://www.Boxtops4education.com)



**CHUCK E. CHEESE NIGHT:** Earning \$175, the month of August was a HUGE success! Thanks to all the families that showed up to support our pizza night. Don't forget to bring your child's sticker to receive 10 FREE tokens and look for coupons at [www.chuckecheese.com](http://www.chuckecheese.com).

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!** The Book Fair will be held in the Multipurpose Room from Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> till Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>. We need your help! Please contact your grade representative.

**GRADE REPRESENTATIVES:**

Please call the school office for this information at 706-545-4623.

**Spotlight Student : NEW\*NEW\*NEW**

Each month a student will be selected by their teacher as the child that most exemplifies the character trait of the month. It is an honor to be chosen and we want to reward the student for their efforts. Work hard and be good - you might be the next Spotlight Student! **September's Character Trait: Kindness to Others!**

**Pickles and Popcorn!**

Don't forget EVERY Friday!

Pickles-- \$ .50      Fruit Chews-- \$ .25  
 Popcorn-- \$ .25      Blow Pop-- \$ .25



**Current sales to date: \$207.00**

**CANDLE QUEEN FUNDRAISER!** Who sold over 650 candles? E.A. White, you did it! You sold 671 candles for a profit of \$2784. Our school programs are on for the year - thank you!

**LION'S PRIDE PTO BUDGET 08/09**

	Budget	Actual as of 09/01/08
<b>Income:</b>		
Membership Income	\$550.00	\$505.00
Chuck E. Cheese	700.00	175.92
Box Top Income	900.00	38.64
Ink cartridge fund	150.00	---
SFSA/other donations	1000.00	1000.00
T-shirt, misc. sales	1000.00	1632.50
Popcorn/pickles	1000.00	209.01
Candle Queen Fund.	2250.00	2784.00
Square One Art	1750.00	---
Holiday House	600.00	---
Spring Fling	2200.00	---
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$12,100.00</b>	<b>\$6,345.07</b>
<b>General Expenses:</b>		
Teacher Gifts, requests	1850.00	575.00
Supplies, décor, other mis.	785.00	154.72
Ribbons, stickers, trophies	685.00	---
<b>Total PTO gen. exp.</b>	<b>\$3,310.00</b>	<b>\$729.72</b>
<b>School Programs:</b>		
CSU Fall Program (Sept)	325.00	---
River Center (Nov)	1525.00	---
Pine Mountain (Dec)	50.00	---
Atlanta Puppet Show (Jan)	400.00	----
Joanna Maddox (Mar)	500.00	---
CSU Spring Program (Apr)	325.00	---
<b>Total Program Expenses:</b>	<b>\$3,125.00</b>	----
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$6,435.00</b>	<b>729.72</b>
<b>Purchases:</b>		
Student Organizers		499.40
Remaining	\$5,665.00	5,115.85