

Barry's Bulletin

Asbury Elementary School's Monthly News
October 2015

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What the PTSO is doing for Asbury!

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

- Asbury's Carnival was a huge success! This year's carnival raised over \$17,000! Our silent auction raised over \$8,000 and the ticket sales and donations equaled almost \$9,000. Thank you to all the parents and volunteers who made this year such a success for Asbury!

- 100% Asbury is making great strides. Just a month into the school year and the 100% Asbury Campaign has already reached over \$36,000 in donations! This includes \$17,000 for the \$13,000 in corporate donations; \$1,000 from the Community Giving Programs; \$950 in PTSO memberships; and \$4,000 in miscellaneous fundraising (grocery cards, apparel, Read-A-Thon revenue, etc.) We are humbled by the response to our campaign – thank you to all – and let's keep up the momentum!



- The high noise level in the lunchroom is becoming an issue. The PTSO has approved the purchase of a visual "stop light" system that will alert students when the noise reaches higher than acceptable levels. We are hopeful that this system will preserve the sanity of both students and teachers. Thanks to the PTSO for funding the stop light system.

October Happenings

- Tuesday, October 6
3:30pm CSC (First Tuesday of each month)
6:00pm PTSO (First Tuesday of each month)
- Wednesday, October 7
International Walk to School Day
- Tuesday, October 13
Parent Math Information Night, 6-7pm
- Friday, October 16
Chris Anthony - Youth Initiative speaker
3-5th grade, 10-11am
- Monday-Tuesday, October 19-20
NO SCHOOL – Planning and Assessment Days
- Wednesday, October 21
Dining Night Out – Euro Crepes
- Tuesday, October 27
Healthy Asbury Committee Meeting 6-7.30pm
- Tuesday-Wednesday, October 27-28
Conferences, 3.30-7.30pm
- Saturday, October 31
Halloween Candy Buyback . Be sure to bring all unwanted candy in exchange for cash!

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:

- There will be no School Performance Framework (SPF) released this year. With the transition from TCAP testing to CMAS/PARCC assessments last school year, there is a statewide delay in these "school report cards". During this year of transition, DPS is working to make the SPF a better reflection of academic growth/achievement in their total student body. If you have questions on the DPS data sets please go to www.dpsare.com.
- The growing Asbury community and how it affects class size is a concern for most of Asbury's classrooms. At the November 4th CSC meeting, Ms. Kirk will have a DPS specialist in attendance to discuss effects of our growing school. And the CSC will work to develop a transparent plan on how to address larger class size in the future.
- Here is the Eagle eye view of the students at Asbury (The Denver Public School District final count was September 10, 2015, the numbers below are subject to change):

Total Students = 349	% of Student Population
Male	59%
Female	41%
Asian or Pacific Islander	2%
Black (Not Hispanic)	5%
Hispanic	24%
White (Not Hispanic)	65%
Special Education	10%
ELA	12%
Free/Reduced Lunch	43%
Gifted/Talented	3%

Getting To Know Asbury Staff

Many of you have met Asbury's new secretary, Julia Wickman. She started working with Terri in the front office after the start of the school year. While learning all there is to know about Asbury, Julia has seemingly had a smile on her face every day since she walked into Asbury. We are lucky to have another great addition to the Asbury team. We were able to ask her a few questions so that we can all get to know her a bit more.

What do you love most about your position at Asbury?

What I love most about my position at Asbury is getting to know all of the students, parents, faculty and staff, and getting to be a part of the wonderful Asbury community.

Where did you grow up? If not Denver, what brought you here?

I grew up in Tucson, Arizona. I was a camper at Cheley Colorado Camps in Estes Park every summer while I was growing up, and worked there for the last four summers. I loved Colorado so much during the summers that I decided to move here when I graduated from college.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I grew up hiking and backpacking in Rocky Mountain National Park, and I have loved exploring different mountain ranges in Colorado. I also have loved learning how to ski since I moved here!

What is your favorite food?

Since I grew up in Tucson, AZ I love all good Mexican food.

If money were not an issue, where would you go on your next vacation?

I would go on an African safari!

Committee Corner

The hospitality committee is tasked each month with providing a gesture of appreciation for the Asbury staff and has been hard at work already. For our September offering we gave the staff a coat rack and side table for the staff restroom. Other plans for this year include mini herb gardens, homemade lanyard key chains, and garden stones, as well as our traditional giving garlands and gift wraps and some other surprises. If you would like to know more about the hospitality committee or volunteer to pitch in, feel free to call or email Ann Kaplan anytime at 393-931-1004 or ann@DenverDoulaServices.com

Thank You (x2) From HAC!!

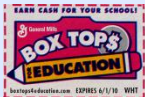
Thank you to everyone who participated in Walk to School Day on October 7th! We hope you got to enjoy seeing your friends on your route to school. A good morning walk is energizing. If you enjoyed walking to school, consider doing it more often. Maybe, choose one day a week that works for your family to walk to school or join the Walking School Bus in your area of the neighborhood! (check the Walking School Bus flyer in the Thursday Folders)

Thank you to everyone who supported the Asbury Farmers Market! It was a great way to support Asbury, support good health, and get your groceries at school! If you missed out on the fresh food this year, look for our tables next year.

100% Asbury!!

Participate. Volunteer. Donate.

Easy ways to be 100% Asbury:

1. Save your Box Tops 
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 October 21 at Euro Crepes. The restaurant is located at 1842 S Broadway, Denver, CO 80210
4. Use your Asbury grocery cards at both Safeway and King Soopers.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

How can YOU help at Asbury? Here are a few opportunities.

• Superintendent Parent Forum

We are looking for two (2) parent representatives for the year to attend monthly meetings. The next meeting is October 27th from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Western Stock Complex. Please contact Pam Kirk (pamela_kirk@dpsk12.org) if you want to be a parent representative!

• Student Council Parent Representative

We are looking for a parent liaison to attend both monthly PTSO meetings and student council meetings. If you are the parent of a student council representative or are otherwise interested in being a liaison, please contact Laura Navarre (lsanctuary@hotmail.com).