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Welcome Back!

We hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. It's hard to believe that the new school year is already in full-swing and fall activities are quickly approaching. We would like to welcome all of the new families joining us this year. This is a wonderful school and we are excited to welcome you into the Samuel Bissell Elementary family!

All PTA news, events, and necessary forms, are posted on the PTA website. There is a link on the left of the Bissell home page or you can access the site directly at <http://www.twinsburg.k12.oh.us/BissellPTA>.

You can also like us on [Facebook](#) to receive all of our updates and reminders. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact any of the PTA Officers by emailing us at Bissellpta@gmail.com.

Get Involved!

Here are just a few of the exciting things Samuel Bissell Elementary PTA has planned for the upcoming school year:

- Dairy Queen Nights
- Read-A-Thon
- Scholastic Book Fairs
- Bissell Blood Drive
- Veteran's Day Program
- Popcorn Fridays
- Holiday Shop
- Birthday Book Club
- Field Day
- Right to Read Week
- Staff Appreciation
- Yearbook

None of these activities could be possible without our parent volunteers. We welcome any and all help, whether you want to be on a committee or if you would prefer to help "as needed". Even though the deadline for PTA form submissions has passed, it's not too late to volunteer! Let us know via [email](#) what your interests are, and we will forward your contact information to the appropriate people.

There are so many things parents can do to support the school and the students, and by working together we can improve the educational experience for our children. We would like to thank everyone in advance for their help and support. Together we can make a difference!

The greatest gift you can give someone is your time because you are giving them something that you will never get back.

~ Anonymous



Have you seen our Buddy Bench?

Samuel Bissell Elementary School's "Buddy Bench" was a gift from our PTA last year. This bench will help with our schools' anti-bullying efforts by promoting acts of kindness among students. What a great addition to our playground! Make sure to ask your child if they have made a new friend by sitting on the bench!



Let the Reading Begin!

Blast off with a Book is this year's Read-a-Thon theme! This annual fall fundraiser at Bissell is how we raise enough money to support our activities throughout the year. We will kick things off with an assembly on Friday, September 25. That day, students will be bringing home an information packet that will include their reading log, pledge form, and reading raffle tickets. There will be daily raffles so be sure to encourage your child to Read! Read! Read!



Generous donations from our Read-A-Thon sponsors allow us to have our daily reading raffle and some great prizes for our winners such as the Kindle Fires that will go to our top pledge-earner and top minute-reader in each grade. A big thank you goes out to those individuals and businesses who have donated so far:

- Dr. Gen Orthodontics
- The Ezzone Family
- Happy Cakes & More
- Harwood Motors
- M&G Pools
- Macedonia Chick-fil-A
- Mirka Abrasives
- OMNI Media
- Savarino Brothers
- The Silent Mind
- Violet Orthodontics
- The Wallace-Enriquez Family
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- The Yates Family

It's not too late to become a sponsor! A blue form came home last week outlining details. If you didn't receive it and you or someone you know is interested in a sponsorship, send us an [email](#) and we will respond right away!



Staff Appreciation

The members of Samuel Bissell Elementary PTA are excited to celebrate our wonderful staff throughout the year by recognizing all their hard work and dedication.

The administration, office staff, teachers, support staff, lunch staff and custodial staff work so hard every day to make a difference in our children's lives. Our PTA committee gives thanks to them at various times throughout the year by means of small tokens of recognition. These "treats" are made possible by Bissell families and community donations and support. We are always looking for additional help and donations!



Bissell Dairy Queen Night

Indulge your craving for ice cream at **Dairy Queen in Twinsburg on Wednesday, Sept. 23**. Samuel Bissell Elementary will receive a donation from every purchase from **5-8 p.m.** You can eat-in or drive-thru and no flier is necessary. So bring your friends and family and grab some yummy treats!

Did you know that last year, we raised \$4301.00 for Samuel Bissell Elementary through Box Tops?!?

- Box Tops are an easy way to support Samuel Bissell Elementary School. Just clip them from hundreds of products like Cheerios, Pillsbury, Ziploc, Kleenex and Avery labels & more. See the entire list at <http://www.boxtops4education.com/participating-products>.
- Labels for Education are just as valuable with points on Campbell's, Pepperidge Farm, V8 & Bic. Check out the list at <http://www.labelsforeducation.com>.
- Tyson A+ program values their labels at \$0.24 each! These valuable labels can be located on frozen chicken products.

This year, we will have 3 Box Tops Blitzes (Fall, Winter, & Spring) in order to reach our goal of \$4,500.00. After each Blitz, prizes will be awarded for the second and third grade classes that send in the most Box Tops, Labels for Education and Tyson A+. The teacher will also win a prize and there will be a grand prize given in early May for the classroom who collects the most throughout the school year. In addition to the Blitzes, each classroom will have a collection bin and there will be monthly popcorn parties for the top classroom.

Box Top forms are available for download on the [PTA website](#). Remember to include your child's name, teacher, and grade level to be included in the prizes. Also, please take the time to trim around the Box Top rectangles and the UPC code with point value on Labels so they can be counted, bundled and submitted in a timely manner. This saves on postage costs, too.

Our first Blitz has a deadline of **Thursday, October 1**, so start collecting now! Ask your relatives, neighbors and friends to collect for you, or ask them to drop off at the bins around Twinsburg - at the Senior Center, Library's Children Section and Fitness Center. Together we can do great things!



Upcoming Dates

September

- 17 Testing Information Night 6:30 p.m.
- 23 Dairy Queen Night 5-8 p.m.
- 25 Read-A-Thon Kick-Off
- 25 Popcorn Fridays begin
- 28 No School (Data Day)
- 29 Bissell PTA Meeting 6:30 p.m.

October

- 13 Picture Day
- 16 No School (NEOE Day)
- 16 Red Cross Blood Drive at Bissell
- 19 No School (Data Day)
- 21 Dairy Queen Night 5-8 p.m.
- 23 Scholastic Book Fair Begins
- 28 Bissell Conferences 5-8 p.m.
- 30 Harvest Festival Party

The next Bissell PTA meeting is Tuesday, September 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Please note that the usual room parent meeting will no longer take place. Instead, room parents will be coordinated through email using the yellow volunteer forms that were already submitted. Everyone who signed up to be a room parent has been sent an email and we are in the process of finalizing head room parents. If you have signed up to be a room parent please watch for messages from the PTA Board or from your Head Room Parent once they are selected. If you did not sign up already and you are still interested please send an email to Bissellpta@gmail.com as soon as possible.

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