

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### September

- 4 — GoPlaySave Fundraiser Starts
- 17-23 — National Box Tops Week
- 19 — No School (Vacation)
- 25 — Family Night (Tailgate Party)
- 25 — PTA General Meeting
- 28 — GoPlaySave Orders Due
- 28 — Early Release
- TBD — Grandparents' Day Celebration



### October

- 18 — Family Night (McTeacher Night)
- 19 — Early Release
- 31 — No School (Teacher Work Day)

## From The President

**Hello Dragonfly Families!** I hope you all enjoyed your summer! To each of our new DDES families, welcome to the best elementary school in NC—we are happy to have you!

I am proud to serve my second term as your PTA President. We made tremendous strides in our mission to build the DDES community and to support our amazing teachers and staff. We have plans to increase our role and do even more this school year, which is all made possible by your support.

I encourage you to join the incredible families who already give of their time, talents, and resources. Attend a meeting, volunteer for an upcoming activity, or support a fundraiser. All of us have busy schedules and give just small amounts of our time—luckily the small pieces make a huge difference!

I hope to meet you at a future DDES event and I would love to hear from you. Feel free to email me at

[dillarddrivepta@gmail.com](mailto:dillarddrivepta@gmail.com). **Happy SOARING!**

—Lesley Ireland, PTA President

**Do you like saving money?  
Do you want to save  
money AND support  
DDES at the same time?**

*GoPlaySave packets were sent  
home with students on September 4!*

The packets include a coupon book you can purchase and take orders from family and friends. The books are \$30 each and DDES earns \$15 for each book sold.

**100% of the profits go directly to DDES!**

Questions? Email [ddesGPS@gmail.com](mailto:ddesGPS@gmail.com)



## Treasurer's Report

It easier than you think to help raise money to support programs for every student at Dillard Drive Elementary. Visit [ddespta.com/easy-fundraisers.html](http://ddespta.com/easy-fundraisers.html) for some super simple ways you can help support our school through the companies to the right. Every little bit truly helps DDES SOAR. Last month we received \$153 from Harris Teeter and last year we received more than \$1,300 from Box Top Collections Funds raised support various initiatives for our school, like the classroom supply reimbursement program for our teachers and the SOAR program for our students. We also are streamlining our fundraising efforts using online payments. Thank you for your support!



—Lisa Padgett, PTA Treasurer

# Tailgate Party

SEPTEMBER 25  
6-7 PM

Fall is upon us. Football is here.  
It's the tailgating time of year!

Join us for Our First  
Family Fun Night of the Year!

- ★ Wear Your Best Fan Gear
- ★ Games & Prizes
- ★ Surprise Guests & Music
- ★ Bring Your Own Tailgate Food & Drinks

## 2018-2019 DDES SPIRIT WEAR

Spirit Wear is on sale now!

Check the September 4th Tuesday folders for order forms or visit [ddespta.com/spiritwear](http://ddespta.com/spiritwear) to order online and see full-color versions of the designs.

## NATIONAL BOX TOPS WEEK

**September 17-24**

Be sure to clip and turn in your Box Tops by September 14. DDES earns 10¢ for each clipped Box Top. Visit [ddespta.com/easy-fundraisers.html](http://ddespta.com/easy-fundraisers.html) to download and printable collection sheet.

### AMAZONSMILE

Every item available for purchase on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) is also available on AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)) at the same price. Shop from your phone often? No problem. Use your Amazon app to fill your cart. Then log into [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) from your phone's browser. Your items will be in your cart. Complete your purchase and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase to DDES.

# HOSPITALITY

The Hospitality Team kicked off the school year with a welcome back breakfast, a pizza lunch, and an ice cream social for our teachers and staff during the teacher work week prior. At the kindergarten meet the teacher, parents received goodie bags on behalf of the PTA to welcome them to the DDES family! We're looking forward to planning events throughout the year to show teachers, staff, and families how appreciative we are for all they do! If you would like to join the Hospitality Team, please email us at [dillarddrivepta@gmail.com](mailto:dillarddrivepta@gmail.com).

