

Book Fair Mania: join us this Spring for our half off book fair sale, April 7th, 8th 9th and 12th. Any one want to help out?? Contact Chris Winkle at chriswinkle@comcast.net. April 8th is the evening sale, it's a biggy, help is always appreciated!



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Attention Parents:

The PTO Board elections are here again. All positions are up for election. Six Board positions will be vacant for the 2010-11 school year. Listed below are the vacant positions, please contact the current position holder for more details. The Election is

Thursday, March 18th 2010 7pm.

Join today!

President: _____ **Nominee: Rick Manning**

Lori Kessler, president@agspto.org

2nd VP: _____ **Nominee: Lori Kessler**

Cathy Dremel, 1stvp@agspto.org

Treasurer: _____ **Nominee: Brian Nallenweg**

Denise Bautch, treasurer@agspto.org

Director of Communications: _____ **OPEN**

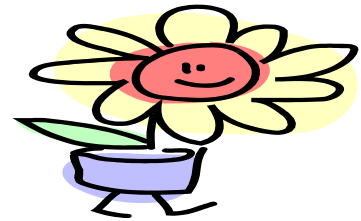
Jennifer Tonn, mjdjhtonn@att.net

Ways and Means: _____ **Nominee: Karine Picchietti**

Lisa Foydel Kramer, waysandmeans@agspto.org

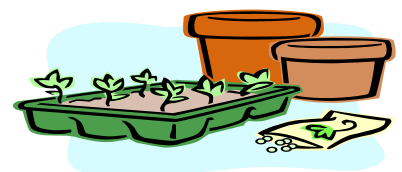
Classroom Support: _____ **Nominee: Jill Stevens**

Amy Moore, classroomsupport@agspto.org



Think Spring !

AGS PTO has kicked off the Spring Flower sale, Thursday, February 25th. If you haven't received your packet, more copies are in the school office. If you would like to help out the day of, we would love to have you. All that helped out last year had a blast! Please contact either Cathy at thedremels@comcast.net or Jennifer at mjdjhtonn@att.net and let us know!



March 2010



AGS-Calendar of Events						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 *ISAT *Walking Club *AGS PTO Board Mtg 6:30	2 *Walking *ISAT	3 *ISAT *Tae Kwon Do	4 *Faculty Mtg 8am *ISAT *Choir	5 *Student Council Mtg 8:00am *Walking Club *ISAT *Art Club	6 *Green Night out at the Movies 7pm
7	8 *Sunshine Math *ISAT *Walking Club Ci-Ci's Fund- raiser	9 *Walking Club *ISAT *Musical Rehearsal	10 * ISAT *Tae Kwon Do *Market Day pickup	11 *Spring Pic- ture Day *ISAT *Choir	12 * Walking Club *ISAT	13
14	15 *Walking Club	16 *Walking Club *Musical Rehearsal	17 *Wizard's Apprentice Assembly 1pm * Tae Kwon Do	18 *Faculty Meeting 8am *2nd Grade Open house 5:30pm PTO General Meeting 7pm LRC	19 *Student Council 8am *Walking Club *Book Club *Swamp-lunch *Art Club *AGS Movie Night 6:00pm	20
21	22 *Walking Club *All City Band concert @BHS 7:30pm	23 *Walking *Gator Gold Orders Due *Musical Rehearsal *All City Orchestra-AGS 7:30pm	24 *5th grade Field Trip-Naper Settlement 9am *Tae Kwon Do	25 *4th grade Band Concert- RMS 10am *Musical Rehearsal *5th Grade open house-5:30pm	26 *No School !	27
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Fun and Fitness for the Whole Family
Fox Trot supports local community

The Batavia Mothers' Club Foundation will host its 10th Annual Fox Trot 5K Run/ Walk on Sunday, April 25, 2010. Proceeds from the race support the Community Education Fund, including the Batavia Public Schools; while promoting fitness in a family-oriented event.

This 2010 CARA Recommended Certified Race begins at Batavia's River walk, near the corner of Island Avenue and Houston Street. The course follows the scenic Fox River bicycle trails, providing a relatively flat, paved trail perfect for all runners and walkers. The start time for the 5K is 8 a.m. with walkers starting immediately behind the runners.

The Fox Trot also features non-competitive events for children. Preschoolers are encouraged to try the Tot Trot (approximately 50 yards.) There will also be a Junior Jog (approximately ¼ mile) for grades K-2 and a Youth Run (approximately ½ mile) for grades 3-5. The kids' events begin around 9:15am, following the 5K awards ceremony.

As a special incentive, the Batavia elementary school with the highest participation will receive a "Free Cone Night" at a local Batavia ice cream shop.

Pre-registration is encouraged and can be completed on line at www.signmeup.com/68173 or via a mail-in registration form. The cost is \$25 per 5K participant (\$30 after April 23rd) and \$8 per Kids' Run participant (\$10 after April 23rd). All pre-registered participants receive a t-shirt and goodie bag. Registration will also be accepted on race day.

For more details, including the 5K course map and a registration link, please visit www.bataviamothersclub.org.
See you on April 25th!



Batavia Parent Academy invites the parents and members of the community to...

Jayne Pearl

How to “Gimme-Proof” Your Kids

Wednesday, March 10, 2010 - 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Rotolo Middle School, 1501 S. Raddant, Batavia

Jayne Pearl offers critical financial parenting tools: how to structure allowance, saving, spending, budgeting, investing and smart shopping to counter media, peer and fad pressure for constant consumption—**all more important than ever given the recent economic crisis**. Jayne will also tackle tough topics such as hoarding, shoplifting and compulsive spending. Jayne Pearl is an independent journalist and author, formerly on the staff of *Forbes* magazine and a co-launcher of *Family Business* magazine. She has been writing about business and finance for nearly 20 years. She is, of course, a parent!

Jayne will have books available for purchase – cash or checks only.

Hey "GREEN" gators...

Gather your family and friends and head out to Batavia Environmental Commission's "Green Night Out at the Movies 2010"

This Saturday, March 6th 7-9:30 pm at Council Chambers, Batavia city hall. We'll see a movie "No Impact Man" that chronicles how one family attempted to have NO negative environmental impact for a full year! NO electricity, NO disposables, NO transportation other than by foot or bicycle!!

Also, we'll learn how WE can take on our own personal "No Impact" project! Don't forget to bring your own REUSABLE containers for free popcorn and drink (NO DISPOSABLES PLEASE!)

See <http://www.cityofbatavia.net/environmental> for more info.

See you at the movies!!!

Thanks, Dianne Peterson

Note this event is best suited for those ages 8 and up.

Gators Love to
Dance!!



The school year is starting to wind down, but we are still ready for some fun so please join us for the **Swamp Stomp** on Friday, April 16 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the AGS gym.

Our DJ has all the kids favorite music and knows plenty of games and line dances. We' ll get everyone movin' ! Beverages and snacks will be available to make sure you have the energy to stomp all evening.

If you would like to volunteer during this event, please contact lisafoydel@hotmail.com.

Dine Around Batavia!

Join us at **CiCi' s Pizza** on Monday, March 8th from 4 pm to close and put your receipt in the AGS bucket. The PTO will get a percentage of the total sales. Thanks to all those who ate at CiCi' s with us back in November, the PTO earned over \$100!!



A Big...

Thank you!!



From the PTO, to all of those who made this Fun Fair “Fun, Exciting, Good times for all...

To start, all of the Volunteers that formed into committees, that spent endless hours planning; Rick Manning, Chris Masus, Cindy Lowe, Sarah Gorr, Lori Kessler, Denise Hixson, Cathy Dremel, Mary Collins, Jill Stevens, Margaret Perreault, Andrea Davis, Stephanie Martin, Kim Ambrose and Denise Bautch. You all stand out from the herd!

“Thank you”! As always, this could not have happened with out YOU! To continue, all of the volunteers that stepped up to help the day of the Fair!

“Thank you”!

Most of all, to the AGS Families, for your continued support!

“Thank you”! You’re the BEST!



The 2010 Fun Fair brought in a profit of \$5400.00 for your Students. This will directly benefit the AGS students and staff by providing classroom and curriculum support, enrichment opportunities and funds for special purchases.

We appreciate you all!

The 2009-2010 PTO Board

■ **May 14th, Family Movie Night** presents **Toy Story 2** in anticipation of the release of Toy Story 3 in theatres this June. The PTO hopes you have enjoyed our selection of family and community-oriented fundraisers this year. By providing low cost entertainment opportunities and dining around Batavia nights for our families this year, we have earned money that is used to fund assemblies, field trips, LRC purchases, and end-of-year parties. “Thank you” for participating in our events.



Now Showing...

“Bedtime Stories”

Starring Adam Sandler, **rated PG**

Calling all AGS, ECC, Family & Friends:

**Come in your pajamas to our
next Movie Night!**

Bring a pillow & blanket too!

**All children must be accompanied by an
adult.**

When: Friday, March 19th

Time: Doors open at
6:00 pm

Movie begins at 6:30 pm

Where: AGS Gym

Cost: \$2.00/person:
includes popcorn, juice
bag or water



**Pizza, Hot dogs & other concessions
will be available for purchase as well!**

Sponsored by the AGS PTO. Proceeds from movie night will be used
for various activities at Alice Gustafson School.

“Congratulations” to Mrs. Applehoff's third grade class for bringing in the most Box Tops in our recent contest. Mrs. Applehoff's class will be rewarded with a special treat. We did a great job with box tops this Spring, raising over \$780 to put our yearly total at more than \$1500 in box tops. That is over 15,000 box tops clipped and turned in!

WOW!

Great Job!



the difference
1 can make.

Literacy Corner

By: Elaine Dugan

“Just because they can, doesn’t mean they should.” This quote is in reference to selecting books for our advanced readers. Many students at AGS are accomplished readers and are capable of reading books with accuracy and fluency that middle school or even older students might read. However, as parents and teachers we need to look at more than the readability level of books when making book recommendations. Many young adult book themes are inappropriate for our readers and they often don’t have the background or life experiences and emotional maturity to truly comprehend these books. Our students need to read books they can relate to and enjoy sharing with their peers. Think about these guidelines: Read close to grade level fiction books and nonfiction at more advanced levels. J.W. Halsted has lots of recommendations for

gifted readers in her book, Some of My Best Friends are Books: Guiding Gifted Readers From Preschool to High School.



Book Fair News

Scholastic half price Book fair starts on Wednesday, April 7th and runs through April 12th in the LRC. Students will have a chance to shop during school hours and the book fair will be open from 6:30 – 8:00 pm on Thursday, April 8th. ***It's the Biggy Sale!*** All “non-book” items will only be available during the evening hours. The PTO offers this as a courtesy to all AGS families. We do not make any money on this event. All books are **half price** so it's a great way to stock up on summer reading material!

If you are interested in volunteering during the Book fair, please contact Chris Winkle at chriswinkle@comcast.net



The next Gator Gold order date is Tuesday March 23...

Gator Gold, one of the AGS PTO's major fundraisers, is a year-round gift card program. The AGS PTO is able to purchase a HUGE variety of gift cards at a discount and make them available to you at face value. The difference is the PTO's revenue. Using Gator Gold is one of the easiest ways you can support your children at AGS. If you haven't tried it yet, NOW IS THE TIME! You can use Gator Gold gift cards for your weekly groceries, gas, and dining out, as well as for vacations, hotels, and other shopping needs.

If you are familiar with Gator Gold and know what cards you want, you can just call Mary Collins or email her at gatorgold@agspto.org. If you want to see all the cards that are available, click on <http://www.mannaexpress.net/ExpressAlpha2008.pdf> to view and/or print out the order form at home. Complete the order form, attach a check (made out to AGS PTO), and send it in to school. (Please also put your phone # and child's teacher on the form.) All orders must be received by 12:30pm on March 23, 2010. Order forms are also available in the school lobby.

Some notes about the new order form:

1. If you want Woodman's \$50 or \$100 cards, write it in and indicate the quantity at the bottom. We get those cards directly from Woodman's, not from Manna.
2. Darden card is for Red Lobster and Olive Garden.
3. Options card is for Gap, Old Navy, and Banana Republic.
4. Edine card is a group that includes Tribella in Batavia.

Lettuce Entertain You card is a group that includes the Maggiano's Little Italy in Naperville!

CURRENTLY IN STOCK: Woodman's \$100/\$50, Meijer \$25, Kohl's \$25, and Walmart \$25 cards. You don't have to wait for the order date if you want any of these cards, so email gatorgold@agspto.org today!

Questions? Call Mary Collins or email gatorgold@agspto.org. Thank you!

Alice Gustafson PTO
Profit & Loss
2009-2010
Jun 30, '09 - Jun 30, 10

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

ECC 500.00
Small Business Expo 400.00
Movie Night 538.29
Dine Around Batavia 451.89
Gator Gourmet Cookbook 50.00
Market Day 875.58
Gator Gallop 4,464.67
Fall Clothing Sale 4,144.55
Fall Book Fair 1,888.52
Fun Fair 5,954.65
Gator Gold -2,936.08
School Supply Kits -4.85
Pictures and Memory Book 599.63
Target for Education 593.50
General Mills Box Tops 681.49
Shop and Share 4.30
Cougars Night 740.00
McDonald's/Burger King Nites 60.93
Miscellaneous Income 391.33
Interest 16.04
Total Income 19,414.44

Expense

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Character Counts 157.96
Total PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT 157.96

Curriculum

Art Club 271.06
Art 58.77
Field Trip Transportation 1,444.14
Assemblies/Teacher Trip 2,300.00
Total Curriculum 4,073.97

GENERAL OPERATING

Accounting Review 300.00
Best Practice 1,050.00
Miscellaneous 38.01
Total GENERAL OPERATING 1,388.01

Continued...

COMMUNICATIONS

Directories 498.00
COMMUNICATIONS - Other
148.97
**Total COMMUNICATIONS
646.97**

CLASSROOM SUPPORT

Back to School Celebration
315.96
Picture Person 84.55
Hospitality
Miscellaneous 37.41
Welcome Coffee 11.13
Total Hospitality 48.54
**Total CLASSROOM SUPPORT
449.05**

TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

Equipment Options:
10,165.00>projectors
Software 178.42
TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT - ...
792.71
**Total TECHNOLOGY SUP-
PORT 11,136.13**

LRC

Special Collections Update
320.00
Learning Center 1,191.11
Periodicals 455.40
Total LRC 1,966.51

Certified Teachers' Gift 3,450.00

Total Expense 23,268.60

Net Income 3,854.16
(profit to date)



Thanks for the Wild Time 2010 AGS Fun Fair Gators on Safari

On behalf of the Fun Fair Committee, we would like to extend a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who came and explored the Gators on Safari at the AGS Fun Fair!

THANK YOU to the numerous volunteers who conducted a game, served food, sold tickets and worked the raffle.

THANK YOU to all who donated cakes, pop and baked goods.

THANK YOU to the AGS Families, AGS teachers and staff, the BHS National Honor Society, BHS Key Club, BHS Athletes, Marmion Academy students and AGS Alumni! You all helped our Fun Fair be a WILD success!

A special **THANK YOU** to AGS parents Andrea and Len Davis with Pure Imagination who graciously created the awesome Gators on Safari logo design, signs and punch cards (aka Fun Passes)!

THANK YOU to Batavia Instant Print, Inc for their printing services.

And an enormous **THANK YOU** to all the AGS families and local businesses that donated items to make the basket raffle so great!

What a terrific expedition!

It was a “Roaring” Success!