



PTO NEWS - NOVEMBER

2008

THANK YOU!

Happy Fall! I hope you got to enjoy some of those beautiful fall days with your family doing something fun! We are off to a great start this year. We couldn't do it without you! Our sincere appreciation is sent to all the volunteers who donated their time, money or items to the success of our fall programs.

So far this year the PTO has sponsored either financially or with volunteers the following programs: Staff Welcome Back Luncheon, Kindergarten Orientation, the Open House Welcome Tables, Picture Day, and Halloween parties for Pre-K through 8th grade

With the fall behind us we look forward to working with PCS staff and parents to find beneficial, fun enrichment programs for the school. We will keep you posted! Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

Melissa Zahansky

PTO GIFT CARD SALE

This year's gift card sale is bigger than ever, with a total of eleven local restaurants and other businesses participating in addition to the many national companies. These cards make great holiday presents for teachers, friends, and family, or you can use them for your own shopping. And since the PTO gets the cards at a discount, every card you purchase helps support PCS. This is a painless and convenient way to support our school and its teachers.

The due date for your order form was October 31. However, if you missed it and still want to place an order, there might still be time if you act quickly. Contact Arthur Diaz at 963-6140 or adiaz@pomfretschool.org for more details.

NOVEMBER PTO MEETING

The next PTO Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 4th, 7:00 pm in the PCS Library.

PICTURE DAY UPDATE

THANK YOU to the 16 parents that helped with the morning and afternoon sessions as well as Mrs. Dion, Mrs. Lissfelt, and Mrs. Emerson! A special thanks to the parents that just showed up to lend a hand! Being on the stage posed some logistic challenges that our many moms overcame and the day went smoothly. Their efforts allowed the photographers to spend more time with each child to capture images we parents will always treasure. Re-take day will be Monday November 24. Thanks again ladies!!

HOLIDAY BINGO NIGHT

This year's Holiday Bingo Night will be held on Friday, December 5, at 6:30 PM in the PCS cafeteria.

As in the past, we'll have a dozen Bingo games with prizes for all the winners, in addition to a wide assortment of delicious baked goods. Our Bingo games have grown in popularity the last two years with more and more families attending, so make sure to mark your calendar and plan to join your neighbors and your students' classmates for a fun evening on December 5. Watch for a flyer coming soon with more details, and for sign-up information on providing a baked item or drinks.

CAKE DECORATING CONTEST

If you missed the deadline for entering the Cake Decorating Contest to be held at the Craft Fair on November 15th - don't fret...the deadline has been extended until Wednesday November 5th!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

GIFT CARD ORDERS DUE	CONTACT
	ARTHUR DIAZ
PTO MEETING 7:00 PM	NOV 4
CAKE DECORATING FORMS DUE	NOV 5
PCS SPORTSWEAR ORDERS DUE	NOV 5
PICTURE RETAKE DAY	NOV 24
HOLIDAY BINGO	DEC 5

PRE-K - 3RD GRADE HALLOWEEN PARTY

It was a dark and spooky night on Friday, October 24th, and over 300 boys, ghouls, Mummies and Dads descended on Pomfret Community School for Halloween Party 2008! The PreK-3rd grade party was an outrageous success, from the Haunted Candy Trail and the monstrous games, to the wickedly fun crafts and Mad Science, to the wild and groovy Monster Mash! And let's not forget the spooktacularly delicious refreshments! Best of all, though, were the smiles on the faces of our costumed kids!

Countless hours of blood, sweat and candy bagging went into making this party a success, and we owe an ENORMOUS thank you to everyone who helped out! This party simply could not have happened without the core group of parents who helped plan and prepare for the event, AND the parents who pitched in on party day, decorating, child-watching, baking and helping to run the stations! You are all wonderful, and we truly appreciate the generous contribution of your time and hard work!

Another HUGE thank you goes to the illustrious and fabulously-costumed 8th graders who helped out with our games and crafts (and to Mrs. Zdanys who mobilized the 8th grade troops)!! What a fabulous example you set for the younger set! You were a giant help on all fronts!

And last, but not least, we want to say thank you to all of our guests, children and parents alike. You made this party worth every second of effort!

Fondly,
Jane Hale and Melissa Zahansky

HALLOWEEN BLAST AT THE CORN MAZE!

On a beautiful fall afternoon, Sunday October 26th, seventy two 4th 5th and 6th graders Trick or Treated their way through the Pomfret Corn maze at the recreation fields in Pomfret. Our own PCS 8th graders dressed in costume enjoyed giving out the treats. All the way up the hill at the Pavilion we could hear the laughter as the children made their way through the maze with their families. Eventually everyone made their way up the hill to the Pavilion for a special treat of pizza, apple cider and goodies. Families sat in the grass and the children ran over the grassy hills.

Thank you to all the families that donated treats, cider and cupcakes and brownies. A special thanks to everyone who came together for this special "Halloween Blast at the Pomfret Corn Maze". Could this be a new tradition??

PCS SWEATSHIRTS

Order forms are out for our fall line of PCS sportswear! We are selling hooded sweatshirts, T-Shirts, Baseball Shirts in both Child and Adult Sizes.

See order form to get your order in by November 5th. Orders will be available for pick-up at the Craft Fair on November 15th.

BOX TOP COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who turned in their box tops in October and to all who attended the clip and count!

WHY JOIN THE PTO?

"When parents are involved in their children's education at home, they do better in school. And when parents are involved in school, children go farther in school and the schools they go to are better." *A New Generation of Evidence: The Family Is Critical to Student Achievement*

A two year study of home and school influences on literacy achievement found that the single variable most positively connected to all literacy skills was formal involvement in parent-school activities such as PTO participation and acting as a volunteer.

Why should parents join the PTO?

Because involvement can make a dramatic difference for your children

Parent involvement is a powerful tool to make our children and school strong academic leaders. Spread the word. Join the PTO.