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Please visit the school district website: www.u-46.org or Sycamore Trails website: <http://schools.u-46.org/sycamoretrails>
Sign up on volunteer builder to help with events: <http://sycamoretrailspts.ptomanager.com>

Sycamore Trails School

A letter from the President,

The 2008-2009 school year is half over and I'd like to recap a little of what PTS has done thanks to your support!! Our catalog fundraiser brought in \$10,000. With these funds we have been able to do a lot of things for the school. We started the school year with an Ice Cream Social. All of the students were treated to Affy Tapples in October. Several assemblies have taken place since then, including Matt Wilhelm in December. He provided an awesome presentation that all the students and teachers enjoyed. Hands On Science started once again and we were able to reduce the cost in half to \$25. Teachers have been purchasing materials to use in their classrooms. Transportation for several field trips has been supplemented from PTS funds. Family Dance is continuing to provide a cheap, **Rockin' night** of family entertainment. Plans for our upcoming Fun Fair are underway. We have had several parents step forward to help with the planning but we are **still in need** of more. The economy is affecting everyone and we understand that. PTS is trying to keep costs down and simplify what we do and how we do it. (One way is that we won't be having a ticket presale this year). If you can afford any time helping us in the next few weeks, we would appreciate anything you can do. **Attached is a volunteer request form for the Fun Fair.** Please fill it out and return it as soon as possible. We will not send out a second request. The response that we get by **February 13th** will determine whether or not we cancel the Fun Fair. Another way that we would like to reduce costs is by sending the newsletter electronically via email. You can sign up for by logging onto the school website listed above, click on the PTS pages, click on the link to sign up for our Email newsletter. We are hoping to have this done in the next few months.

I think we have the best parents in U-46 to get things done!
Barb Raver

2009 PTS Fun Fair - Friday, February 27th - 5-7pm

The Fun Fair Committees still need volunteers to help prepare for this fun family night of games, food, and raffle baskets. Please read the following areas that need your help.



Volunteers are needed to help coordinate volunteers, prepare games and organize prizes. Please contact Barb Raver at 630-830-8587 if you can help in any of these areas.



Cakes, cookies, brownies wanted!! We could use your help by donating a baked goods item to the **Fun Fair Bake Sale**. Baked goods should be packaged and dropped off at school after 10:00am on Friday, February 27th. Your help is appreciated. Please contact Sue Johnson @ suejohnson1222@sbcglobal.net or by phone 630-736-8735.

The **Raffle Committee** is still collecting donations, private and corporate, to put together baskets that will be given away to the lucky winners. Winner need not be present to win. Watch for pre-sale tickets coming home soon. Volunteers interested in helping on this committee should contact Chrissy Donnelly at 630-372-0953.

The **Food Committee** is requesting volunteers to pick up supplies and donations from local stores. Please contact Anna Kyriakopoulos at 630-540-0071 for more information.

Family Dance Night

Thank you to the following volunteers for helping with family dance night: Miriam Filipek, Karen Kelley, Lisa Kern, Jen King, Bonni Kleinfall, Kristin Rubino, Debby Ryan, Amelia Westberg, and Laura Westberg. Another thank you goes out to all the families who came out to support this event.



Thank you all for helping us work around Mother Nature this month. January's sale brought in \$248.76 for our school thru the help of our 37 customers. A great big thank you to our tried and true volunteers: Gail Bonk, Jan Patylek, Joanne Rebman, Cindy Wetterman, Jane Schwerdt, and Amy Campbell. Please, consider supporting Market Day in February with an order or volunteering to help at the Friday sale day.



Restaurant Days Update

In November, Sycamore Trails earned \$44 at Taylor Street Pizza, and Taylor Street was gracious enough to round it up to a \$100 donation to the PTS. Our Bannerman's night in December brought in almost \$40. Thanks to everyone who participates in these events. Thank you to Taylor Street and Bannerman's for partnering with us. Look for the April 7 Restaurant Day at the Dogfather.

Spirit Wear Available



Spirit wear orders are being taken now through Feb. 20th! Order forms can be downloaded from the school website on the PTS link. Show your school spirit by ordering a Sycamore Trails Timberwolves item.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Hands on Science Tuesdays 2-3:10
- February 6th - No School- Institute Day
- February 13th - Market Day pick up 1:45 - 2:45
- February 16th - No School - Presidents' Day
- February 18th - PTS Meeting at 7:00 in the Learning Center
- February 20th - Spiritwear orders due
- February 27th - No School - Institute Day
- February 27th - Fun Fair 5:00 - 7:00



Yearbooks

New this year - The yearbooks will be in color! Look for a flyer coming home the first week of March to place your order. Regular yearbooks will cost \$18 and personalized will be \$22. Yearbooks from past years will be on display in the office. Yearbooks will be handed out at the end of May/beginning of June.

Box Tops



Remember to keep saving General Mills Box Tops. Individual prizes are awarded to the top student collectors and the top classrooms also receive a prize.

Of winter's lifeless world each tree
Now seems a perfect part;
Yet each one holds summer's secret
Deep down within its heart.

-Charles G. Stater

