

Barry's Bulletin

Asbury Elementary School's Monthly News
November 2015

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What the PTSO is doing for Asbury!

If you missed this month's meeting, here are a few things you should know . . .

CSC: Brian Eschbacher discussed how projections are made for schools. (See 'The Eagle Eye View of Asbury' section below)

Student Council Parent Representatives

Our student council representatives attended tonight's meeting and discussed the School Store and School Spirit Day, which is this Friday. This Friday's School Spirit Day theme is Asbury Spirit Day and students should wear either Blue/Gold or official Asbury gear ☺
The next Spirit Day will be Crazy Hair/Hat Day on November 13th.

Bylaws: Changes to bylaws have been approved. Ms. Ravel introduced a social media component regarding pictures of students being posted online, which was approved by the committee.

100% Asbury Committee: the Direct Appeal monthly campaign will soon begin with a different theme every month. Keep your eyes out for different ways to: **Participate. Volunteer. Donate.**

Candy Exchange: The Candy Exchange is this Friday. More volunteers are needed. If you are interested in volunteering, please come to Asbury's cafeteria at 9:00 a.m. Donated candy will be sent to Operation Freedom.

November Happenings

- Monday, November 2
No School but REMEMBER:
Halloween Candy Buyback . Be sure to bring all unwanted candy in exchange for cash by Friday, November 6!
- Tuesday, November 4
Simply Safe/Fire Safety Program
3:30pm CSC (First Tuesday of each month)
6:00pm PTSO (First Tuesday of each month)
- Wednesday, November 11
Barry's Fun Run Pep Rally (formally Boosterathon)
- Friday, November 13
Thanksgiving Luncheon
- Tuesday, November 17
Illegal Pete's Dine Out
HAC Meeting, 6pm
- Friday, November 20
Barry's Fun Run (formally Boosterathon)
- Monday – Friday, November 23-27
Thanksgiving Break
- Monday, November 23- Sunday, November 29
Timbuktoys Fundraiser. Shop at Timbuktoys and Asbury will get a donation worth 20% of purchases.
- Tuesday, December 1
Noodles & Co. Dine Out
3:30pm CSC (First Tuesday of each month)
6:00pm PTSO (First Tuesday of each month)

The Eagle-Eye View of Asbury

The Collaborative School Committee (CSC) meets every month (on the 1st Tuesday) to review and aid Asbury in reaching goals. The minutes from this meeting are published on the Asbury website within a week of the meeting. Here are a few key points from this month's meeting:

- Brian Eschbacher, the DPS Director of Planning and Enrollment, was the main speaker at this meeting. Chip Dale, the "Principal of the Principals" of Asbury's DPS region, attended too. Brian was there to discuss how the district forecasts what the population of each school may be so that individual schools can plan accordingly. This meeting was attended by the CSC board and several concerned parents as class size was at the center of this discussion.
- Students living in the Asbury boundary are automatically admitted to our school. The prediction models look at different factors in trying to predict how many students will be in each boundary, i.e. birth rates and residential development. MI students have different boundary areas.
- According to the statistical models that his department uses, the growth in the Asbury boundary is slowly declining.
- If not living in Asbury's boundary, families are given the opportunity to choice in. If choice spots are available at the school, priority for those spots is given to siblings (of students already attending the school), children of teachers, other Denver residents. The priority is then given to then same above criteria for students who live outside of Denver. Here is the number of choice vs. boundary students per grade :

Grade	Boundary Students	Choice In Students
Kindergarten	47	11
1 st Grade	52	7
2 nd Grade	45	18
3 rd Grade	47	17
4 th Grade	30	24
5 th Grade	26	22

- Three options were discussed in relation to limiting class size:
 1. Additional fundraising to increase use of paraprofessional.
 2. Limitation of Choice students (Current kindergarten, only siblings and MI students allowed to choice in)
 3. Facilities improvement to add classrooms and fundraise for the needed additional teacher.

Meeting Conclusion: Work together (with Chip and Brian with **input from teachers**) to build some scenarios and share them at the next CSC meeting.

Committee Corner

The Hands Up for the Children Backpack Program has gotten off to a great start thanks to the ongoing support of the Asbury community. Right now, we are providing healthy food to 20 of our students and their families. With the holidays around the corner, we are reaching out to Asbury for gift cards to give to each of our families. Those to Safeway and King Soopers (available for purchase in the front office), Target, and Walmart are best. We will begin giving them out prior to the Thanksgiving break and hope to have enough to give out prior to the December break as well. Gift cards can be given to Ms. Terri and Ms. Julia in the office. Thank you Asbury!! For more information, please contact Holly Porterfield at hollyporterfield@comcast.net.

Getting To Know Asbury Staff

Stacey Anderson is excited to join the Asbury community. She joined the Asbury staff as one of our amazing Multiple Intensive (MI) teachers. Ms. Anderson works with students who need intensive instruction in adaptive functioning skills, including teaching skills and strategies typically learned through daily living and communications. She was excited to answer a few questions so that we can get to know a little more about her!

What do you love most about your position at Asbury?

Stacey Anderson: I am thrilled to be teaching at Asbury this year. My favorite part so far has been getting to know the students and staff. Asbury has remarkable, fun, kind and hard-working students. The staff has been so welcoming and I love the sense of humor present in the staff members. I believe work should be challenging and joyful at the same time and I have found both pieces in my new position. My students put forth extraordinary effort in their studies, I see grit and perseverance on a daily basis, which makes what I do fulfilling.

What do you like to do in your free time?

Stacey Anderson: I love love love to play tennis! My free time is either spent on a tennis court or with my family. I have been married for 28 years to my husband, Wayne, and have three wonderful children, Evyn, Reid and Isabella. We spend a lot of time together, hiking, playing games, skiing, watching or playing sports and just hanging out. We have a plethora of extended family in town as well, so the benefits of family are felt often in our household.


What is your favorite book? Why?

Stacey Anderson: Reading is a passion I have had for a very long time. The types of books I read are varied, I enjoy many types of stories. My favorite books of the moment are The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak and This is the Story of a Happy Marriage by Ann Patchett. Both books made me cry and when that happens I know I have been truly touched by the writer's words. If you ever see me driving to or from Asbury and I am deep in thought it is because I am listening to a book on CD. I listen to a novel all the way to school and home every day!

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Easy ways to be 100% Asbury:

1. Save your Box Tops The logo for Box Tops for Education, featuring a red and white box with the text 'TAKE CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL!', 'Box Tops', and 'FOR EDUCATION'. It also includes the website 'boxtopsforeducation.com' and the expiration date 'EXPIRES 6/30/18'.
2. Shop at AmazonSmile and Amazon will make a donation to Asbury PTSO.
<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/46-3897743>
3. Go to a Dining out Night! Join the Asbury community for dinner on November 17 at Illegal Pete's. The restaurant is located at 1744 E Evans Ave, Denver, CO 80210
4. Use your Asbury grocery cards at both Safeway and King Soopers.
5. Shop at Asbury's FUNdraiser at Timbuktoys November 23rd-29th. Asbury will earn a donation worth 20% of applicable purchases. Just make sure you mention "Asbury Elementary School".