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We had 392 of our nearly 1,000 students participate and, although we did not make our $30,000 goal, the school did earn some great incentives along the way. We will announce each of the incentives as they are scheduled so keep watching here and on our Facebook page to find out more information about Hat Day, Extra Recess, Special Mascot Day and Dyeing Principal Rogers’ Hair!!!    Here are the final results of our “pole position” competition for classes with the highest participation rate:    Our Pole Position winning class is: **Ms. Haston’s 2nd Grade Class** with an 87% participation rate! Great work Ms. Haston’s class!  Our 2nd place pole position is a two-way tie between Ms. Alva and Ms. Alfano’s 1st grade classes, both with 63%!  The final pole position winner is Ms. Oram’s Kindergarten class with 62% of the class donating.  Each of these classes will participate in a very special prize activity – stay tuned next week for more details!    Even though the campaign is over you can still visit our capital campaign page on the website to learn more and make your donations all year long at <www.pay4schoolstuff.com>!  ​  **Remember** - we are a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Charity and many of your employers will match your donations to the PTA. Please [click here](https://ballantynepta.weebly.com/corporate-matching.html) to learn how to “double your donation”!      **Bears Night Out at MOD Pizza this Wednesday!**    Our next Bears Night Out is tomorrow, Wednesday 11/6, at MOD Pizza next to Sprouts Farmers Market. Come out from 5-9 pm and show the above flyer to support the school while taking a night off from cooking!    **Celebrate our STEM Facilitators this Friday!**  National S.T.E.M./S.T.E.A.M. Day on November 8th calls for full S.T.E.A.M. ahead!  The day inspires kids to explore and pursue their interests in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math.    Fun fact:  The November 8th (Nov. 8) date that was chosen for the national day of recognition is a play on words for the word innovate… “N” – “OV” – “8”. What a perfect day to celebrate innovation and the teachers who inspire our students every day.  Did you know that the US Department of Labor predicted that nearly all of the 10 fastest growing careers are STEM/STEAM based? How lucky are we that BES & the BES PTA supports education in such an important and growing genre of careers? Please find a way to thank our Makerspace teacher, Ms. Rivers, or our STEM Learning Leader, Ms. Faris, this Friday. You can send in thank you cards, small gifts or anything that shows how much we appreciate the skills and knowledge that they give to our students!  For a list of their (and other staff) favorites please see the PTA website by clicking below:    **It is Time for the Second Teacher Treats of the Year!**  Thursday, November 14th, our Hospitality Committee will be hosting the next “Teacher Treats” of the year and they need your help to make it a success!  What is “Teacher Treats”? Teacher Treats is a monthly themed event of refreshments and snacks provided by our generous families to show extra love to our teachers and staff during their lunch time and throughout the day. Each grade is assigned one month for their families to supply the treats but the entire staff gets to enjoy the event each month. We encourage you to sign-up to bring items during the event that corresponds to the grade(s) of your student(s) but feel free to sign up for any event that fits your schedule or fancy!  [Click here](https://ballantynepta.weebly.com/all-pta-sign-ups.html) to go to the All PTA Sign-Ups website page where you can see a list of each event, what grades are assigned to which month and the links to sign up! Our next theme is [“It is Souper Chili Outside”](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b48a8a828a3fd0-souper1) where we hope to have a lot of soups and chili’s to warm up our staff as fall has finally arrived– we thank you in advance for your support!  **Glow Fun Time for our BES Boys!**  Also, on November 14th, we will be hosting our 2nd annual Mother-Son Glow Fun event! It was a very popular event last year so make sure you block your calendars now for a night of fun with your favorite little guy! See the flyer below for details:    **Help BES Give Back with the No Shave November Food Drive!**  It is now November and the season of giving thanks. BES would like to give back by supporting the Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina through Friday, November 22nd.  Did you know that over 527,000 people, in the 19 North and South Carolina counties served by Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina, live in poverty – including 188,000 children and over 41,000 seniors. The Food Bank, which serves over 700 non-profit partners that include soup kitchens, emergency pantries, homeless shelters, senior programs, low-income daycares, veteran assistance organizations, and animal rescues, needs our help to help feed our hungry neighbors. Together we have the power to make a difference and connect those in need to the healthy and nutritious food they need to thrive. What a fantastic lesson being passed on to our students by participating in this drive.  Just as an added incentive to help our community, every day that we collect 300 cans of food, there are 4 of our male staff members who agreed not to shave their faces. Be sure to thank Mr. Morgan (3rd Grade), Mr. Butler (5th Grade), Mr. Ferreri (PE), and Mr. Greenwood (Dean of Students) for helping to inspire our students to grow their servant hearts!  On Monday, November 25th, the 4 classes with the most cans collected will get to choose a design for one of the staff member’s beards. On Tuesday, November 26th, the staff member will show his designed beard on the morning announcements. Start sending in those cans, Bears!  **Just in case you missed the deadline, BES Drama Club registration has been held open! Rehearsals begin on Thursday so Sign Up Today!**    The Ballantyne Elementary Drama Club is a collaboration with the Morrison YMCA Ballantyne Arts Center. The rehearsal process utilizes an educational approach, providing theatrical training and direct application in a fun yet challenging environment. Professional directors, stage managers, and theatrical design teams support these quality productions featuring the young performers from Ballantyne Elementary School.  Drama Club begins Thursday, November 7th and, although you can now register through next week, casting will take place this Thursday so anyone who joins late will be cast in the ensemble only.  Click below to go the PTA Website Drama Club page and sign up today so your future star can be cast in a role on Thursday!    **Digital Flyers on peachjar!**  This handy website is how the school is now distributing many of the community flyers that would usually come home in Tuesday folders.  Please [click here](https://app.peachjar.com/flyers/all/schools/128397) to go to the peachjar website where you can see all of the current flyers or sign up to be notified each time a flyer is posted by the school. You can also access peachjar from the [BES school website](https://ballantyneelementaryschool.wearecms.com/) as well as the [Ballantyne PTA website](http://www.ballantynepta.com/).  **Order Your Spirit Wear Today!**  Remember to head over to our new online store to purchase your BES gear!    **Time to Relink!**  Relink your store loyalty cards by clicking the button below.    **Sign up to Paint the Birthday Rock!**  Do you want to celebrate your BES Bear by painting a special birthday message on the rock closest to the school? If so, then for only a $5 donation you can sign-up to paint the birthday rock!  On the Birthday Rock page of [BallantynePTA.com](http://www.ballantynepta.com/) you can see all of the Frequently Asked Questions about painting and payment as well as find the link to sign-up! |  |  | | --- | |  |     **FROM AROUND THE BEAR CAVE**  Here are a few of the fun things that happened to our Bears this past week:  Last week we celebrated dressing up and our love of reading with “Dress Like your Favorite Book Character Day!” We wanted to post our favorite student costumes here but there were just way too many to choose from. You all outdid yourselves and we just could not leave anyone out…or have a 5 GB Bear Blast! Please go to our album on the PTA Facebook page by [clicking here](https://www.facebook.com/pg/BallantynePTA/photos/?tab=album&album_id=2744104442301286) or to the school Facebook page pictures by [clicking here](https://www.facebook.com/pg/BEARTEAM2019/photos/?ref=page_internal) to see them all.  Just for a tiny preview here are some of our favorite staff pictures:  Kindergarten Team as “Weather”    1st Grade Team    3rd Grade Team as Crayons    Ms. Moore and Ms. Mayer in their “festive” wear!    …and last but not least our favorite principal!      We also wanted to highlight one special Bear and Bear Mom – who happens to be the chair of our hospitality committee, the chair of our 1st Grade Art Showcase Night, and the Mother-Son Glow Fun co-chair! In all of her spare time after being a rockstar volunteer, Christina Clement also designs pretty amazing Halloween costumes for her kids Cora (2nd) and Kai (1st). Her costumes are so amazing that Cora’s costume this year ended up as a national finalist on *Live with Kelly and Ryan* and then, after some amazing voting from our BES community, WON FIRST PLACE!! We know with art skills like these, our committees are in excellent hands!  Congratulations to Christina and Cora…. we mean Book Worm!      **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**  If you are looking for information on transportation, visitation or dismissal please see the ***Important Reminders*** section on the [Bear Necessities](https://ballantynepta.weebly.com/bear-necessities.html) page of the PTA Website. |   **Stay Connected** |   Ballantyne Elementary PTA | 15425 Scholastic Drive, Charlotte NC 28277  Summer Rogers, Proud Principal | 980-343-0413  Bell Schedule 8:45 am – 3:45 pm  [www.ballantynepta.com](http://www.ballantynepta.com)  [ballantynelementaryschool.wearecms.com](https://d.docs.live.net/8a51a7da3a09ee20/ballantynelementaryschool.wearecms.com)  Brought to you by Ballantyne PTA Communications – for questions please email [ballantyneptacommunications@gmail.com](mailto:ballantyneptacommunications@gmail.com?subject=Bear%20Blast%20Question!)  You are receiving this email because you subscribed to the ListServ. Would you like to unsubscribe from this list?  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