



Parents' Association Newsletter

January 2024

Importance of Traditions

A note from the PA Leaders

Welcome to 2024! First, we hope you all had a wonderful holiday break filled with family, friends, and happiness.

The new year brings a sense of reflection and renewed focus. Looking back to the first half of the year, the PA has experienced a wonderful increase in ideas and involvement from our families. The PA is grateful for each of you that has been able to sign up and volunteer already, and we look forward to those of you who will be able to volunteer later this year.

Turning our attention to the rest of the school year, we are looking ahead at some new (and some old) community events to bring our Anna's House families together. This year, the PA is excited to host the first ever Sweetheart Dance! On February 9, we hope to see your child bring their special sweetheart all dressed up and ready to enjoy an evening of music, photo opportunities and light snacks. Additional information will be sent out soon!

In March, the annual Book Fair and Arts & Science Fair will take place. This week also hosts the annual Grand Event, where families are invited to enjoy an evening highlighting the students' art and science projects while offering the chance to shop the Book Fair. The end of April we will have the annual School Fundraiser and Children's Festival. This is a fun afternoon full of community, food, and friendly competition around a silent auction.

Thank you,

Jenn, Alicja, & Andrea

PA Fundraising Status

Current account balance: **\$1,530.**

Pizza Monday amount reserved: **\$550**

Remaining balance: **\$980** available



New for 2023-2024!

Buddy Program

To help welcome new families to the Anna's House school community, the Buddy Program connects new families with a host 'Buddy Family.' It's easy and fun! The program is designed to help a new family become accustomed to both Anna's House and Shenandoah Valley living, with friendly advice on what to expect as parents and students in the school and the wider community.

Interested in becoming a host family? New to our school and/or the community and you want to be paired with a Buddy Family? Visit our website to sign up!

Looking Ahead

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the following upcoming positions:

- PA Reporter
- Pizza Mondays
 - Liz Campbell will be taking over leadership starting in February
 - Volunteers are needed for the rest of the year to assist Liz
- Book Fair (March 18-22)
 - **Urgent need:** We need someone to take over the leadership role. Contact Christi or Jazz for more information.
 - Also, we need more volunteers to help. This is great for extended family members wanting to get involved
[SignUpGenius link](#)

Other Business

Yearbook reminder! Please submit all photos to Katie Horst by April 8 for our yearbook. DO NOT text photos, instead use email, Google Photos, Google Drive, etc.

Sweetheart Dance will be Friday February 9 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Watch for more information! This is a PA sponsored event.

The PA is purchasing two picnic tables for the upper school totaling \$280.

If anyone is interested in helping with the lower school playground project, reach out to Ms. Caryn. The vision is of a natural-style play area while remaining non-permanent and easy to move.

Important dates to remember:

January 15: Pizza Monday

January 25: Smiley's Ice Cream Night 5pm – 9pm

February 9: Sweetheart Dance from 6:30 – 8pm

February 14: PA Meeting 5pm

March 18-22: Book Fair/ Arts & Science Week

March 19: Grand Event

PA Contacts

Website: <https://www.annashouseschool.org/parents-association.html>

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PA Presidents - Jenn Bartley & Andrea Sawyer

PA Treasurer - Alicja Baxter

Reporter - Looking for a Volunteer!!