

BULLDOG BULLETIN



ALBRITTON PTSO

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IMPORTANT DATES:

Winter Break: Dec. 22-Jan.2

PTSO Executive Board Meeting:
Jan. 7@ 10 a.m.

NO SCHOOL: Jan. 19, 2009

The PTSO would like to wish Albritton families a happy and safe holiday season. We would like to thank you for all your hard work in making our events successful. We still have a lot more to come in the new year, so rest up, enjoy your families, and stay safe. Thank you again!

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CONGRATULATIONS

Mrs. Calvo's Advisory class for having most participation at November's Sports USA Family Night. We hope you enjoyed your cupcakes and juice!

PTSO Executive Board

President: Michele O'Neil

1st. VP: Melinda DiLorenzo

2nd. VP: Lori Mikos

Treasurer: Merilee Corbett

Secretary: Andrea Tebbe

Membership: Kerri Keane

Box Tops: Bette McKnight



CALLING ALL BOX TOPS!!!

PTSO will be collecting Box Tops from now on. We will be having a competition between the teams. At the end of each nine week Marking Period, the Box Tops will be counted. If your team has a **count of 1,000 or more individual Box Tops** (we are not counting point value), they will receive a **FREE DRESS DOWN DAY!!!**

We will have a box in the mail room for you to put the Box Tops in. Simply label the baggy with your team on it so we know who to give credit to.

There will be posters in the cafeteria so each team can see how they are doing. Posters will be updated each week.

We appreciate your efforts in making this a success. If you have any questions, please contact a PTSO





FRESHMEN CORNER



As part of the curriculum, students were able to sign up for an intramural competition against other 9th grade students in soccer. Seventy-five of 132 ninth grade students participated on 6 different teams in this double elimination tournament. The winning team, which went undefeated, included the following students: **Collin Bellomy, Jeffrey Bopp, Diana Gutierrez, Arden Hawley, Costin Herwig, Ollie Jackson, Donovan Manley, Trezonna McMiller, Avery Vasquez, Xhochet Walker, Chris Ward, and Javon Williams.** Congratulations to all students who participated. All of the competitions were very close and exciting!

Additionally, the students learned the basic skills of table tennis. Students were encouraged to sign up for an intramural table tennis competition among the 9th grade students which begins on Dec.3rd and 93 of 132 students have signed on to participate. The contest is divided in to 3 levels; beginner, intermediate, and advanced. In preparation for this, students engaged in a classroom competition. Here are the results:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Runner up</u>	<u>Winner</u>
1 st period	Avery Vasquez	Darius Turner
2 nd period	John Perez	Carter Mann
3 rd period	Michael Nunez	Javon Williams
4 th period	Sonya Peter	Olivia Luce
6 th period	Angie Sanchez	Chris Griffith
7 th period	Joshua Fickett	Amanda Kelly



SCHOOL STORE OPEN TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS DURING LUNCH.

SPIRIT WEAR IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE DURING THIS TIME.





A NOTE FROM OFFICER BERRY



Holiday Shopping Safety

- ❖ Stay alert and be aware of everyone and everything around you at all times.
- ❖ Stay in well-lighted spaces and as close to the store as possible, when in vehicles lock your doors, roll up windows, and hide packages in the trunk or under the seats.
- ❖ Do Not carry large amounts of cash; pay with a check or credit card if possible.
- ❖ Carry your valuables close to your body, do not have it dangling by the straps. Put your wallet inside a coat pocket or front pants pocket in case your purse is stolen.
- ❖ If you go shopping and there is an incident go to a Police Officer or a store Security Guard to get help.! If your cell phone has a camera than take a picture of your child/student before you go shopping so if he or she gets separated than you have a recent photo to show the Officer.
- ❖ Tell your child/student to call 911 on a pay phone and tell the operator where they are, ex.. I am lost in the food court at the mall. Tell them to do this only if they do not see a Police Officer, Security Guard or a store employee (Make sure that they know a store employee is someone working the register or the customer service desk)

How To Talk About Safety

What are the most important things parents should tell children about safety?

- Always check first** with a parent, guardian, or trusted adult before going anywhere, accepting anything, or getting into a car with anyone.
- Do not go out alone. Always take a friend** with when going places or playing outside.
- Say no** if someone tries to touch you, or treats you in a way that makes you feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused. Get out of the situation as quickly as possible.
- Tell a parent, guardian, or trusted adult** if you feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused. There will **always be someone to help** you, and you have the right to be safe.

What should a parent know when talking to a child about safety?

- Don't forget your older children.** Children aged 11 to 17 are equally at risk to victimization. At the same time you are giving your older children more freedom, make sure they understand important safety rules as well.
- Speak to your children in manner that is calm and non-threatening.** Children do not need to be frightened to get the point across. In fact, fear can thwart the safety message, because fear can be paralyzing to a child.
- Speak openly.** Children will be less likely to come to you about issues enshrouded in secrecy. If they feel that you are comfortable discussing the subject at hand, they may be more forthcoming.
- Do not teach "stranger danger."** Children do not have the same understanding of "strangers" as adults; the concept is difficult for them to grasp. And, based on what we know about those who harm children, people known to children and/or their families actually present greater danger to children than do "strangers."
- Practice what you preach.** You may think your children understand your message, but until they can incorporate it into their daily lives, it may not be clearly understood. Find opportunities to practice "what if" scenarios.
- Teach your children that safety is more important than manners.** In other words, it is more important for children to get themselves out of a threatening situation than it is to be polite. They also need to know that it is okay to tell you what happened, and they won't be tattletales.