

**PTA**

**SAVE THE DATES**

**FEBRUARY 8**



**FAMILY DANCE**

**FEBRUARY 21**

**CHICK-FIL-A SPIRIT NIGHT**

**MARCH 4-8**

**SPRING GREAT BOOK EXCHANGE**

**MARCH 11**

**PTA MEETING/FAMILY MATH NIGHT**

**MARCH 21**

**GOLDEN SKATE SPIRIT NIGHT**



**APRIL 11 BOOSTERTHON FUN RUN & CHICK-FIL-A SPIRIT NIGHT**

**APRIL 15-19**

**SPRING BREAK**

**APRIL 29-MAY 3**

**STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK**

**MAY 13**

**PTA MEETING/SPRING CONCERT @ MAULDIN HIGH**

**MAY 23**

**TWISTED CUP SPIRIT NIGHT**

NEWS FROM BELL'S CROSSING PTA

# BELL RINGER

FEBRUARY 2019

## A WORD FROM OUR PTA PRESIDENT

Wow, it's hard to believe we're now halfway through the school year! Looking back on all that we've already accomplished this year, I'm simply amazed and extremely grateful to all of you for your help and support! THANK YOU! It takes all of us working together to achieve our PTA mission- to make a difference in the lives of our students here at Bell's Crossing!

Some PTA highlights from the first half of the year include: **achieving 100% faculty membership** within the first week of school; **rewarding 178 students** for participating in the Summer Activity Program; hosting one of the **most successful EagleFest fundraisers to date** featuring new rides and games, delicious food trucks and amazing silent auction deals; **giving every student a gently used book** (that is new to them!) at the fall Great Book Exchange; making **30 of our students published authors** through the PTA Publishing Center; planning fun-filled Spirit Nights for our families; **revamping the School Store**; showing our teachers and staff how much we appreciate them with monthly hospitality events; **encouraging students' creativity** through the national PTA Reflections arts recognition program; helping our **children shop for gifts** for their family and friends at our Holiday Shop with an amazing gift selection; **earning more than \$1,200** already for our school through the Box Tops incentives program; and awarding more than **\$8,000 in mini-grants to teachers** to help fund a variety of educational programs and resources, including new books and ELA programs for their classrooms, new morning choice and manipulative activities for students, several sensory room items for the self-contained classrooms, and professional development courses, among others.

**If our PTA can achieve all of this in just the first half of the year, I can't wait to see how much we can accomplish together during this second half of the year!** We still have our 80's themed Family Dance fundraiser coming up this month, the popular Boosterthon Fun Run featuring a S.T.E.A.M. theme this year, more exciting Spirit Nights, our first-ever Family Math Night with games and prizes, another Great Book Exchange, and our annual Staff Appreciation Week, just to name a few. I'm looking forward to continuing to serve with all of you to make this a truly amazing year for Bell's Crossing Elementary!

Lindsay Howell,  
PTA President



# From the Principal's Desk

WINTER 2018-19

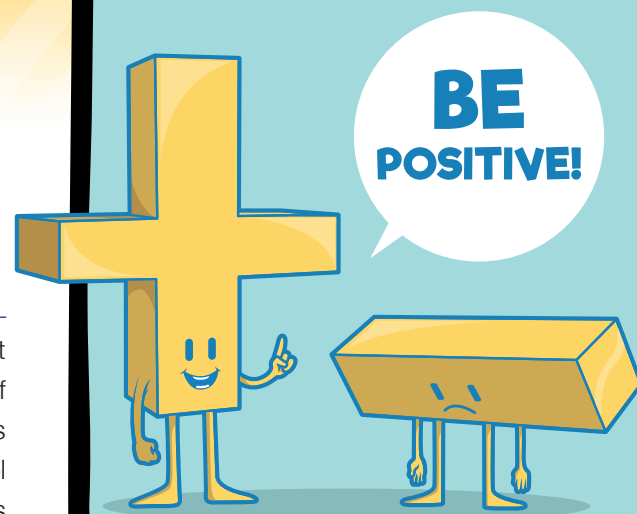
The school year has gone by so fast. We are at the midpoint. Our school report card was just released. We are proud to earn the Excellent rating. Only 15% of the schools across the state earned this rating. The new rating system factors in other areas beyond the overall achievement such as progress rating, school quality, and English Language Learners. The progress rating score makes up 35% of our overall score. This is especially challenging when we perform above state and district averages already. The teachers, staff, parents, and community work so hard to provide a high quality education for our children.

Bell's Crossing was named a Wellness School by Livewell Greenville due to the many health initiatives we offer our families. This year we launched an Iron Eagle Challenge. Each month we offer family fitness events for students and their families. Some of the challenges have been bicycling in the park, a Turkey Trot, and the Transformational Walk. We continue to offer our Morning Movement Program, and we will launch a special winter movement program in the gym.

The second half of the school year will be equally packed with great events. We have six students selected for the State Honors Choir. They will attend the state convention and perform with other children from different elementary schools. We will have our Super Soles Running Club participate in a 5K race while giving back to the community with a service learning project. The Spring will bring Boosterthon. This program instills exercise and character education traits while raising money for our school. We have so much to look forward to as we continue to prepare our children for the next step in their education careers.



Christopher Ross  
Principal



## FAMILY MATH NIGHT COMING SOON

Mark your calendar to join us on **Monday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m.** for our first-ever Family Math Night, hosted by Mathnasium and the Bell's Crossing Elementary PTA! This fun-filled night for families will allow your children to explore math at their own level through games and activities led by Mathnasium staff and our own teachers/staff. There will be lots of exciting prizes and giveaways available as well as refreshments. The event will be held in the Cafeteria, and is free and open to all Bell's Crossing families.

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# HEROES AROUND ME

## Congratulations to Reflections Winners

Thank you to all the students who participated in this year's national PTA Reflections arts recognition program. We received amazing creations inspired by this year's theme "Heroes Around Me." Congratulations to these students below for winning at the school level. Their entries are also eligible for prizes at the district, state and national levels. All participating students will be recognized with awards at the end of the school year.

## 2018-19 Bell's Crossing Reflections Winners

### Primary Photography

**First Place** | *Monkey ABC's*, Olivia Rodgers

**Second Place** | *Firemen*, Gabe Amador

**Third Place** | *Color Rescue*, Rowan Hester

**1st Honorable Mention** | *Calling All Superheroes*, Gabe Amador

**2nd Honorable Mention** | *The Bat Cave*, Rowan Hester

### Intermediate Photography

**First Place** | *Hard Working Ant*, Monserratt Ramirez

**Second Place** | *Heroes In My World*, Liam Rogers

**Third Place** | *Nora Meets Nora*, Caleb Bredderman

**1st Honorable Mention** | *Heroes Behind the Backpack*, Peyton Duke

**2nd Honorable Mention** | *Veterans Rock*, Ethan Alles

### Primary Literature

**First Place** | *Black and Blue*, Skyler Duke

### Intermediate Literature

**First Place** | *Dino Dude*, Adelina Freund

**Second Place** | *My Doctors Are Heroes*, Amelia Cone

**Third Place** | *His Name Is*, Peyton Duke

**1st Honorable Mention** | *I am a Hero*, Hailey Ferguson

**2nd Honorable Mention** | *Nora: My Hero*, Caleb Bredderman

### Primary Visual Arts

**First Place** | *Stop Bullying*, Elizabeth Duong

**Second Place** | *You Are a Hero*, Lisette Aldiosa

**Third Place** | *Tyler's Heroes*, Tyler Smith

**1st Honorable Mention** | *My Heroes Around Me*, Liam Baker

### Intermediate Visual Arts

**First Place** | *My Number One Hero: My Mom*, Monserratt Ramirez

**Second Place** | *NC Florence Flood Rescue*, Anthony Duong

**Third Place** | *My Hero My Solar System*, Emil Giguere

**1st Honorable Mention** | *Shadow in the Fire*, Alana Armenti

**2nd Honorable Mention** | *Reaching Out*, Addison Howell

### Primary Dance Choreography

**First Place** | *Being a Hero*, Sydney Howell

**Second Place** | *Becoming a Hero*, Ansley Howlett

### Intermediate Dance Choreography

**First Place** | *A Hero Within Me*, Reagan Howlett

**Second Place** | *We Are Born To Be Heroes*, Peyton Duke

**Third Place** | *Heroes*, Maya Sanders

**1st Honorable Mention** | *Power*, Maya Sanders

**2nd Honorable Mention** | *Zero to Hero*, Maya Sanders

### Intermediate Music Composition

**First Place** | *My Heroes Don't Wear Capes*, Annabella Baker

**Second Place** | *Awesome Heroes*, Ethan Alles

**Third Place** | *Military March*, Hannah Lenger

**Congratulations!**

## HELP PTA SOAR TO 100% MEMBERSHIP

The Bell's Crossing PTA needs less than 100 new members to achieve our goal of 100% membership for the 2018-2019 school year. If we achieve our goal, then we'll have a school-wide celebration at the end of the year! Membership forms can be found on our PTA Website ([www.bellscrossingpta.org](http://www.bellscrossingpta.org)). Completed forms and payment may be sent in to your child's teacher. Memberships are only \$5 per person, and there is no limit to the number of memberships you may purchase. Each membership comes with a valuable coupon packet. In addition, any new memberships purchased during the month of February will be entered into a drawing for gift cards!



## Publishing Center Hosts Authors Tea



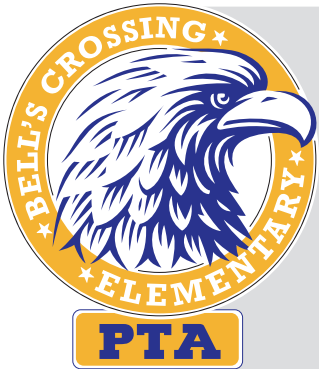
The PTA Publishing Center hosted an Authors Tea in December to recognize the students who published books during the first half of the year. Congratulations to all of our published authors! For more information on how to publish a book, please talk to your child's teacher.



## Fun Run to Fund "Extreme Library Makeover"

The Boosterthon Fun Run will be held Thursday, April 11 and we are excited to be raising money this year to help fund an Extreme Library Makeover for our school as well as other much-needed school improvements! The Boosterthon Fun Run program, which is our school's largest fundraiser, features an interactive character-building program for our students that culminates with a fun fitness event! Students will help a team of kids solve problems using a super-lab hidden inside a school in this year's S.T.E.A.M. character theme, Mindspark Mystery Lab. The program kicks off on April 2 with pep rallies and wraps up on April 11 with the Fun Run!

## SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR 2018 EAGLEFEST SPONSORS



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