



PTO CONNECTION

JANUARY 2018

The third quarter is well underway! We hope you all have settled back into the routine of school after our extended snow vacation. The PTO is looking forward to another fun, productive quarter!

TALENT SHOW!

We hope to see you all at the Taste and Talent of Sumner Academy, on **Friday, January 26th**! Dinner will start at 5:30pm. You will have a choice of chili, soup, stew, and mac and cheese. Vegetarian options will be available.

There is still time to buy your advance tickets! Advance tickets are \$8/adult and \$4/child, and can be purchased at <https://squareup.com/store/sumner-academy-pt-2018-talent-show-dinner>. If you purchase a ticket ahead of time, please bring a copy of your confirmation email (print-out or on your phone) to show at the door. Tickets at the door will be \$10/adult and \$6/child.

Are you interested in bringing food to share, or helping with setup, serving or cleanup? Sign up here at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D4DA9A628A2F58-ptodinnertalent>. And thanks again to everyone who brought cookies for the LS Winter Program!

Next month, keep an eye out for information about our annual Donuts with Dads breakfast! This year, Donuts with Dads will be held on **February 12th**, at 7am in the Cafetorium.

As always, please make sure to 'like' and follow the **Sumner Academy PTO Facebook page!** The Facebook page is updated regularly with info about PTO events, and also with information about ways that you can help.

As a Sumner Academy parent, **you are already a member of the PTO.** While the PTO has a committed Board, made up of SA parents and staff, we are always in need of fresh energy and ideas. Come to a meeting and see what the PTO is all about! **All parents are welcome to attend, without obligation, and your students may stay in after-care free of charge when you are attending a meeting.**

Our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, February 7, at 8am in the cafetorium. Please join us!

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

The book recommendation for this edition of the PTO Connection is *Smart but Scattered*, by Dr. Peg Dawson and Dr. Richard Guare. This book is highly recommended for helping children of middle school age and younger develop executive function skills. Under-developed skills in the area of executive function often lead to struggles in such things as following instructions, homework completion and turn-in, picking up toys, and remembering items. Strengthening and encouraging development of these skills can lead to a more successful and stress-free school experience and to less drama at home! There is also a companion website, smartbutscatteredkids.com, that gives useful tips to parents looking to support executive skills development.

Johnna Hutchison

LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

The students and teachers in Lower School are all looking forward to the **Talent Show and Dinner Night** on January 26, 2018. Everyone is invited to join us in the Cafetorium for a scrumptious dinner of homemade chili, stews, soups, salads and desserts, followed by an evening of entertainment by talented Sumner Academy students and sometimes their parents.

Parent Teacher Conferences will be on Monday, February 5. Students will not have classes at school that day. (Students may accompany their parents to school and wait in the commons area while the parents conference with the teachers.) Teachers will be very busy meeting with as many parents as possible that day. Keep an eye out for an email from Mrs. Dillehay for your time slot for your child's conference.

The most exciting day of this term is the **Science and Social Studies Day Fair** on February 23, 2018. Every student in the school will participate in a project. Parents, Grandparents, Friends, and Relatives are all invited to share in this day with us. Pre-Kindergarten will be presenting their projects on the Solar System. Kindergarten Students are hard at work on their Animals and Animal Habitats Projects. First Graders will be performing demonstrations on their Air and

Weather Experiments. Second Grade would like to invite you to Colonial America for the afternoon. Third Graders are each doing their very own Science Project, to be presented to their classmates and parents as well. Fourth Grade will invite guests to their rooms to see their State Projects that include reports, costumes and food! Grades 5 and 7 will display their Science Projects, and grades 6 and 8 will share their Social Studies projects.

Admissions Preview Day will be on Sunday, February 25, 2018. This is a day when the school is open to the public for tours, for people interested in sending their children to Summer Academy in the fall of 2018. Every family is encouraged to come and show off the school to family and friends.

Lindy Dillehay



ATHLETICS

5/6 GRADE BASKETBALL

Our 5/6 grade basketball season started off with the 5th Annual Dr. Hovenden Classic. The team played very hard, earning a 3rd place finish in the tournament. Luke Waites and Caleb Powell were named to the All-Tournament team. The season officially started on December 4th with a hard-fought loss to Madison Campus, 19-14, but they rebounded and played extremely well in their 2nd game, beating Dayspring Academy, 19-8.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Middle School teams began their season on December 4th by splitting against Madison Campus. The girls played extremely hard, but ultimately lost to Madison, while the boys played solidly in their win. In their 2nd game of the season, both the girls and boys teams won their respective games. The girls won a close one, 16-14, while the boys won, 41-8.

Below is the home schedule for the remainder of the year:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

VS WEST ACADEMY

MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS 5:00 P.M.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS 6:0 P.M.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

CLARKSVILLE CHRISTIAN

MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS 5:00 P.M.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS 6:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

VS DAYSPRING ACADEMY

5/6 GRADE 4:30 P.M.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS 5:30 P.M.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS 6:30 P.M.

Come out and support your Hawks!

LOWER SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Our Elementary Basketball team started off their season on Saturday, December 2nd. The K-2 team played extremely well and were able to gain much experience playing against other schools, while our 3/4 grade team split their games. They defeated Dayspring, 34-10, and lost a tough one to Lancaster, 18-15.

Coach Morris

A NOTE FROM MRS. ROBERTSON

A Music Note

I want to say how proud I am of all the Lower School students who performed in the music program, "Paint the Town December." I also want to thank all the parents, family members and friends that came. I love seeing a packed house! I ended up feeling rather sick that night, and I wasn't able to stay, so I wanted to make sure you all knew how I felt.

With love,
Mrs. Robertson



LEGO TEAM

Nearly forty Sumner Academy students in 1st – 4th grade are joining in the AQUA ADVENTURES Challenge, with more than 40,000 other children around the world, to navigate the uncharted waters of this important resource. The challenge will help them learn where the water we use in our daily lives comes from, and what happens on its way to us.



Our Lego Team members will continue to meet for the 3rd quarter. We are swimming hard toward our goal of attending the Expo at Tennessee Tech, in Cookeville, on Saturday, February 10th. Attendance to the Expo is optional. Typically the Expo runs from noon to 4 pm. Anyone is welcome to come watch the robotics fun!

Students are learning about Hydro Dynamics. As part of that, the children (pictured) built boats and tried to float them with the weight of 15 pennies on them. Over the next several weeks, the teams are planning and creating a model and a Show Me poster. More information can be found at <http://www.usfirst.org/roboticsprograms/jr.fl>.

DeAnna Ball



BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION



We had an AMAZING response to the 1st semester Box Tops challenge! We received a lot of positive feedback about the Dress Down Day prize, and as such, we are repeating the challenge this semester!

Our goal will again be to collect 5000 Box Tops this semester. We are already well on our way! Box Tops coupons are on various household items, including many your family probably already purchases. Each Box Top coupon that is turned in earns money for our school - please

remember to clip and send in those Box Tops! Box Tops add up quickly and every coupon counts. Don't forget to ask grandparents to clip, too!

The next turn-in date is **Wednesday, February 7th**, but **Box Tops can be sent in at any time**. Contact Sam Stowers at pto@sumneracademy.org with questions, or check out www.boxtops.com/about for more information.

Do you use dishwasher or laundry detergent pods at home? If so, please send in your empty pod containers! We hope to turn them into decorative BoxTop collection containers for the classrooms.



And here are some other easy ways to contribute to our school:

Amazon Smile: Go to www.smile.amazon.com for more information and to designate Sumner Academy as your charity.



Publix Partners: Pick up a Publix Partners keycard from the office, and ask the cashier to swipe your card when buying your groceries.



SPIRIT SHOP

We hope you are enjoying your Spirit Shop items! Be on the lookout for Spirit Wear on sale at the Talent Show dinner on Friday, January 26th!

SUMNER ACADEMY 5K & FUN RUN

Save the date for the 2018 SA 5K & Fun Run! The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 15, 2018. The 2018 Hendersonville Half-Marathon is scheduled for the following weekend, making our 5K a great taper run! The 2018 SA 5K & Fun Run will take place at the Gallatin Civic Center.



THE ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Led by our Board of Trustees, the goal of the Annual Giving campaign is 100% parent participation, no matter the dollar amount that each parent gives. Many foundations and external donors, when choosing schools to support, take the strength of parent participation in Annual Giving campaigns into consideration. When external donors see that 100% of parents have contributed to the annual campaign, they are much more likely to choose to sponsor our school. Check with the office to make a donation at any time, or go to <https://www.sumneracademy.org/page.cfm?p=411&LockSSL=true>. Every gift counts, no matter the amount!

BALLOON SHOP

Don't forget to order your student a Valentine's treat from the PTO Balloon Shop! Balloon shop gifts are delivered during class parties, and are always a hit! Please fill out the form below and return with payment to your child's homeroom teacher.

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Parent Name & Phone Number: _____

Please put an X by the item you would like for your child and write the message you would like on each card on the line below.

____ Valentine Balloon w/Goody Bag \$5.00

____ Valentine Balloon w/Stuffed Animal \$10.00

____ Valentine Balloon w/Goody Bag & Animal \$15.00

Message: _____

Amount of Order: _____

Check _____ Cash _____

Please make checks payable to Sumner Academy PTO.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

January

26 – Taste and Talent of Sumner Academy - dinner at 5:30pm, talent show at 7pm

February

5 – Parent/Teacher Conferences – No School

7 – PTO Meeting, 8am, Cafetorium,

BoxTops Turn-in Day

12 – Donuts with Dads, 7am, Cafetorium

23 - Science Fair/Social Studies Day,

1:30pm-3pm

25 - Admissions Preview Day (2:00 p.m.)

March

1 – 5th Grade Play, 6:30pm

2 – End of Third 9-Weeks

5-16 – Spring Break

11 – Daylight Savings Time Begins

19 – Classes Resume

19 – PTO Meeting, 3:15pm, Art Room

30 – Good Friday – No School

If you have questions or news you would like included in the next issue, send us an email at pto@sumneracademy.org.

