

BOTTENFIELD BEELINE



Upcoming Events

Fall Holiday, No School

Monday, Oct 14

Picture Day

Friday, Oct 18

Parent/Teach Conferences

No School

Thursday, Oct 24 and

Friday, Oct 25

Book Fair

3:30-8pm, Thursday, Oct 24

8-11am, Friday, Oct 25

Veteran's Day, No School

Monday, Nov 11

PTA Meetings

Oct 15	Feb 18
Nov 19	Apr 21
Jan 21	May 12

6:30pm in the Library:

Childcare is provided. Please inform the PTA Vice President if you will be bringing kids.

PTA Officers

President: Rachel Dimock
president@bottenfieldpta.org

Vice President: Jason Davis
vice.president@bottenfieldpta.org

Secretary: Kelly Hoene
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Treasurer: Vince Shamhart
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President's Note

Buzz Buzz Bottenfield!

Thank you so much for your amazing support of our Walk-A-Thon this year! We broke through our ambitious goal of \$9000 (the highest amount raised in recent history!) and earned all four of our incentives, including Mr. Pope dressed as a bee reading books from the roof of the school! Look for more information about when the various incentives will be happening to come home soon.

The PTA has two main activities in October - bringing in snacks for our teachers during parent/teacher conferences and the Scholastic Book Fair, held during conferences in the library. Making finger foods and snacks for our teachers during these very busy two days are a great way to show how much you appreciate them (and keep them fueled for all of those meetings!) When you shop at the Scholastic Book Fair, a portion of all proceeds goes towards buying additional materials for the Bottenfield Library.

We would also love it if you'd join us at our October meeting, where Mr. Ponder will give a short presentation about a new program being piloted in our upper grades called AVID - what it is and common misconceptions about it. Child care is always free at PTA meetings and all are welcome. Please RSVP to vice.president@bottenfieldpta.org so we can be sure to have enough sitters.

Rachel Dimock
 President, Bottenfield PTA

Walk-A-Thon Wrap-Up

Thank you for everyone who supported Bottenfield during the Walk-A-Thon! Even with the crazy weather, we managed to have a lot of fun while raising money for the school. With your help, we raised over \$9,000, meaning that the kids have earned a Pajama Day, Extra Recess Day, Movie Day, and a day with Mr. Pope dressed as a bee reading from the roof! More details on these incentives to come soon. Congratulations to our raffle winners - Lily Keiser (K), August McCulloch (1), Evi Sotiropoulos (2), Evan Means (3), Ramona Sly (4), and Ozzie Decker (5).

Conference Snacks

Please help the PTA provide snacks for our teachers and staff during the parent/teacher conferences on Thursday, October 24. Our goal is to provide snacks and finger foods that teachers can grab quickly before or in between conferences. You can drop off your items in the teachers lounge anytime during school hours on Wednesday, October 23, or by 2:00pm on Thursday October 24. Please mark anything you bring with "conference snacks" so we know what to set out. You can contact Robin Maier at skipandrobina@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you so much for your help!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4DAAAF23A1F58-teacherstaff>

Apparel

Apparel orders are in and I did order a little bit extra in case you missed the deadline. We have tee shirts (\$10), hooded sweatshirts (\$24), and zip-up hooded sweatshirts (\$26) available in very limited quantities and sizes. If you are interested, please email president@bottenfieldpta.org and we'll see if we have the size and style you are looking for!



Join the PTA

Individual Membership - \$12, Family Membership - \$20

Your dues help the PTA fund classroom supplies, equipment, field trips, fun events, and more! PTA Membership needs to be renewed annually to vote at meetings, but is not required to attend meetings.

You can join the PTA either by:

Check made out to Bottenfield PTA in your child's folder in an envelope marked PTA. Please include your e-mail address in the memo line (2 e-mail addresses for family membership).

or

Online at lovethebee.strikingly.com Please include your e-mail address in the notes section (2 e-mail addresses for a family membership).

or

PayPal directly to treasurer@bottenfieldpta.org. Please include your e-mail address (2 e-mail addresses for a family membership).

MemberHub

Have you joined MemberHub? MemberHub is how the PTA sends emails to the school, and it also serves as an online directory for our students. If you're already a member and have been getting emails from us, great! You don't need to do anything this year. Hubs will be reorganized soon to reflect the current class lists. If you are new to Bottenfield or did not join last year, you can join by simply going to bottenfield.memberhub.com/join/509aim and filling out the form. Separate email addresses are required for each adult, but email addresses are not needed for the children. If you have any questions or difficulties with MemberHub, please email president@bottenfieldpta.org and I'll be happy to help!

Rachel Dimock

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming! The book fair will be open right after school on October 23rd from 3-4:30 PM, and during conferences on October 24th 3:30-8:00 PM, and October 25th from 8-11 AM. Make sure you stop by the library- the book fair is a great opportunity for students to find books they will love! Students should have received their packet of the Book Fair advertisement, and a plastic bag for All For Books. Fill the plastic bag with some change and return it to the library by October 23rd for a chance to win a book from the book fair! That change will help the library purchase books to add to the collection.

Help Wanted!

The PTA has several positions that need to be filled this year, mostly in an "apprentice" capacity, with the hopes that you'll want to continue next year when many of our more experienced parents will be moving on from Bottenfield. Please check them out below, and if you are interested, email me at president@bottenfieldpta.org for more information.

President In Training - Many people seem to think that PTA President is an intimidating or overwhelming job. I'd love to have someone work with me this year to see that it really isn't that bad and can be a lot of fun and very rewarding. The President's main duties are to run the PTA meetings (once per month), set the agenda for the meeting, be a contact person between the school and PTA, and maintain an overview of the various activities of the PTA, checking in with the committees when needed. I'd estimate that President duties take about 3-4 hours per month.

Yearbook - If we don't find someone to head up yearbook this year, we will not have a yearbook! The yearbook coordinator gathers photos from the student/parent body throughout the year (usually with a dedicated email address), corresponds with the yearbook designer at the photography company, organizes ordering of yearbooks including collecting payment and distributing yearbooks, sends pictures to the yearbook company for general pages, proof reads, and approves the final design. Most of the work is completed in the spring. The photography/yearbook company does the bulk of the work designing the yearbook. Last year's coordinator will be available to assist and answer questions, but cannot take on this role this year.

Field Day - Field Day is a full day of fun for students, typically the last Friday of the students' last full week in May (May 15, 2020 this year). The organizer of Field Day creates games, organizes and purchases the supplies for the games & fun, works on the schedule of the day with the principal, gets and organizes volunteers, sets up and takes down Field Day, and most importantly runs Field Day during the day. A Field Day apprentice is needed this year to meet with the organizer to see how it is organized, shadow her the day of the event, and will be given Field Day supplies and organizational materials after Field Day. Field Day requires several hours in May up to and including the date of Field Day.

Carnival - Carnival is a really fun event where the school is transformed with fun games, face painting, food and more! Carnival is typically held the Saturday after Presidents' Day (February 22, 2020 this year). It is organized by a committee of dedicated parents, and we need some apprentice co-chairs! The co-chairs oversee the planning of Carnival. There will typically be an early planning meeting with the entire committee sometime in December, followed by a more detailed meeting in January. Carnival co-chairs keep track of what each committee member is working on, plan which games & activities will be in which rooms (typically based on past years), rent a U-Haul to move games to and from the shed, and oversee Carnival setup and breakdown with the help of parent & college volunteers.

Bee-utification - Our beautiful natural areas on both playgrounds typically need some care twice a year - once in the fall and once in the spring. An apprentice would work with the current organizer to identify which plants are weeds and which are desirable. Additionally, they would help set up the date of spring and fall clean ups, order mulch from the district if necessary, set up a sign-up for volunteers, and volunteer on the day of both clean-ups. The time commitment is generally limited to right around the two clean-ups, about 3 hours of volunteering and maybe 1-2 hours of organizational work for each clean-up.

Beeline - A volunteer has been identified to collect & format Beeline articles into our monthly newsletter, but she is unavailable to make the copies and distribute them once a month. A partner is needed to make copies during the school day for about 1 hour once a month.

Walk-A-Thon - Walk-A-Thon is over for this year, but planning will start off early next year. Walk-A-Thon committee members plan the schedule of the day with the principal, come up with incentives, copy & distribute materials related to Walk-A-Thon, and help to organize volunteers for the day of Walk-A-Thon. The time commitment is heaviest in September, with a 1-2 hours in meetings, 2-3 hours on materials preparation & distribution, and about 5 hours on the day of Walk-A-Thon (typically the last Friday in September).

Box Tops for Education

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28 IS BOTTENFIELD'S FALL SUBMISSION DEADLINE

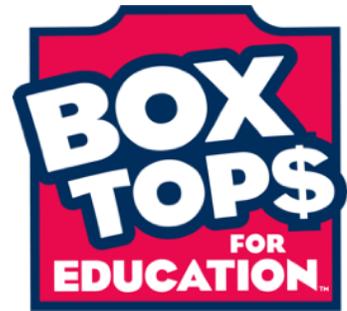
Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store. For now, you can still clip and send them to school.

- Every valid Box Tops clip is worth 10¢ for Bottenfield Elementary School.
- Make sure each one has a clearly visible product code and expiration date.
- Do not submit expired Box Tops!
- Clipped Box Tops must be submitted in groups of 50 clearly marked with a teacher's name in an envelope or plastic bag.
- Send your Box Tops to school with your student.

Eventually the Box Tops program will become digital-only. Participating brands are starting to change their packaging from a traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Top label.

NEW SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

If you see this label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. Box Tops are still worth 10¢ each for your school. The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to Bottenfield's earnings online.



Download the App and/or Access the Mobile Website. Download and access the App via your mobile device. In lieu of the App, you can choose to access the Box Tops for Education Mobile Website (the "Mobile Website") via your smartphone or tablet.

Register for an Account. To earn for Bottenfield Elementary School and access the features of the App or the Mobile Website you must register for an account. Membership is free.

Shop. Keep your receipt!

Redeem your Receipt. Redeem the Box Tops for Education earnings from your purchase by scanning your full receipt with the App or Mobile Website within 14 days of your date of purchase as indicated on the receipt. You may scan a maximum of 50 receipts per day per registered account.

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The Box Tops website <https://www.boxtops4education.com/> has easy to understand instructions and videos. Please contact Bottenfield's Box Tops coordinator, Beth Bailey baileybethmarie@gmail.com with any additional questions.

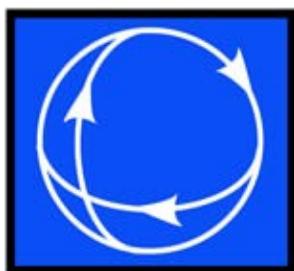
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