**TOLBERT PTA**

**November 2013**

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**Important Dates:**

- **Nov. 1st:** Grading Period Ends
- **Nov. 4th & 5th:** No School
  Teacher Work Days/Conference Days and Gift Wrap Distributed
- **Nov. 11th:** Veterans' Day Assembly at 8:30 a.m.
- **Nov. 12th:** PTA Meeting, 2:45 pm in the Staff Lounge
- **Nov. 15th-22nd:** Scholastic Book Fair
- **Nov. 21st:** STEMmania, 6:00-8:00 pm
- **Nov. 27th-29th:** Thanksgiving Break

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**2013-14 Board Members:**

- **President:** Allison Gallagher
- **President-Elect:** Jennifer Bittenbender
- **VP of Fund Raising:** Lisa Amazigo
- **VP of Family Events:** Donna Cowan
- **VP of Assemblies:** Jessica Heenan
- **VP of After School Programs:** Hilda Smith
- **Treasurer:** Jennifer Coleman
- **Secretary:** Allison Riesz
- **Volunteer Coordinator:** Amy Baugus

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**PTA President’s Message**

Hello Tolbert Families!

Fall is here and that means lots of activities at home and at Tolbert Elementary!

One of our primary goals as a PTA is to enhance our students’ educational experiences whenever we can. The PTA was thrilled to host or sponsor several events for Tolbert students and families in October in support of that goal.

Our first **Bingo Night** of the year was a huge hit with many Tolbert families joining in the fun and winning great prizes!

The always popular **Donuts with Dads** events were also very well attended! It was standing room only in our cafeteria, with huge numbers of smiling dads and kids joining us for breakfast.

We wrapped up the month by sponsoring the **Yale Alley Cats** singing group and also bringing the **Dome Theater** to Tolbert for some amazing assemblies!! Students of all ages enjoyed the assemblies and loved learning - in fun and different ways.

Next month, schools across the country will observe American Education Week and Tolbert Elementary will end the week by hosting its **STEMMania night** on November 21st. Come join us for some science and some fun!!

If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to contact me!

**Allison Gallagher**

PTA President, 2013-2014

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**Important Reminders:**

Parents need to prepare their kids on internet safety and cell phone use before giving them access.

Below are two websites that have information on cyber bullying and internet safety. These were provided by **Lisa Amazigo, Tolbert’s MSAAC Delegate**.

- [www.ikeepsafe.org/for-parents](http://www.ikeepsafe.org/for-parents)
- [www.childnet.int.org](http://www.childnet.int.org)

**Donations for Auction Needed**

*Tolbert PTA is looking for donations of items to be auctioned off at our Family Dance and Silent Auction on December 6, 2013.*

If you own a business or know someone who does, who would like to make a donation, please contact **Lisa Amazigo** at<br>irielisa@yahoo.com. The more items we have, the more successful our auction will be.

*We are also looking for parents who are willing to help get donations.* If you are interested, please also contact Lisa Amazigo.