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**Bobcats, Rock On !!!**

PTSA Newsletter  
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## Presidents Corner

Dear Arlington Middle School Parents,

In August, I found myself stepping up to be the AMS PTSA president after our wonderful past president Janice, and her husband Tim left Tennessee for a new job. Janice Phelps is truly a treasure and has left behind very large shoes to fill.

I am excited about being the PTSA President, however there will be some challenges. I am new to AMS as my son is a 6<sup>th</sup> grader, though serving on PTA boards is not new to me. At Arlington Elementary, I served as VP Programs, Historian, VP Health and Safety, VP Legislation and President. I still have 2 children at AES, a 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grader, and am currently serving on their PTA board as well.

Our PTSA theme this year is “Rock on” and our membership drive is still going strong. We are doing outstanding on our membership, mostly due to the PTSA membership dance. We had a great turn-out and the students really “rocked” at the dance.

We are currently finishing up with our PTSA fundraiser with Entertainment Book. We are hoping this could be our one and only fundraiser since we don't have a VP of Ways and Means. However, if we don't make budget, we'll reevaluate our options for a spring fundraiser. If you're interested in helping out in this area, please let me know. We could definitely use your help!

Already, I have met some fantastic people here at AMS. Our PTSA success depends on all of us working together to make our student's middle school experience rewarding and fulfilling. I know we are going to have a great year. Please consider volunteering at some of our PTSA events and supporting us as we support AMS.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at [USLPETERSON@hotmail.com](mailto:USLPETERSON@hotmail.com) with questions, concerns, suggestions. I view this year as an opportunity to learn and grow, just as my 6<sup>th</sup> grader.

Rock On with the PTSA! Shannon Peterson

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**Arlington Middle School PTSA  
Safety Poster Contest**

**2011 THEME: "Playing it Safe in the Car"**

Deadline: Wednesday, October 12, 2011

The entry form and contest rules are available at the PTSA website at [www.amsptsa.com](http://www.amsptsa.com). Everyone MUST complete an entry form and have a parent's signature on it.

Prizes will be awarded in each category:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place \$20.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$15.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$10.00

Entries should be turned into Ms. Graves – Visual Arts. **The deadline is Wednesday, October 12, 2011.** Each entry will be entered into the County contest and winning entries will be entered into the State contest. Winning entries will not be returned until the end of the school year. If you have any questions, contact me at [adinawise@aol.com](mailto:adinawise@aol.com).

Adina Wiseman  
Health and Safety  
AMS PTSA



**Arlington Middle School  
National Red Ribbon Week  
Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> to  
Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**

Our theme for Red Ribbon Week is:

**Drug Free Life Rocks!**

This week celebrates healthy, drug-free lifestyles. Students can participate and show support for a drug-free youth and their willingness to take a stand against drugs in their school and community.

**Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**

AMS Students are ROCK STARS by saying  
"Sock it to Drugs" by wearing crazy socks

**Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**

Be a ROCK STAR "Jean-ius"  
You don't have to be a "jean"ius" to be drug  
free wear your jeans

**Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**

AMS Bobcats are ROCK STARS  
"Turn our Backs on Drugs"  
Wear your shirt backwards today

**Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

Be a ROCK STAR and  
"Give Drugs the Slip Day"  
Wear your Slippers today

**Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**

Show your Bobcat Pride and support Red Ribbon Week  
Everyone wear red & show pride as we live a drug free life!





### Nationa Junior Honor Society



The National Junior Honors Society is collecting the Box Tops for Education. They should be sent to the child's homeroom. We appreciate everyone clipping and saving them for us.

Nancy Britt  
NJHS sponsor

### Library News

#### Book Drive for Youth Villages

Tues, October 11 to Thurs, October 13



Mrs. Haggard will be collecting "Gently Used Books" appropriate for middle school aged children.

Books donated will benefit the students at Youth Villages, who don't have the access to a wide variety of books that our students have.

## Calling 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents

The Eighth Grade Career Day will be on the morning of Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Please come share your career information with the eighth grade students as they begin to consider a possible career direction in planning for his or her high school course-work. The classroom sessions are only twenty-five minutes long. During this time, you simply state what you do, the training

that was required for you to acquire the needed skills to do what you do, and give an



example of what a typical day in your chosen career is like. Then you entertain questions about your career. You will be assigned a teacher and a Bobcat Ambassador to assist you with your session. Career Day is a great opportunity to be an involved parent. The contact person for this event is the Eighth Grade School Counselor, Mrs. Marjorie Johnson. Please email Mrs. Johnson, [m7johnson@scsk12.org](mailto:m7johnson@scsk12.org), to sign up.





## PTSA FALL FUNDRAISER



YOUR CHILD SHOULD HAVE ALREADY BROUGHT HOME THE FUNDRAISER PACKET. THE COST OF THIS BOOK IS \$25. THIS IS THE COUPON BOOK THAT HAS THE KROGER COUPONS. IF YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THIS BOOK, YOU KNOW IT MORE THAN PAYS FOR ITSELF WITH THE \$65 IN KROGER COUPONS PLUS ALL THE OTHER COUPONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE IN THE BOOK. THEY ALSO HAVE AN APP THAT YOU CAN LOAD ON YOUR SMARTPHONE (BOTH I-PHONE AND ANDROID). NO NEED TO CARRY THE BOOK WITH YOU. ALL ORDERS AND MONEY FOR ADDITIONAL BOOKS WILL NEED TO BE TURNED IN BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2011. IF YOU DO NOT WANT THE BOOK AND DO NOT WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FUNDRAISER, PLEASE SEND THE BOOK THAT WAS SENT HOME IN THE KIT BACK TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR CHILD TO TURN IN TO THEIR HOMEROOM TEACHER.

ON OCTOBER 7, 2011 WE WILL NEED HELP COUNTING MONEY AND TALLYING ORDERS. IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE, PLEASE CONTACT TERESA HENRY AT [AMS@THEHURY.NET](mailto:AMS@THEHURY.NET).

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR SUPPORTING ARLINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL!

### Dates To Remember:

#### October:

- 7 Fundraiser orders due
- 11 PTSA Board Meeting 6pm
- 12 Safety Poster Contest Deadline
- 17-21 Fall Break
- 24-28 Red Ribbon Week
- 26 Fundraiser Book Delivery
- 27 Mornings with Mom 7:45 am
- 28 Character Counts Breakfast 9:30—10:30 am
- Harvest Dance 4-7 pm



#### November:

- 4 8th grade career day 9:15am
- 6 Day light Savings time (change you clocks)
- 11 No School—Veterans Day
- 14-18 Pennies for Penguins
- 23-25 No School—Thanksgiving