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SAVE THE DATES! Upcoming Events

10-15-09
Early Release

10-16-09
No School

10-24-09
Trick or Treat Street
5-8PM

11-05-09
Skate City Party
5-7PM

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PENNOCK PTO BOARD POSITIONS OPEN

The PTO board has had 2 members step down due to conflicting schedules and our co-vice president, Sean Vis, will be reporting for duty to serve our country in Afghanistan on October 16th. We will miss him dearly as he is very supportive of all that the PTO does. We will keep him in our prayers for a safe return and will help Kelly and Eileen in any way we can during his absence.

With that, the following board positions are open: vice president, to be co-vice president upon Sean's return, and secretary. The vice president's duties are to assist the president, run general meetings in the absence of the president, prepare grant's, if available, and help/attend PTO functions including the fundraiser. The secretary's duties are to take board and general meeting minutes and type them up, prepare the monthly newsletter and help/attend PTO functions including the fundraiser.

The PTO is an organization and is run as such. We are dedicated to helping the school in any way possible. The PTO organizes/runs the annual fundraiser so as to allow the staff to focus on our students. In the last 3 years, the fundraisers have raised over \$80,000.00 which has allowed almost all of the teacher's requests to be fulfilled. If you would like to see a list of all the teacher's requests that have been fulfilled, please let us know.

PTO events such as Spaghetti Dinner/Bingo Night, Trick or Treat Street, Snowflake Ball and Spring Fling, all help bring families and teachers together in a non-classroom atmosphere. Our events also help build community spirit. Our students talk about the events several weeks in advance. As soon as winter break is over, Snowflake Ball becomes the main topic. When we can foster an atmosphere of kids wanting to come to school, we have done our job successfully. Students who enjoy going to school exceed in more ways than just good grades.

All of this is made possible by dedicated board members and the help of the many parents who support the PTO. If we do not have a full board, the PTO will be in jeopardy of disbanding at the end of this school year.

The PTO does not see our positions as a duty to serve but as a way to help improve our community and to help foster a favorable educational experience for our children. Most board members work full time with other family obligations, but see the position as something they can do for their children. It is proven that students who see their parents being active in school have better grades and fewer discipline issues.

We ask that you consider joining our team. Please get in touch with one of the current board members or email info@pennockpto.com if you would like to discuss the open positions in more detail. We will, hopefully, announce new board members at the October PTO meeting.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kathy Bonitz
Pennock PTO President



FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 18, 2009
6:00 - 8:00PM

Those that came to the 2nd Annual Spaghetti Dinner/Bingo Night had an enjoyable evening. Mr. James Gallegos and Ms. Simcox were awesome in the bingo calling. Mrs. Schwartz was busy running around verifying all the bingo winners. Some great prizes were won that evening. The PTO would like to say a special thanks to Betsy Rosser for getting so many wonderful prizes donated, to Anthony's Pizza for donating the sauce, to Honeybaked Ham for donating dinner rolls and to Kim Rockwell and Cathy Dickson for cooking 20 lbs of spaghetti. HUGE thanks to all of the teachers and parents who gave their time to this event. The PTO could not have done it without you!



Keep collecting those box tops and soup labels. Soup labels earn the school points in which we can purchase items from a catalogue. For each box top, we receive \$.10!



THANK YOU JUDY FOR YOUR CONTINUED HELP!



Love shopping at Target? Sign up your Target Red Card online and choose Pennock as your school of choice. Each dollar you spend earns money for our school.



Domino's delivers. Domino's Night will be the 2nd Thursday of each month. The school receives \$2 for each pizza ordered. Look for forms in your students backpack, have dinner and help your school.

September Winners:

- 1st—Ms. Frohmam AM
- 2nd—Ms. Sullivan AM
- 3rd—Ms. Frohman PM

WAY TO GO KINDERS!

65 pizzas were sold for a total of \$130.00

THANK YOU SHONETTE FOR YOUR CONTINUED HELP!



If you are interested in becoming a Pennock PTO sponsor, please email us at info@PennockPTO.com



Trick or Treat Street will be held on Saturday, October 24th, 5-8PM. This year, we will be using the whole school for an evening of spooky fun. Games will be in the gym, trick or treating in the K-2nd grade hallways, haunted hallways on the 2nd floor, ghost stories in the library and food sales in the cafeteria. With all that will be happening, PTO will be looking for many volunteers to make the evening a success. If you would like to help in any of the areas, please contact us.

PTO is also bringing back the classroom candy collection contest. The winning classroom will win a pizza party. Watch for more information in the near future.



PTO will be hosting another Skate City Party on Thursday, November 5th from 5-7PM. Skate City Fun Buses will arrive at school at 4PM and leave no later than 4:30PM. Admission is \$4 and skate rental is \$1. Snacks will be available to purchase. The evening will include a crazy hat contest, so skaters are encouraged to wear their craziest hat.

Parents and teachers are welcome to come join in the fun. We might even decide to have a contest on which classroom has the highest attendance. Watch for more information.



Please turn in all your box tops as Judy will be mailing the first group in next month.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR PTO GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 7PM

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