



# Bandits Newsletter September 2015

## President's Report

Dear Bandit Families,

September is here and our Bandits football teams are off to a great start with every team winning their first game. Congratulations to all the kids on these teams and keep up all the hard work and dedication. You're making us all proud. Our cheerleaders are looking very good as well. I've watched them at practice and at our homecoming game this past week and they look to be in great form.

Please check your emails

and our webiste often as there will be quite a few blasts coming from our web master about upcoming events.

I can't tell you how great and important it is to see so many people at our first home game to cheer on our teams. The kids love it and it makes for fun games. I am very proud of our Bandit supporters. We never have an incident of where anyone is out of line and not acting appropriately. We are perceived as, I have

been told this by a few different towns, that we are a class organization and how everyone loves to come to Bensenville and play. This is a reflection on you the parents and your families, the Bandit organization, our community, and most importantly our kids.

As Always, Go Bandits!

Jason Sabala



## Football News

Hopefully everyone has what they need to finally play some football.

Every week we should be checking the Chicago Land Pop Warner web site for game time and locations to make sure there hasn't been any changes made.

Practice is important.....We need to make sure that your son or daughter is at practice each scheduled day and if they are to miss the coach or team mom needs to be called, playing in the game is not the only commitment to be on a team, practice is essential for a team to operate efficiently.

Our home games are vital to the success of the program and volunteers are needed badly, especially at the end of the year for playoff games which we will be hopefully hosting. The funds raised for concessions and gate help keep our registrations costs down.

As the football season continues you will start to see less and less of me, but if your child or team is in need of any thing I am just a email away so feel free to contact Jason Sabala at fbcoach1969@gmail.com

Good luck to all football players and cheerleaders!!!!!!

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# From the Cheer Corner...

Here we are and believe it or not our season is half way behind us. September was Homecoming month and it was definitely a fun weekend as we celebrated with a new event and enjoyed a bonfire, s'mores, DJ and some rain, mother nature took over but we had a blast!!

With some struggles along the way early into the season we continue to stay positive and grow stronger than ever and with great parent support and understanding, we continue to move forward with pride, so on behalf of the entire Bandits organization we appreciate all your help and understanding in the hard volunteer work that goes into the Bandits organization youth sports program, with that said here is a recap of the teams we have;

I would like to first welcome and also give a huge thanks to Michele Schafer a new face to our Tiny/Mitey Cheer squad this year. Michele has been with the



Bandits a long time, and stepped up again volunteering more time and effort to make this team a success,



so over the last few weeks she took on helping coach the youngest team of the Bandits. With great appreciation, we have been able to come together with a great routine for our October 11th Princess Gala exhibition, which all the girls are very excited about, BEST OF LUCK!!!

Another returning smiley face to our Jr. Pee Wee team, I would like to welcome back Coach Neena Mercado. This season we have a huge Jr. Pee Wee cheer squad and with the help and confidence of all 4 coaches working so hard together, we are headed in a great direction, so lets do this one more time Jr. Pee Wee's and take it all the way to Nationals!!!!

On our Jr. Midget we have come such a long way already this season with their routine and we couldn't have done it without another one of our re-

turning awesome coaches, Coach Jamie and Asst. Jr. Coach Isabel, together they have worked so hard to overcome the struggles of gaining new cheerleaders and then losing cheerleaders, these girls as a team have shown great team bonding with the help of our team mom Michele Clark and hard work of the coaches putting together a routine that will rock us down to Florida!!

Wishing all of our teams lots of luck in the upcoming weeks. ..as each team is working so hard to perfect every move as we prepare for our upcoming Conference & Regional competitions!!

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## Jr Midget Team Mom - Lorena Slowinski

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This past month our Head Coach Bud Heim and Assistant Coaches Brad Howard, Mark Potkay, Brian Atkins, Deion Zomaya, McLane Lomax and Austin Atkins have spent their time at practice perfecting offense & defense plays! David Ilea has been a true asset by taking care of the boys, showing

his Bandit dedication. The boys have now been practicing hard for about 2 months. Practicing through rain and very humid days the boys know what no pain, no gain truly means. They have also learned that hard work pays off, the Jr. Midgets have only lost two games! We are almost half-

way done with the season. The boys will now be work-



ing towards their goal, of making it to playoffs.

## Pee Wee Team Mom - Christy Flint

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The 2015 Bandit season is at the midway point, and the Pee Wee level has done an AmaZing job thus far! With a record of 2 wins and 2 losses, Every player is showing signs of Progress and Determination. They are Strong and Fierce, and lift each other up to another level on the field. The Coaches have been working intensely with every player, everything from classroom style film review to situational type practice to correct past mis-

takes. The Coaches are doing an AweSome job building knowledge within each kid that has, or will eventually, turn into Confidence and Courage on Game Day. Overcoming the inevitable mishaps mid-game has become more of a strength for this squad. The versatility and

willingness of each player to take on a new position or handle a job is extremely commendable.

Win, Lose or Draw, this young group of Brothers and their Coaches will continue to move forward, with their heads held high and Drive in the Hearts! Clear Eyes, Full Heart, Can't Lose! Let's Go Bandits!!!



## Mitey Mite Team Mom - Patty Albaracin

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Mitey Mites are progressing physically, mentally, and emotionally. We had a tough loss for Homecoming. But we came back with a vengeance. We just had our toughest game in Carpen-

tersville and it was nail biter. These boys are leaving their heart on the field all the way until the last whistle. These boys are learning as they go and proving it on the field. Thanks to our

amazing coach and his staff. We have 18 players that started out as teammates. They have quickly turned into brothers. This Mitey Mite brotherhood is the real deal.



# Business Report

Hi Bandits Families,

Been a crazy busy season so far!! I've been "keeping occupied" by running some fundraisers, along with Diana for our Teams that may place in Nationals. Maintaining the concession stand at our home games... If I haven't thanked you in person, **THANK YOU** to everyone that has helped make that a success!!! Couldn't have done it without each and everyone of you!

My new task is head coaching the Tiny/Mitey Cheer Squad! Something new and different for me! Loving every minute of watching my girls progress and have fun! In a couple weeks is our Princess Gala where they will "WoW" the judges! They're working very hard to learn their routine!

We are having another tag day on October 3rd @ York & Grand in Bensenville! Please come out and get your volunteer hours taken care of!! This is an easy one!

Homecoming weekend was a success! For those who came out and braved Mother Nature, the bonfire was a lot of fun!! On Saturday, all of the kid's posters looked GREAT!! Kudos to all the team moms for making that day special for the kids!!

I'm squeezing in one more fundraiser... For those who are famil-

iar with the Brax Cups, that flyer came home with your pictures! Turn in date for these is at our last game, October 17th.

Our pictures have been passed out, please contact PMI customer service directly. 847-526-3003

We're doing things a little different this year, as we are using a different company for our photos. Your child's "action" shots will be available for purchase as a digital download or on a CD verses in the past we've had the company come out and sell packages.

With this, you will buy the rights to the pictures and can go anywhere to print whatever you like!! The action shots will be taken at our last game on October 17th. They will be available for purchase at the Banquet in December.

I hope this works out a little better and too, no one is spending a fortune on pictures!!!

As always, any questions or comments, please contact me!

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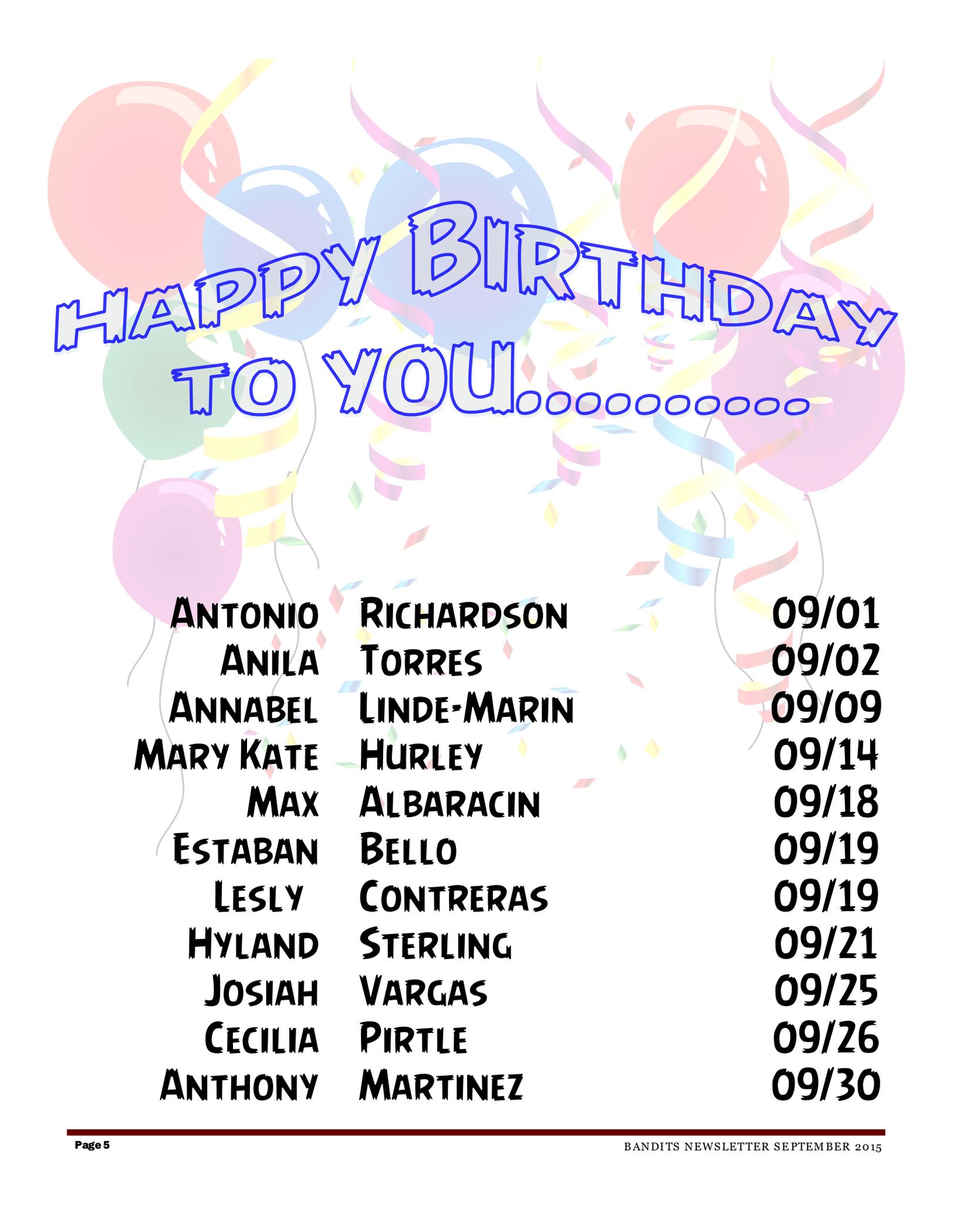


The whole crew at  
Redmond Park!!!



Ron - The DJ

And to all the Board Members, Coaches and Team Moms that took time to lend a hand!!



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU.....

<b>ANTONIO</b>	<b>RICHARDSON</b>	<b>09/01</b>
<b>ANILA</b>	<b>TORRES</b>	<b>09/02</b>
<b>ANNABEL</b>	<b>LINDE-MARIN</b>	<b>09/09</b>
<b>MARY KATE</b>	<b>HURLEY</b>	<b>09/14</b>
<b>MAX</b>	<b>ALBARACIN</b>	<b>09/18</b>
<b>ESTABAN</b>	<b>BELLO</b>	<b>09/19</b>
<b>LESLY</b>	<b>CONTRERAS</b>	<b>09/19</b>
<b>HYLAND</b>	<b>STERLING</b>	<b>09/21</b>
<b>JOSIAH</b>	<b>VARGAS</b>	<b>09/25</b>
<b>CECILIA</b>	<b>PIRTLE</b>	<b>09/26</b>
<b>ANTHONY</b>	<b>MARTINEZ</b>	<b>09/30</b>



# Bandits



**Tag Days**  
**Looking for volunteers!!**

## **October 3rd, 2015 from 9am-3pm** **York Road & Grand Ave in Bensenville** **Please help fill time slots!**

We are looking for volunteers to help out with our 'Tag Days'. (Fill the helmet, fill the megaphone!) This is a wonderful opportunity to make some money for the Bandit's which goes towards Playoffs and possibly Nationals.

Both Football and Cheer have the potential to make Nationals. This fund-raising is not for *only* football or *only* cheer. This is a BANDIT fund-raiser. Therefore everyone's participation is requested.

We are looking for volunteers from both football AND cheer to sign up to help out. This is a 1 hour commitment that can make a huge difference.

**Tag Days are: 10/3, & 11/7 from 9-3pm. We need volunteers to commit to one hour on these days. (Why, yes, of course they can commit to more. Thanks for asking :))**

This is an easy hour to commit to and an easy, easy way to receive 1 hour of volunteer time toward receiving their volunteer checks back.

We hold many fundraisers throughout the season to balance the low cost registration. There are many things that your donations and the fundraising money go toward. For example, the banquet, conditioning helmets & shoulder pads, our equipment, the use of facilities for practices, IDs, any teams travel expenses for playoffs and nationals, etc., etc. The list goes on and on. So every little bit helps!!



Please contact **Diana** for more information or to sign up to help. [staszal@yahoo.com](mailto:staszal@yahoo.com) 630-240-8113

