



**Parent Association
Year-In-Review
2017-2018**

The Eden Christian Academy Parent Association (PA) supports the Academy in its mission to engage the mind and the heart of each student to think and act with Christ-like character by fostering parental participation in building school spirit, community and resources for educational and spiritual enrichment.

2017-2018 PA Steering Committee Members: Shawna Haynes (President), Vicki Bonzo (Vice-President - MN), Tonja Johnson (Secretary - MN), Jenna LoDico (Treasurer - WX), Rebecca Martelli (Team Leader - MN), Diane Kingan (MN), Debbie Balla (MN), Samantha Pinter (Team Leader - BH), Sarah Detar (BH), Lori Walton (BH), Amy Piemme (BH), Mandy Jabbour (BH), Jodi Fleishman (Team Leader - WX), Angie Nacey (WX), Christi Wilcox (WX), Tracy Jennings (WX)

Organizational Comments

- For next year, the Parent Association will be adding a Spirit Wear Coordinator to act as the liaison with Red Oak and organize the Spirit Wear sales and inventory.
- The Parent Association will be working with Michelle Rice to implement the Ambassador Program for the 2018-2019 school year.

Ended the year with a balance of \$1058 (see attached spreadsheet). Allocated PA funds towards:

- First Day of School welcome gifts for all three campuses
- Purchase of new student/new teacher Eden welcome t-shirts for upcoming school year
- Purchased cookies for Cookie Receptions at the Elementary Christmas concerts
- Anonymous tithe of grocery gift cards for Eden families in need
- Provided each graduating senior with a 2018 Senior Class Picture
- Donated the money collected at the Christmas Bazaar to UNBOUND
- Provided donuts and hot chocolate for the Elementary Skating Social
- Leaving a balance of \$1058 to purchase additional Spirit Wear items to sell at the All-School Picnic as well as reimburse members for purchases made over the summer and throughout the school year for the Wexford Christmas Store and other events as needed.

PA Fundraisers

- Focus Fuel Packs (MN) - Mid-term exams in December. Profit earned: \$141.05
- Christmas Shop (BH) - December - Profit earned: \$462.42
- Christmas Shop (WX) - December - Profit earned: \$80.81
- Spirit Wear Sale (All-School) - Fall & Spring online sales and cash and carry items at All-School Picnic and other school events Profit earned: \$298.35
- Total Fundraising Net Profit: \$982.63

Annual All-School Picnic (September 30, 2017)

- The picnic was chaired by Erin Soza and Tonja Johnson with the assistance from the PA Steering Committee, as well as Eden parents and oversight by Chuck Smullin.
- The location was at Orchard Hill Church once again this year. This worked extremely well with plenty of parking and space for all of the activities and places to sit, eat, and fellowship.
- The weather was perfect for a picnic. 794 people RSVP'd with a great representation from all three campuses. Medure's Catering provided pulled pork sandwiches, hotdogs, and chicken tenders. Various side dishes and desserts were provided by Eden families.
- The PA Welcome Tent was a success as new families were instructed to stop by and pick up their Eden welcome t-shirt and gift bag. This provided an opportunity to meet other Eden parents and ask questions pertaining to Eden.
- The PA Welcome Tent also hosted a Cash and Carry Spirit Wear Sale where Eden merchandise was available to purchase on site. This was also a success.
- The Inflatables and Petting Zoo provided fun activities for the children.
- K-Love provided music for the picnic which helped to create the festive and fun atmosphere.

Eden Spirit Wear Sale (Fall & Spring)

- Jodi Fleishman, PA representative, conducted a Fall & Spring Spirit Wear sale.
- A Spirit Wear store was also a part of the All-School Picnic with items on site available for sale. This was a huge success.
- The PA purchased and distributed Eden t-shirts to new students and new teachers as a gesture of welcome.
- Spirit Wear was available for purchase at a variety of events throughout the year including the All-School Chapel, Elementary Christmas concerts, Family Night at Berkeley Hills, the Senior Christmas Bazaar, and Family Night at Wexford.

Staff Appreciation Luncheons (Fall & Spring)

- There were two Staff Appreciation Luncheons held at all three campuses this school year which occurred in the Fall & Spring.
- The PA organized and implemented these luncheons at all three campuses with food donations from many parent volunteers.
- Each event had a unique theme and was very appreciated by the teachers and staff.

Berkeley Hills Family Night (November 16, 2017)

- Family Night at the Berkeley Hills campus included Castle Toys & Games. Games were made available for purchase.
- Families could pre-order food from Chick-fil-A and was available in the café for dinner.
- A Book Fair was set up with books available for purchase.
- A Bake Sale was organized by the PA members to benefit the new garden that BH is planning for their campus.
- The Parent Association also set up a Spirit Wear Table for cash and carry items.
- All Berkeley Hills PA members volunteered with the Bake Sale, Spirit Wear sale. They also assisted with set-up and cleanup.

Elementary Christmas Concert (December 12, 2017)

- PA Committee members helped greet families, hand out programs, and take the offering at Christ Church at Grove Farm.
- The PA organized a Cookie Reception of approximately 1,000 cookies after the concerts which provided parents and students with a time to connect, fostering relationship and community.

Wexford Christmas Gift Shop (November 29/December 30, 2017)

- Deneen Hicks coordinated the Christmas Store event for the Wexford campus with the help of the other PA Wexford members. Students were able to choose from a wide selection of gifts, all priced at \$2.50, for their family members. They wrapped their own gifts with donated wrapping paper. The students were very enthusiastic about the Christmas Gift Shop, and the feedback was very positive.

Berkeley Hills Christmas Shop (December 5-7, 2017)

- The BH campus used the Penguin Patch Christmas store for their school again this year because it was such a huge success last year. They mailed all the gifts, bags, price sheets, table clothes and anything needed for the store.
- Set-up was done the day before the sale by PA members. Each day PA members and volunteers helped each class shop for gifts. At the end of each shopping day, inventory was taken and any items that were low were reordered and shipped overnight delivery. Clean-up was done by PA members and left over inventory was boxed and sent back to Penguin Patch.
- There was very positive feedback from volunteers helping with the event.

Mt. Nebo Focus Fuel Packs (December 20, 2017)

- The Focus Fuel Packs consisted of a small bottle of water, pencil, fruit snacks, granola bar, fruit snack, stress ball, and encouraging Bible verse. They were made available to order via the hot lunch online order form to be distributed to students on the first day of mid-terms. Mt. Nebo team members assisted in compiling the orders and distribution.
- 36 Focus Fuel Packs were sold with a profit of around \$140.

Senior Christmas Bazaar (December 22, 2017)

- The Mt. Nebo team set up a Parent Association table at the Christmas Bazaar where students could purchase Spirit Wear and grab a treat. \$180 of Spirit Wear was sold and was donated to UNBOUND, the charity that was being supported. It was very successful and will be done again next year.

Wexford Family Night (January 11, 2018)

- A Family Night was held at the Wexford campus where parents could visit their child's classroom and get a snapshot into what they do during the day.
- Castle Toys & Games set up games to play and to purchase.
- PA Steering Committee members set up a Spirit Wear Table for cash and carry items. They also ran a Photo Booth for the event.
- There was a Bake Sale which benefitted the library.
- Parents were able to "bid" on "Teacher Treasures" where the highest bid won the opportunity for their child to spend time with their teacher for pizza and games during a recess/lunch period.

Elementary Skating Social (March 23, 2018)

- The Elementary Skating Social was a huge success with 150+ skaters attending. Mt. Nebo students did not have the In-service day because it was a make-up day. Therefore, only elementary students could attend.
- The event was held at the Lemieux Sports Complex from 10am-12pm. The cost was \$5/ person to skate including skate rental, and Eden had the entire rink to themselves.
- The Parent Association provided donuts and purchased hot chocolate from the rink for those in attendance. It was a time of fellowship and community for all three campuses as this was an activity that every age can enjoy. We plan on continuing this next year during an In-service day in March.

Senior Class Picture (May 2018)

- The senior class will be gathering for a picture in their caps and gowns during graduation. This photo will then be mailed to each graduate with a letter of congratulations from the Parent Association.

2018-2019 PA Steering Committee (16 members)

- Vicki Bonzo will be serving as president next year. The new position of Spirit Wear Coordinator will be filled by Chris Simonette.

- Mt. Nebo:
 - Vicki Bonzo
 - Debbie Balla
 - Jodi Fleishman
 - Ann Schlichtkrull
 - Tara Flinchbaugh

- Wexford:
 - Angie Nacey
 - Christi Wilcox
 - Jenna LoDico
 - Tracy Jennings
 - Kristy Sosso

- Berkeley Hills:
 - Sarah Detar
 - Lori Walton
 - Amy Piemme
 - Jodi Brooks
 - TBD