



Shark Bites

Message from the PTA President

Our Fall is off to a great start at Alberta Smith—we have had several successful Chick-Fil-A & Skate Away fundraiser nights, and we have our First Annual Fall Family Festival coming up on November 8th!

Your PTA is always an advocate for your child as we feel it is important for every child to have a voice. You can help us in our advocacy goals by joining the Al-

berta Smith PTA—\$5 per parent is all we ask. Membership is open to anyone who believes in the Mission and Purposes of National Parent Teacher Association. Individual members may belong to any number of PTAs and pay dues in each. Every person who joins a local PTA automatically becomes a member of both the State and National PTAs.

Together, we are a powerful voice for children. With your help, we can continue to work toward PTA's goal of a quality education and nurturing environment for every child. Your PTA looks forward to seeing you at the Fall Festival!

Sincerely,
Margaret Childs
PTA President

Alberta Smith Athletic Assoc. & County Representatives Dedicate Football Field To Two Special People

On Saturday, Oct. 18, 2008, during the Alberta Smith Homecoming, our football field was dedicated to two very deserving gentlemen. On behalf of Chesterfield County, our football field was named Rose—Beatman Field. Together with their hard work, these two men made our facilities here at Smith what they are today. We were joined by Mrs. Marlene Durfee from the Board of Supervisors and Mr. Omar Rajah from the School Board to help make this dedication everything it should have been. We would like to thank Mrs. Durfee and Mr. Rajah for taking time out of their busy schedules to be a part of this special night at Alberta Smith.



From L to R: Julie Gunn, Secretary SAA; Kelly McKenney, President SAA; Mr. Omar Rajah, School Board Representative; Marty Rose, former SAA President; Ronnie Utz, former football director; Angela Hovermale, Treasurer SAA; Mr. Jeff Beatman, Retired Principal Alberta Smith; Scott Hovermale, Vice President SAA; Mrs. Marlene Durfee, Board of Supervisors Representative.

Kneeling: Rick Brown, Athletic Director SAA.

Not Pictured: Kelvin Franklin, Football Director SAA

Alberta Smith Elementary PTA

November 2008

Special Points of Interest:

- ☺ Inflation Nation
6-8 p.m. Nov. 6
All grade levels
- ☺ Free Family Fall Festival
11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 8
- ☺ PTA Meeting
7 p.m. Nov. 11
- ☺ Skate Night
1st Grade Highlighted
6-8 p.m. Nov. 18
- ☺ Santa Breakfast
Reservation Deadline
Nov. 18
- ☺ SAA General
Membership Meeting
7 p.m. Nov. 19
- ☺ Chick-Fil-A Night
3rd Grade Highlighted
5:30-8 p.m. Nov. 24
- ☺ 3-Hour Early Release
Wednesday, Nov. 26
- ☺ Thanksgiving Break
No school
Nov. 27 and 28

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First Annual Fall Festival

On November 8th, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Alberta Smith PTA will host it's First Annual Fall Festival. The festival will include children's activities, inflatables, food, and a chili cook off. And the best part is...everything is free. If you are interested in participating in the chili cook off, there ARE a few rules that you need to be aware of.

- Contestants must arrive by 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 8th. The official judging will begin at noon.
- Chili must be prepared before the cook-off, with the exception of simmering, which must be done at the cook-off.
- Contestants must provide their own cooking apparatus (crock pot, camping stove, or canned fuel—i.e. Sterno), extension cord, power strip, and serving utensils.
- A complete list of all ingredients must be available for each entry.
- The cook-off will be judged in four categories: Spicy, Veggie, Turkey or Chicken, and Beef.
- Two awards will be given in each category to winner and runner up.
- Each contestant must prepare a minimum of 2 gallons of chili. More would be appreciated, but not required.
- All contestants must keep their chili at a warm serving temperature and must keep chili covered with a tightly fitting lid when not serving. All contestants must keep a clean and sanitary work area.
- Contestants must be willing to taste their own chili.
- Organizers will provide cups and spoons for samples.
- Each contestant must have a unique name for their recipe and this name must be displayed at the serving table.
- The judges will be grading on the following criteria: flavor, consistency, heat (for Spicy contestants), After Taste, Appearance, and Name of Recipe.
- The decisions of the judges is final.



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 a couple of weeks ago in your child's Shark Folder and return it to school with your payment OR you can log on to 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 for that ID and Password information.

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The PTA would like to thank all Alberta Smith friends and families for their orders from our Fall Fundraiser. We expect delivery of the products on Mon. Nov. 17th and will let all parents know the details about pick-up times and location. The PTA appreciates all of your hard work. We also want to thank all of our parents and staff for their orders of Alberta Smith Spirit Wear. The orders have already been placed and the shirts will be sent home with students as soon as they come in. We look forward to seeing everyone dressed in Alberta Smith Wear very soon.

Food Lion's LionShop & Share Program: If you have a Food Lion MVP card, be sure to visit the www.FoodLion.com website and register your card under Alberta Smith Elementary. Just visit the website and click MVP card and then click on the LionShop & Share link. Simply type our school name for the organization and then add your MVP card number and our school will start earning rewards every time you shop at Food Lion. This is an easy way for our school to receive donations for shopping you do everyday at Food Lion.

**Smith Athletic Association General Membership Meeting:
Nov. 19, 2008 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria**

SMITH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU!

We will be accepting nominations for the 2009 Board. You must be present at the November and December meetings to be elected. The following Board positions will be open:

- Football Director (1 year)
- Cheerleading Director (1 year)
- Co-Cheerleader Director (1 year)
- Girl's Basketball Director (1 year)
- Boy's Basketball Director (1 year)
- Softball Director (1 year)
- Baseball Director (1 year)
- Ways & Means (1 year)

All information on what the position entails will be available for you to read at the meeting.

Am I a member of Smith Athletic Association? YES! You are a member if you had a child(ren) that played basketball or cheered for basketball in Dec. '07/Jan. '08 or any sport thereafter.

We urge you to attend. We need fresh, high spirited parents that are willing to step up and help start making a difference here at Alberta Smith!

Boys and Girls Basketball signups have begun. Please go to the website www.smithsharks.net for information on signups, forms and prices.

Does your student want to win a FREE Smith t-shirt? Well, keep sending in those Boxtops for Education. For every filled boxtop sheet your child sends into the PTA, they get one entry for our drawing. At the end of each month, we hold a drawing from that month's entries and pick two winners to get a Free Smith t-shirt.

Register your email address at:

www.albertasmithpta.com

to receive morning announcements and other important messages