



Kipps Konnection



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Coming next month – Teacher Note's and Getting to Know You, to help introduce new members of our faculty & Staff.

Welcome to the start of another year at Kipps Elementary. The Kipps PTA is very excited about the plans for the upcoming year. We have been planning to continue the great tradition of supporting this great school with additional programs and needed supplies. Each month we will be sending home with your child this newsletter outlining different aspects of the PTA as well as our upcoming programs. We encourage you to attend our programs and our planning sessions. If you have any questions regarding anything about the PTA, please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate board member or me. A list of all board members along with their duties is also included in this newsletter. Please consider volunteering and participating at our programs. We look forward to seeing you throughout the year.

Michele Wolfert
President
Kipps PTA



Dear Parents:

Welcome back to another school year! We are pleased to begin the 2004-2005 school year with a terrific staff to work with our terrific students! We welcome our newest staff members who are highlighted in this newsletter.

We are beginning the year with a number of new plans to be put in place. You and your child will soon be receiving information about a new discipline plan we will work with this year. Please take time to talk to your child about RESPECT which will be the focus of our work. Also, be looking for the dates of Breakfast or Lunch with the Principal, a series of meetings where various topics of interest will be discussed.

Please contact me at any time you have questions or concerns about your child's education.

Sincerely,
Ray E. Van Dyke - Principal

Hello Kipps Community,
My name is Oliver Lewis and I will be returning as the Assistant Principal at Kipps this year. I am a native of Radford where I still Reside with my wife Veronica and my 22 month old daughter Jera. I received my Bachelors and Masters degrees from Radford University. I am also serving Falling Branch Elementary as Assistant Principal this year. Before coming to Kipps, I served as Assistant Principal at Christiansburg Middle School for the previous two school years. I was also the music educator at Falling Branch for five years before going into administration. I enjoy singing in my church choir, traveling with my family and being an assistant principal.

This May I was elected to the Radford City Council and look forward to serving the citizens of Radford.

I look forward to working with the student, parents and the entire Kipps Community!

Oliver Lewis - Assistant Principal

Kipps PTA would like to welcome our new Staff Members to Kipps:

Ginny Jones – Kindergarten

Summer McClure - First Grade

Kelly Olsen – Fourth Grade

Royce Jacomen – Fifth grade

Shelley Barnes - Special Education Teacher

Karen Kawley – Cafeteria Manager



The Purpose of the PTA:

- Promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, community and place of worship.
- To raise the standards of home life.
- To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.
- To bring into closer relation the home and the school, the parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth.
- To develop between educators and the general public such unified efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social and spiritual education.

The School Clinic is in dire need of small girls clothes of any size. We need pants, shorts, shirts, socks and underwear. We are also in need of boy's underwear and socks. Please send donations in with your child, marked for the clinic.

THANK YOU ☺



2004-2005 PTA Board Members

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PARENT QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

We have placed a comment/suggestion box in the main lobby. Please take a moment and write down any questions or concerns you might have and we will try and address them as best we can.

Parents, please try to follow the designated driving pattern for picking up your child. This is for the safety of the children and also to help eliminate some congestion in the parking lot. Please stop by the office for a map if you are unsure of pattern.

Also, please inform your child's teacher in the morning by a quick note if he or she will be getting home in a different way that day. This will help to eliminate any confusion if your child forgets.



SEPTEMBER EVENTS



Parent Orientation & Children's Sock Hop - Thursday September 9th 6:00 – 6:45 K-2nd 7:00 – 7:45 3rd-5th

Parents please join us at Kipps for Parent Orientation. This program is for parents only but there will be a Sock Hop for children, ages 5 and up, provided by PTA in the gym. After you drop your children off in the gym, please go straight to your child's classroom so that teachers can begin promptly. Your child's teacher will provide you with information regarding the upcoming school year.

Also, parents are invited to stop by the Reading Rooms to meet Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Ragsdale, Mrs. Lux and Mrs. Fabrycky. These reading teachers work in Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Grades.

We will also vote on the PTA 2004-2005 budget, which is on the back of the calendar.

WE HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE!

- **September PTA Planning Session** – Tuesday September 14, 7:00 Kipps Cafeteria - Meetings are open to ALL PTA members and we encourage you to come join us.

OCTOBER PREVIEWES



- **PTA Planning Session** October 12th, 7:00 Kipps Cafeteria
- **Book Fair** – October 4th – 8th – The book fair was a huge success last year! Come check out the great selections of books, games, posters etc. and help support the Kipps Library!
- **Science Night** – Oct. 26th – 7pm – Kipps Cafeteria - Come listen to exciting topics in the world of Science
- **Ocean In Motion** – Oct 5th & 6th – During school hours for Kipps children only.
- **PEP classes** – look for a flyer to come home soon. If interested in teaching a PEP class, please contact Connie Froggatt at pep@kippspta.org.



Make sure you check out our website:

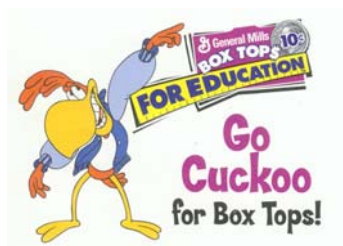


<http://www.kippspta.org> for regular updates, PTA and school events and to email a PTA Board Members!! You can also register to receive newsletter on-line and sign up for volunteer list.

FUNDRAISERS

PTA Fall Fundraiser Starts September 24th

Friday, September 24th is the launch date for the PTA Fall Fundraiser. Although we have changed companies this year, we are keeping the same fundraising format since it was so successful in the past. If you are not familiar with our fundraiser, you will receive detailed information about the program in the fundraiser packet your child will bring home on the launch date. Anyone interested in helping with the fundraiser may contact Kathy DeMatteo at fundraising@kippspta.org. We need a couple of volunteers to help distribute the packets in September and to help sort the items when they arrive in October..



Eating For Kipps Kids!

Last year, Kipps PTA earned over \$800 with Boxtops for Education and \$44 with Tyson's A+ labels. Just by clipping these and sending them to school, you can aid our Building Blocks program. The money goes to our teachers to buy items for their classrooms. The box tops can be found on all General Mills products. For more information on what products you can visit: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/>. Please trim down the label but make sure you do not cut off the date. If you write the teacher's name on the back of the label, the class will be entered in to a drawing for a class popcorn party! Keep eating and let's earn at least \$1000 this year for our school!

Alicia Stone – Incentives



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We have included a volunteer flyer in the newsletter. The PTA offers many exciting events and programs for the children and families but we cannot do this without the many volunteers we have every year. So please take a moment and fill out the form and return it to your teacher. Whether you can help by volunteering your time or donating baked goods, all help us continue to offer such great opportunities to our children. To make things easier and more efficient this year we have created a volunteers page on the Kipps PTA website.

Important Events coming up with volunteers needed:

1. **Fundraiser** – We need several volunteers to help get fundraising packets ready to go out and distributed, the week of September 13th.
2. **Sock Hop during Parent Orientation** – September 9th. If you can help during one of the shifts that you do not have a child in.
3. We really need Volunteers to help out with the **Book Fair**. We need volunteers October 4th through 8th during the day and evening. We need as many people as we can to help collect money and help children in writing down books on their wish list. If you can help out please email volunteers or contact Ms. Austin at 951-5760.

If you are able to help please contact Nancy Phillips by email volunteers@kippspta.org and we will get back with you on times and dates.

Thank you to everyone who volunteers!