



# Salem Salamander News

Newsletter of the Salem Elementary School PTA

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## From Our Principal

Looks like we made it! We are thrilled by how well things have come together. We owe a great big thanks to the staff at Salem Elementary for working so hard. They have put in endless hours to create the positive learning environment that is Salem Elementary. I also want to thank you for your continuous support, words of encouragement, patience, and energy. We could not have done it without you. It is an honor to be working with such a wonderful school community.

I want to remind you that the safety and security of the student is of paramount importance. Please remember to enter through the front door and obtain a visitor's pass before going to the classrooms or the cafeteria. I believe that Salem Elementary is an exciting and purposeful place to be each day. I look forward to a fabulous year. Thank you as we work to make Salem Elementary a safe place for all our students.

### CARPOOL PROCEDURES

#### Carpool AM Drop Off

- You may drop your child off in the "Carpool Drop-Off" zone between 8:45 and 9:15. We will have staff on duty to help students as necessary.
- Please stay in your lane until you reach the area past the handicapped-parking zone at the end of the sidewalk overhang. You may then carefully merge with other traffic.
- Do not start the drop-off until the staff is in place on duty and signal students to exit cars.
- Students are not allowed to cross the carpool line from the parking lot without being under the direct supervision of their parent or guardian. This area is designated as a "Hand Hold Zone."
- When walking across the carpool line, please wait for the cars in line to key up to the first drop-off spot and stop before you proceed.

#### Carpool PM pick up

- Cabs park in the designated area by the mailboxes. Do not park in this area. This will help speed up dismissal in the afternoon.
- Daycare vans will continue to park in the handicapped area, as will parents of students that require special consideration.
- Do not park your car and walk up to the dismissal area to pick up students. Please stay in the carpool line as we are all in a rush in the afternoon.
- Students may not cross the carpool line to the parking lot without being under the direct supervision of their parent or guardian. This area is designated as a "Hand Holding Zone."
- When walking across the carpool line, please wait for the cars in line to key up to the first pick-up space and stop before you proceed.
- Do not change lanes until you have moved through the carpool area past the handicapped-parking zone at the end of the sidewalk overhang.
- If you are entering the parking lot in the afternoon for any reason, use the left lane.
- Do not block the entrance to the Middle School parking lot as they have students arriving for and leaving athletic events in the afternoon during our dismissal time.
- Do not cut in line at the turn if cars are keyed-up along the road to enter the carpool area.
- Place an 8" X 10" paper with your child's name in large, bold, dark letters in the front window of the car. Some parents use a child clothes hanger with the sign on it and place the hanger on the rear view mirror when approaching the caller.

**It becomes increasingly important for all our parents to follow our carpool procedures.** When parents walk up and pick-up students or pick-up students around campus, we cannot properly supervise and assure **student safety**. Please refrain from this practice immediately. The safety and security of the students on our campus is our number one concern. We have many safety checks in carpool and on the buses to insure students are going home with an approved adult. When we have adults standing around that the staff have to watch, it prevents us from watching the students and creates a very unsafe situation.

We are also requesting that you not come into the school after 3:30PM to pick-up students except in an extreme emergency. Please wait with other parents in the carpool line for dismissal. If waiting in the line is a problem for you, I recommend that you plan your trip to arrive on campus around 4:00PM. Our carpool students are off our campus by 4:05PM each day. This is a very short wait time and a small price to pay to ensure student safety.

# Notes From Our President!

I would like to extend a sincere *welcome* to all the new students, families, and staff joining us at Salem Elementary this year. Salem Elementary is a fantastic school with an exceptional staff and a very active PTA! Also, *welcome back* to our returning students, families, and staff! We can all agree that this school year will bring a few changes, along with many new friends, opportunities, challenges and adventures.

I am honored to serve my second year as PTA President. I learned a lot last year and will use that knowledge to help with the challenges that face us with a new calendar this year. Our Executive Board and Committee Chairs have been working hard to get our PTA ready for the year-round school year. I hope with the help of the parents and staff at Salem, we will have our best year ever and make it through the transition smoothly. I want to thank the Board for their commitment to Salem Elementary and our PTA.

Please review the Executive Board directory in this newsletter and feel free to contact any of these members with questions about volunteer opportunities.

July brings the start of PTA events with the Tissue Tea for Kindergarten parents of Tracks 1, 2, & 3 on Monday, July 16. Next is Open House for Tracks 1, 2, & 3 on Thursday, July 26 starting at 6:30PM. Please come and see what exciting opportunities are available for you in the PTA. The PTA will hold their first General PTA meeting that night and have a vote on the budget. Even if you are tracked out, you are more than welcome to attend the meeting to place your vote at the General PTA Membership meeting.

With every new school year, the PTA launches its membership drive. Our goal at Salem is to have 100% of our families join our PTA. The cost of membership is as follows: single membership \$5.00 and family membership (2 adults) \$8.00. When you join our PTA, you join millions of others who care about issues affecting children, as the nationwide PTA program is the largest volunteer child advocacy organization in the United States. Thanks to our dedicated staff and parents, the Salem Elementary PTA is one of the most active PTA units in Wake County.

Please know that there are many ways to be involved in your child's education; some do not even require being in the school building. Classroom teachers have odd jobs that could easily be done at home. Our PTA also has many, many volunteer opportunities that accommodate all personal and professional schedules. Your own attitude directly influences your child's attitude toward school. Please consider dedicating some time this year to making Salem Elementary the strongest it can be.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve as your PTA President. I look forward to a very exciting and rewarding school year. If you have any questions, suggestions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 363-9041 or jkiser@nc.rr.com.

*Denise Kiser, PTA President*

## 2007 – 2008 Board

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TEACHER REP

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### PTA EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

President	Denise Kiser
VP Communications	Karen Knoke
VP General Operations	Loraine Salazar
VP Long Term Projects	Lisa Sanchez
VP Ways and Means	Stephanie Bagwell
Secretary	Kelly Jaynes
Treasurer	Doreen Salembier

### PTA COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

#### Communications – Executive Officer: Karen Knoke

Directory	Maria Johnson
Friday Folders	Karin DellaMaestra
	Theresa Rubes
Newsletter	Madhavi Krevat
Character Traits	Rozanne Todd

#### General Operations – Executive Officer: Loraine Salazar

Cultural Arts	Stacy Ingham
	Sherrri Leeder
Grounds	Erich Hoffman
Hospitality/Staff Appr.	Laura Stone
	Kelly Jaynes
Reflections	Maggie Ingram
Volunteer Coordinator	Melissa DuCharme
Room Parent Coordinator	Sara Ballentine
Yearbook	Marley Braun
	OPEN POSITION

#### Secretary – Executive Officer: Kelly Jaynes

Membership	Doreen Salembier
Reading Liason	Marie Green
Legislative	Maria Johnson
Field Day	Kathy McCulloch

#### Ways & Means – Executive Officer: Stephanie Bagwell

Citipass Books	Stephanie Bagwell
Art by Me	LeAnn Jackson
Book Fair	Marley Braun
	Cathy Ketterer
Math a Thon	Anna Johnson
	Jennifer Mauney
Spring Event	OPEN POSITION
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#### Long Term Projects – Executive Officer: Lisa Sanchez

No-Nonsense	Lisa Sanchez
Campbell Labels	Mary Ellen Kist
Service Projects	Lisa Sanchez
Box Tops	Mary Ellen Kist
Spirit Wear	Tracey Ring
	Elena Skrinak
	Terri Almaguer

## Parent Teacher Association Membership Form

*The Primary mission of the National and North Carolina PTA: To support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, before governmental agencies, and other organizations that make decisions affecting our children.*

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Join today for their tomorrow!

Individual memberships - \$5.00

Family memberships (2 adults) - \$8.00

Checks or cash are accepted. Please make checks payable to Salem Elementary PTA.

Please Print Clearly

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Child(s) Name: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

Child(s) Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Child(s) Grade &  
Track \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your support!

Doreen Salembier

Membership Chairman

362-9684

## Proposed PTA Budget for 2007-2008 School Year

Please take a few moments to review the PTA's proposed budget for the new school year. PTA members will vote to approve this budget at our first General PTA Meeting on July 26, which is also Open House night for the school. If you have any questions about this proposed budget, please direct your comments to either the Treasurer, Doreen Salembier (362-9684, [jdksalem@earthlink.net](mailto:jdksalem@earthlink.net)) or the President, Denise Kiser (363-9041, [jkiser@nc.rr.com](mailto:jkiser@nc.rr.com)).

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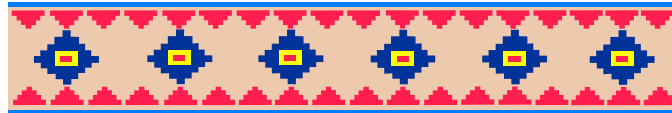
### Salem Elementary PTA Profit & Loss Budget Overview July 2007 through June 2008

	<u>Jul '07 - Jun 08</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Art By Me	8,000.00
Book Fair - Fall	10,000.00
Book Fair - Spring	6,000.00
Citipass Books	5,000.00
Directory Advertising	400.00
GM Box Tops	1,250.00
Math-a-Thon	4,500.00
Membership Dues	1,800.00
Merchant Rewards	1,500.00
Miscellaneous Income	50.00
Newsletter Sponsor	1,200.00
No-Nonsense Donations	5,000.00
Pencil Dispenser Sales	570.00
Residual balance from last year	11,889.83
Sally Foster Sales	5,000.00
School Apparel	5,000.00
Spirit Nights	500.00
Spring Event	8,000.00
Start-Up Funds	8,000.00
Year Book Sales	8,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>91,659.83</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Art By Me expenses	5,600.00
Bank & Accounting Charges	300.00
Book Fair - Fall Expense	7,800.00
Book Fair - Spring Expense	6,000.00
Citipass Book Expenses	2,500.00
Copy Expense	3,500.00
Council Dues - Wake County PTA	50.00
Cultural Arts	8,000.00
Curriculum Enhancements	2,974.83
Directory	1,000.00
Discretionary Board Fund	1,000.00
Field Day	1,500.00
Friday Folders	550.00
GM Box Top/Soup Label Expense	100.00
Grandparents Breakfast	600.00
Grounds Committee	1,500.00
Hospitality/Teacher Apprec.	1,800.00
Insurance	260.00
Math-a-thon Expense	1,000.00
Membership Dues - Nat'l & State	1,500.00
Newsletter	2,400.00
Pencil Dispenser Expenses	570.00
Postage/Supplies	275.00
Reading Incentives	450.00
Reflections	80.00
Sally Foster Expenses	2,500.00
School Apparel Expenses	5,000.00
Special Projects	12,500.00
Spring Event Expenses	1,000.00
Student Technology Upgrades	3,000.00
Teacher & TA of the Yr Banquets	350.00
Teacher Start-up Funds	8,000.00
Year Book Expenses	8,000.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>91,659.83</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>



## Harris Nuclear Plant

Our school is located 10.1 miles from the Harris Nuclear Plant. In the event of a Level 4 evacuation, our students would be transported by school bus with police escort to Leesville High School. During a Level 4 emergency, you will not be allowed to pick students up from school. Students must be signed out at Leesville High School. All schools within the 10-mile radius are required to have an evacuation plan. Wake County Public Safety and Wake County Public Schools feels we are close enough to the line to respond as if we were in the evacuation area. The Harris Plant sends out a calendar each year to residence in the area. There is great information in the calendar about the Harris Plant, radiation, evacuation routes and relocation areas. We also have a few Student Safety Information brochures available in the school office or you may visit [www.progress-energy.com](http://www.progress-energy.com).



## Cultural Arts News

July 2007

The Cultural Arts Team is looking for a few volunteers to help our programs run smoothly! We need two representatives each for the following grade levels (preferably on different tracks): Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade; 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade; 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. These grade level representatives would be responsible for meeting and greeting the program artist/presenters, and making sure they have everything they need for their programs.

If you are interested in helping out, contact Stacy Ingham at 468-7180 or [singham@nc.rr.com](mailto:singham@nc.rr.com).

# 2006-2007 Reward Program

## Totals

### Food Lion Shop & Share

Food Lion "Shop & Share"  
118 shoppers registered & \$261.69



Harris Teeter "Together in Education"  
157 shoppers registered & \$767.28  
"Milk Challenge" total \$33.45



Kroger "Plus Card for Education"  
54 shoppers registered & 73,841 points.



Target Guess Card & Target Visa Card  
139 shoppers registered & \$5,438.51



Box Tops for Education \$1,461.00



Tyson's "Project A+" \$84.00



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to another great year at Salem Elementary! Last year through the Box Tops for Education program, our school raised \$1,463.20. This year our goal is to raise \$1,756 for our school.

One of the easiest ways you can make a difference is to sign up for the Box Tops Web site at [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com). It is easy, free, and you will learn about new ways to help our school earn the extra cash it needs. Exclusive online benefits include tracking our school's Box Tops earnings, print money-saving coupons for your favorite Box Top brands, enter to win Bonus Box Tops for our school, and make mealtime easier with family-pleasing recipes.

Box Tops offers three easy ways to earn cash for our school through everyday activities like buying groceries, shopping online, and making purchases with a credit card - **all at no additional cost to you.**

### **CLIP BOX TOPS FROM YOUR FAVORITE BRANDS**

Clip Box Tops from hundreds of your family's favorite products from General Mills, Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Ziploc, Kleenex and more.

### **SHOP ONLINE AND EARN FOR OUR SCHOOL**

Box Tops collaborates with more than 60 of the most popular online stores, like JCPenney and Lands' End. Our school earns cash from every qualifying purchase, up to \$20,000.

### **HELP OUR SCHOOL WITH EVERY CHARGE**

Earn a full 1% cash back for our school on every single purchase up to \$20,000. Our school earns the extra cash it needs and you get a 0% introductory APR with no annual fee.

To learn more, visit [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com). Thanks for choosing to make a difference for our school with Box Tops!





Dear Parents:

Welcome for another exciting year at Salem Elementary! Once again, we will participate with Campbell's Labels for Education Program. Through this program, we collect labels from Campbell's products and submit them to obtain items we can use for our school.

When collecting labels, please keep in mind we **need the UPC or Barcode from Campbell's Products.** Campbell's NO LONGER accepts just the label front. If you are unsure about what to save, you can visit [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com) and see a complete listing of the participating products, or submit the whole label. Turn in your collected labels to your child's classroom teacher, or you can find a collection bin in our school's Town Meeting area.

Last year our school submitted more than 34,000 labels! Let us see if Salem could match that amount this year!

If you have any questions, you can contact your label coordinators, Dawn Worthington or Maryellen Kist, through the PTA.

Thank you and we appreciate your participation!



Dear Parents:

We have an exciting opportunity to share with you. We are taking part in a national fundraising program sponsored by Tyson Foods, Inc. called **Tyson Project A+**. Through this program, we can raise money for our school. The money we raise can go towards buying books or computers, making improvements to our building or anything else we want.

All we have to do to participate is clip and save the entire **Project A+** label from participating Tyson products. Each label we collect is worth 24 cents for our school. You can turn your labels in to your child's teacher. A collection site has also been set up at the school in the Town Meeting area where you can drop off your redemption labels.



Let's support our school! Last year we raised \$84.00. This year, **let's see Salem raise \$150!!** Clip and save **Tyson Project A+** labels today! If you would like more information about the program, visit <http://ProjectAPlus.tyson.com> or contact me, your school's coordinator.

Thanks for your support!

Maryellen Kist

## Dates to Remember

Thursday, July 5		Meet The Teacher Session 1 (Tracks 1 & 3) Session 2 (Tracks 2 & 4) First Day of School (Tracks 1, 2 & 3)
	1:00PM – 2:30PM	
	3:00PM – 4:30PM	
Monday, July 9		Tissue Tea (Tracks 1, 2, & 3)
Monday, July 16		
Thursday, July 26	6:30PM	Open House (Tracks 1, 2, & 3) General PTA Meeting (All Tracks)
Monday, July 30		First Day of School (Track 4)
Monday, August 6		Tissue Tea (Track 4)
Thursday, August 9	6:30PM	Open House (Track 4) Repeat General PTA Meeting Tissue Tea (Track 4)
Monday, August 6		
Thursday, August 9	6:30PM	Open House (Track 4) Repeat General PTA Meeting

Please take the time to look this over and put these dates on your calendar at home. For any event at Salem, everyone is welcome even if it occurs while you are tracked out.

Thursday, July 5:	Meet the Teacher Day Session 1: Tracks 1 & 3- 1:00-2:30 (K-5) Session 2: Tracks 2 & 4- 3:00-4:30 (K-5)
Monday, July 16:	Tissue Tea Tracks 1, 2, & 3
Thursday, July 26:	Open House @ 6:30PM (Tracks 1, 2, & 3) General PTA Meeting (open to ALL tracks)
Monday, August 6:	Tissue Tea (Track 4)
Thursday, August 9:	Open House @ 6:30PM (Track 4) Repeat General PTA Meeting
Friday, September 7:	Grandparent/ Special Person Breakfast (Tracks 1 & 3)
Monday, September 10:	Grandparent/ Special Person Breakfast (Tracks 2 & 4)
October 17-19:	Book Fair (Tracks 1 & 3)
October 22-24:	Book Fair (Tracks 2 & 4)
Thursday, February 21:	Math-A-Thon Awards Night/ General PTA Meeting
Thursday, March 27:	Curriculum Night/ General PTA Meeting
Friday, May 9:	Spring Event/ General PTA Meeting
Monday, June 2:	Field Day (Tracks 1 & 3) <i>rain date June 3</i>
Wednesday, June 4:	Field Day (Tracks 2 & 4) <i>rain date June 5</i>