



Berkeley Lake Elementary PTA

Paw Prints



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Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) News
for the BLES Community

2017

Paw Prints delivers a snapshot of what's going on in the BLES community. It's brought to you by your PTA volunteers. Have feedback or ideas for the PTA? Send us a note at infoblespta@gmail.com.

We're getting ready for the busy holiday season. This is a quick reminder of the activities we have planned in November and December. We look forward to spending time with our BLES family.

A few notes from your PTA board and committees:

- **Do you have great pictures of activities around the school?** Share them. We'd love to have them for our yearbook. And, there's an app for that! Download the Balfour Image Share app from your favorite app store. Our BLES pass code is: 820422. Upload pictures directly from your smartphone or desktop. We'll try to use as many as we can. You can also find out more at <http://www.blespta.org/yearbook/>. Thanks for the memories!
- Several of our committee chairs are graduating to middle school this year. We hope new members will check out our [PTA Get Involved site](#) and, well, get involved! Fill out our simple form and we can match you to a committee that suits your interests and available time. Also, you can view our full list of committees [here](#).
- Remember the last Friday of each month, too. We'll continue to be in the lobby so your child can order a yearbook and buy spirit wear.

We are thankful for each of our members and give a special thanks to our dedicated and hard-working volunteers. You make our school special and give our incredible teachers and staff much-needed support.

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Today's top 3

going to miss it all. I've made some great friends along the way being a part of the PTA!"

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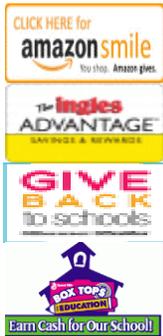
Upcoming PTA-sponsored events



1. **Nov. 8:** PTA Executive Board Meet, Greet and Treats
2. **Nov. 11:** Turkey Trot (and K-Kids host their annual pancake breakfast)
3. **Dec. 5:** Spirit Night at Jason's Deli (to complement Barnes and Noble Night with Ms. Page's activities and the choir performance)
4. **Dec. 7 & 8:** Candlelight Luncheon

Support BLES when you shop

Did you know that when you shop Amazon, Ingles, Publix, OfficeMax a percentage of those sales could go to BLES? Sign up with your online accounts.



You can also send in your Box Tops for education. To help with counting, you can download this [Box Tops Collection Sheet](#).

New this year!

Make sure to put your name on your Box Tops collection sheets. We'll hold a random drawing each month. All students who submit Box Tops will be entered. The prize? A coupon for a free ice cream or an item from the student store.

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Why get involved in your PTA?

PTA is a membership association of parents and teachers that raises money to fund activities to help enrich our students' education experience.

Our volunteers do the committee work to plan and make the activities happen, too. You are always needed – no matter how much time you can give.

Do I have to join a committee? No. You can simply join for \$7 and/or make a monetary contribution. Membership numbers are important to show we are an active school that supports our students.

Will I have to come to meetings? No, not unless you want to. We try to send email blasts with updates or weave our PTA general meetings into activities parents will already be attending – and we keep them short.

Like discounts? Sponsor organizations give great discounts to PTA members. [Check them out!](#)



Pictured: BLES students at the Duluth Fall Festival Parade, Spirit Night at the California Pizza Kitchen and the Charleston Wrap Pig Races.

Have lots of time to dedicate? Or only a few hours during the whole school year?

Want to know more? (Or even have a good laugh at the write ups!)

[Click for a full list of our 2017-2018 volunteer opportunities – with contacts!](#)

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