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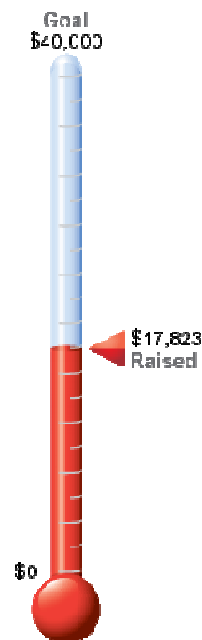


1 week remains in the PTA Capital Campaign! Please give by Oct 6th!



It's an Education Celebration!

**Smithfield Elementary PTA's
2011 - 2012
Capital Campaign
Join the party and help raise
\$40,000!**



THIS WEEK:

- **Fri Sep 30:** Last day to confirm your attendance at **All Pro Dads breakfast for dads, father figures, and their Smithfield kids.** See below.
- **Fri Sep 30:** Smithfield Spirit Day! Show your dolphin pride!

NEXT WEEK:

- **Mon Oct 3:** Pre-K/1st grade Formatives. No preparation required other than a good night rest and breakfast!
- **Tue Oct 4 (7-7:45am):** Dads, father figures, and Smithfield children invited to [All Pro Dads kick off breakfast.](#) Enjoy breakfast by Chick-fil-A and a special moment between parent and child at school. Special guest Police Chief Rodney Monroe. [Click here by Sept 30 to save your space.](#) Contact [Otis Davis](#) or call 704-288-7015 with any questions.
- **Tue Oct 4:** Donate to the Capital Campaign and help your child's class win the Classroom Participation contest and free ice cream from Baskin Robbins! Click [here](#) for a donation form! **All donations are confidential.**
- **Tue Oct 4:** Social Studies Formatives (Grades 2-5) No preparation required other than a good night rest and breakfast!

- **Wed Oct 5:** Science formatives (Grades 2-5) No preparation required other than a good night rest and breakfast!
- **Thu Oct 6:** **Last day of the PTA Capital Campaign!** Join your friends at Baskin Robbins for an "Education Celebration" and earn \$ for Smithfield! 4-7:00pm, Carmel Rd & Hwy 51.
- **Thu Oct 6 (5:30-6:30pm):** EOG meeting for 3rd grade parents. Contact your child's teacher for details.
- **Fri Oct 7:** Student picture day! Look for the Metro Portraits flyer in your child's backpack.
- **Fri Oct 7:** Last day to sign up for Plum District and earn \$3 for Smithfield, see story below

A LOOK AHEAD;

- **Mon Oct 10:** Dental Screenings (Kindergarten)
- **Tue Oct 11:** Dental Screenings (Pre-K and 5)
- **Sat Oct 15:** Campus Beautification Work Day
- **Sat Oct 22:** Cross Park Church Fall Festival
- **Sat Oct 22:** YMCA 4th & 5th Grade Fun Night. [Click here](#) for more info.
- **Thur Oct 27:** Smithfield Night at Scott Clark Toyota City 3-D Ghost Walk
- **Fri Oct 28:** No School -- Parent Teacher conferences.
- **Mon Oct 31:** Fall Treats classroom parties.

NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS:

- **Congratulations** to the following students who had their art work displayed last weekend at "Festival in the Park": Tim Northcutt (K-Hall); Rowan Doherty (1-Reid); Jenna Thompson (4-Oliver); Caroline McGinn (5-Lamb).
- **Easy Money - September results:** Thanks for clipping and collecting 5152 [BoxTops](#) (earning Smithfield \$257) and almost 1500 [Labels for Education](#) points! Congratulations to these classrooms that collected the most BoxTops (Przybylski; Outen; Hunter; Shah; Hollar; Keit; and Fitzpatrick) and most Labels for Education (Comeau). Winning classrooms receive blow pops and extra recess! Get your BoxTops and Labels to your child's teacher by Oct 24 to be counted in the next contest
- **Find great deals and earn \$ for Smithfield:** [Click here](#) to check out **Plum District**, a daily deals website for moms by moms. Smithfield earns \$3 for every new subscriber through October 7th! Subscribe now and also save 30% more on already-amazing deals through this Friday by entering promo code **PLUMLOVE**. Pass this link onto friends and family, or consider posting on your facebook



or twitter page.

- **Get informed** about local, state and national education issues by visiting www.MeckEd.org, the site for Mecklenburg Citizens for Public Education. Sign up to participate in MeckEd's interactive debate with CMS school board candidates on October 19.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Have you registered at www.cmsvolunteers.com ? Make sure to log your service hours by Sept 30 for measurement and recognition purposes. Questions? contact [Missy Turk](#), Volunteers Coordinator.

- **Junior Achievement (JA):** Teach age-appropriate civic lessons -- five 30 - 45 minute sessions in a classroom. All materials and training provided. Fun and easy! Volunteers still needed in these

classes: [K-Martin, Cashion, Hood, Scruggs](#); [1st-Outen](#); [2nd-Bleil, Hunter](#); [3rd-Comeau, Curtis, Percora](#); [4th-Lille](#); [5th-Thackston, Keit](#). Contact [Mary Watkins](#) for info.

- **Accelerated Reader celebrations team:** Help AR team plan quarterly recognition events for students reaching their AR goals. First celebration is Nov 3. Contact [Jill Ivy](#) today.
- **Ghost Walk captain:** Smithfield and other CMS elementary schools are participating in Scott Clark Toyota City's [GhostWalk 3-D for Schools](#), a family friendly Halloween-themed charitable event in late Oct. Plans are in motion, but we need a volunteer to coordinate Smithfield's final responsibilities. Contact [Liz Sterling](#).
- **Chess Club:** Do you play chess? Help start a before-school student Chess Club at Smithfield! Contact [Steve Brunhuber](#), 704.604.0213.
- **Friday Morning Carpool:** It's not too late to get on the list of Carpool Quarterbacks willing to help during Friday morning carpool, 7:15 - 7:45am. Pick one Friday every quarter, every month, or every week! Scheduling Coordinator needed! Prepare 1 email/week to confirm lineup -- moms may apply! Contact [Missy Turk](#).
- **Community Partners manager:** help keep track of Smithfield's prospective and active Community Partners to assure proper follow up and recognition. Spreadsheet experience and persuasive writing helpful! Responsibilities can be fulfilled 100% by computer on your own schedule! Contact [Suzy Owens](#).

THANK YOU:

...[Earth Fare](#) for donating refreshments and door prizes for our PTA board of directors meeting, and [Flip' n Chicken](#) for donating food for the staff meeting. Check out all of Smithfield's Community Partners by clicking [here](#).

...members of the PTA Staff Hospitality team for providing the yummy refreshments at this week's staff meeting! Thank you!

CHARACTER EDUCATION:

The character trait for October is **Responsibility**. Teach children to make choices, and let them know that they must accept the outcomes. From an early age, expect them to make regular, tangible contributions to the family and take responsibility for their actions. "If you want your children to keep their feet on the ground, put some responsibility on their shoulders." Abigail Van Buren. For more information on this month's Character Trait [click here](#).