# PTO NEWS

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## SEMESTER RECAP

Hello Everyone,

We have been excited as a PTO to help with your children this year. We appreciate all your support during our fundraisers and Santa shopping. We cannot do everything we do without the help of our parents, teachers, and staff.

We have been able to support the Kindergarten Parent night earlier this year, provide dinner for our wonderful teachers during Parent-Teacher conferences, provide spirit wear items and the Santa shop for our students and families, provide popcorn / soda parties for the Box Top class winners each month, assist with picture taking, provide items for the vending machine, provide goodies/gifts for teachers, faculty, staff and bus drivers—I hope that covers everything so far!

We are wanting to see our financial status at the new year before we commit any funds. We will be having a online fundraiser survey to get your opinions about our fall fundraisers. Please watch for that and give us your input.

Again, thank you for your support—it takes the parents and our teachers, working together, to create a environment for our children to learn and grow. We appreciate all of you!

# FALL FUNDRAISER REVIEW

Spirit Wear

We sold 339 Spirit Wear items worth about \$3,000, for a profit of about \$500. We try to keep the prices affordable and hope everyone was satisfied with the variety of items.

Pastry Puffins / Braids

We were short of our goal of \$3,000 in sales, but were not discouraged since this was our first freezer item in some time. We needed to sell 600 items to reach our goal, which was equivalent to 125 students selling 5 items each, but we sold 365 items with 62 students / families participating. We will see a profit of about \$1,600.

Box Top Update

We provide a 'party' for the classroom who brought in the most box tops each month. Mrs. Weis class was the October winner with 225 box tops. Congrats!

### YEARBOOK INFORMATION

We hope to have an order form for everyone during January. We would love to receive pictures that have been taken during our parties, any field trips taken, during class time, etc. Please send the teacher name and grade along with a description of what the children were doing.

Our front cover art will be our WOW shirts artwork. Lifetouch will be putting the books together for us.

We will be offering the books for \$10 each, with a Reduced / Free Lunch price of \$5 each.

We will also offer the Shout OUTS and Love Lines as we have done in the past, however, we will have a text limit this year, so we can keep our count to 32 pages per book. More information will be on the order form.

Please send all your pictures to our Yearbook Coordinator— Amanda Shanks (Amanda@active servers.com) Thank you for your help in this!

## SPRING FUNDRAISER PREVIEW

Just wanted to get everyone excited and pumped for our READ-A-THON fundraiser. This is a great way to increase your child's reading minutes and raise money for our school. More information to follow.

# SANTA SHOP

Theme:

Thrill!!

for the Ride!"

'Learning Is a

Come Along

We bought approximately 2700 items to sell at the Santa Shop. We sold over \$2,800 and made about \$126. This is a service we feel is well worth the time and effort put into the event. We had the shop open from Dec 7 through 9, from about 8am till either 4 or 6pm. We stayed open later on the 7th for the Tiger Tales group. This is the biggest volunteer week we have, with sales, shopping, wrapping, etc. A HUGE THANK YOU to all who were able to help. We are glad we can offer this to the students and are already planning for next year!

## FRIENDLY REMINDERS

#### **Inclement Weather:**

Check with the office on your inclement weather dismiss option—is your student riding the bus or being "car pickup"? - if school is dismissed early. This is filled out on 'Meet the Teacher' Night so it has been a while.

#### Appropriate Winter Attire:

Make sure your child / children have appropriate clothing for recess—coats, hats and gloves. Classes will go outside as long as the weather is above WHAT IS IT!!!????

#### Next PTO Meeting:

Our next meeting will be January 10, 2011 at 6:30pm in the Library. We would love to see you there!

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