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# Shark Bites

## Message from the PTA President

As the holidays approach, let us be mindful of those less fortunate than ourselves~each year, the Christmas Mother of Chesterfield County/Colonial Heights helps feed 432 needy families, and each year, the Alberta Smith family tries to help with a food drive. Please consider donating to this worthy cause by sending in canned and dry food items before December 2nd.

Our PTA membership is at 61%! Just a few more memberships and we will all get to see our fearless leaders eat a gooey, ooey pizza with toppings that the kids will

get to pick out! If you have not yet joined the PTA, you can do so online at [www.albertasmithpta.com](http://www.albertasmithpta.com) or by sending in \$5 per parent in any envelope marked PTA Membership (if you choose this route, be sure to include the names of each parent!). When you join the PTA, you get a certificate for a free handspun milkshake from Chick-Fil-A and you are eligible for discounts locally and nationally. Your membership allows the ASEPTA to remain in good standing with the National and Virginia PTA--we pay dues to these organizations in order to be an advocate for your child. We receive information concerning local and federal

government programs as well as changing laws at each level. This helps us help you--when there is an important vote, you & your child are represented through the PTA.

We look forward to sharing events with your kids in 2009~Spring Carnival, Movie Nights, Cinco de Mayo fun and so much more! Have a blessed holiday and stay safe!

*Sincerely,  
Margaret Childs  
PTA President*

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## Alberta Smith Elementary PTA

December 2008

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### Special Points of Interest:

- ☺ PTA Meeting  
7 p.m. Dec. 2
- ☺ Inflation Nation  
6-8 p.m. Dec. 4  
All grade levels
- ☺ SAA Meeting  
7 p.m. Dec. 9
- ☺ Santa Breakfast  
Dec. 13
- ☺ Skate Night  
6:30-8:30 p.m. Dec. 16
- ☺ Winter Break  
Dec. 22-Jan. 2

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## News From Ways & Means

- Due to school holidays, there will not be a Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night in December.
- The December Box Tops drawing will be held Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup> leaving plenty of time to turn in the Box Tops collected during the holiday break.
- Do you love the new Spirit Wear and wish you had ordered? We will be offering a reorder on the Spirit Wear in January. Look for new order sheets to come home in January including a few new spirit items.
- Spring Carnival 2009 is coming Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>. This year's carnival will be bigger and better than ever. Come join in the fun by volunteering to help with the carnival. Volunteer sign-ups and carnival planning meetings are coming in January. Plan now to be a part of our best carnival ever.

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## Reflection's Winners

The artistic talent throughout Alberta Smith continues to be astonishing! Our Sharks created 25 entries for the Reflections program in the areas of visual arts, photography, and music. And the winners are:

Visual Arts grades K-2: 1st place-**London R.** 's superb painting of ducks in the water. 2nd place-**Gabrielle S.** 's beautiful butterfly. 3rd place-**Emily L.** 's sunny flower garden.

Visual Arts grades 3-5: 1st place-**Hayden G.** 's electrifying painting of lightning. 2nd place-**Sydney L.** 's radiant California sunset. 3rd place-**Sariyah K.** 's amazing people in her life.

Photography grades K-2: 1st place-**Allisa H.** 's beautiful photo montage of God's Churches.

Photography grades 3-5: 1st place-**Angela T.** 's delicious photograph of Dylan's Candy Store in NYC. 2nd place-**Angela T.** 's amazing photograph of the view of NYC from Rockefeller Center. 3rd place-**Hannah S.** 's breathtaking photograph of Niagra Falls.

Music grades 3-5: 1st place: **Bryson H.** 's awesome garage band composition.

Congratulations to all our participants! I hope you enjoyed seeing your work displayed in school and please visit the PTA website to view an assortment of entries!

## Yearbook Reminder



Time is running out for you to get your child's yearbook at the discounted rate of \$20. After Dec. 31, the price will go up to \$25. This year it is easier than ever to order your child's yearbook. You can either fill out the form that came home in your child's Shark Folder and return it to school with your payment OR you can log on to [www.albertasmithpta.com](http://www.albertasmithpta.com) and order from our website.

The Yearbook Committee would also like you to know that they are in need of photos for the Yearbook. If you are visiting your child's classroom for a holiday party, or chaperoning a field trip, please bring your camera along and snap some photos for the yearbook. The website for submitting photos is <http://images.jostens.com>. You will need an ID Number and Password to get on to that website. You can email Sara Faherty at [tsfaherty@verizon.net](mailto:tsfaherty@verizon.net) for that ID and Password information.

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PTA Raised \$287 in  
November

Third Grade raised \$80

Mrs. Hughes' class won  
the nugget tray for  
November

SAA General Membership Meeting Part 2: December 9, 2008 7PM in the school cafeteria. We will be voting on the people that were nominated at the last meeting in November. Please come out and show your support for the Athletic Association. Please remember that without parent support we wouldn't have an Association.

There is **ONE** board position that needs to be filled: **GIRLS BASKETBALL DIRECTOR**. Anyone that is interested please come to the meeting on December 9. **SAA NEEDS YOU!**

Also, the board would like to thank all the members that came out to the November meeting! We had a wonderful turn out! We ask that everyone that was there that night to try and bring at least 1 person to December's meeting. More parent involvement the better: this is **YOUR** association!!!

**\*\*Please remember the \$20 that you pay for a sport is for the family. Both parents are members of the association as well as all children. YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION TO VOTE IN DECEMBER!**

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to receive morning  
announcements and  
other important  
messages