



November/December
2008

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Sycamore Trails School

A letter from the President...

As I sit at work, I can't help but think about all the things that need to be done. Things to be done at work. Things to be done at home. Things to be done at school. This is a time of year when everyone has more stress in their lives. I try to do what I can and not stress over the things that don't get done. The list of things to do is long and I have lofty goals. The things on the list are similar each year. I put the more important things on the top of the list and usually don't get to the things at the bottom of the list. (If you haven't received my plate of homemade cookies each year, it's because the baking for *everyone* is on the list, but it's at the **bottom** of the list). I have several things going at one time. Some things get done later than they should. (Last year my Christmas cards were New Years cards, but at least they got out!) Things to be done for school/PTS are on a separate list, but also prioritized by what I can do and not stress over the things that don't get done. Obviously I don't do it all. All of our events and happenings are the work of our wonderful parent and teacher volunteers. We can't do it without them and we have several parents that are not able to continue in their roles next year. Without the volunteers, those events will probably be canceled. The Annual Fun Fair, scheduled for February 27th, is in real danger of not happening. We do not have a coordinator or volunteer coordinator, or 2, to run this event. It is a big undertaking to manage, but we do have several volunteers in place for the subcommittees. If you are interested in this endeavor, please don't hesitate to call me, 630-830-8587. This is on the top of my PTS priority list! Thank you for all your support and don't forget to take some time and de-stress. Whether it's staying away from the malls, having a cup of hot chocolate, spending time with your family or simply enjoying the holiday lights have a wonderful and safe holiday season!

Barb Raver
PTS President

Hands On Science



Hands on science is beginning in January! Look for a flyer coming home soon. This year the theme is Natural Science. We had a great turn out last year, and we are looking forward to another great year. Hands on science begins January 13th and meets every Tuesday for 8 weeks from 2:00 – 3:15. Join the fun!

Help Wanted!!

2 positions

- Fun Fair Coordinator (or two Co-Chairs)
- Fun Fair Volunteer Coordinator

Coordinator or Co-Chairs:
Coordinate all sub committees, such as games, raffles, food prior to the event and on the day of the event.

Volunteer Coordinator:
Gets volunteers and coordinates all volunteers on the day of the event.

If you are interested in one of these positions, please contact Barb Raver @ 630-830-8587.

Bannerman's Restaurant Day

Wednesday, Dec. 10th from 11:00-9:00

It can get very busy during the holiday season, so let Bannerman's help out by stopping by for lunch and dinner and supporting Sycamore Trails at the same time!



Catalog Fundraiser Update

The catalog fundraiser raised a total of \$11,118 for our school. The top sellers were
1) Nicholas Catania - 55 items Mrs. Mentink
2) Zach Dahlem - 45 items Mrs. Davis AM class
3) Nathaniel Jablonski - 39 items Mrs. Cedillo
4 - tie) Alexander Cannon - 37 items Mr. Potts
4 - tie) Philip Hunter - 37 items Mrs. Jagielski
5) Jalissa Coisman - 36 items Mrs. Sebastian
The class that raised the most money was Ms. Jagielski's and Ms. Mentink's class sold the most items per student. Thank you to all of the families who participated in making this fundraiser a success.

Food Allergy Support Group



Food Allergy Parent Support Group is now forming monthly meetings to begin December 1, 2008. Melissa Difazzio is the organizer for the group, if you are interested in joining them for future meetings please call Melissa at 630-855-3121. Watch the PTS newsletter for future meeting dates.



Taffy Apple Day

Taffy Apples was a big success this year. We want to thank all our parent volunteers who make this event happen. A big thanks goes out to Stephani Buff, Joann Rebman, Trish Panopoulos, Jasmine Patel, Chrissy Kremer, Tammy Cambra, Dawn Ulaczek, and Cindy Wetterman.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 5th – Market Day Pickup 1:45-2:45
- December 10th – Bannerman's Restaurant night
- December 12th and 13th – School play "Annie"
- December 20th – January 4th – Holiday Break
- January 13th – Hands on Science begins every Tuesday
- January 16th – Market Day Pickup 1:45-2:45
- January 19th – No Classes – Martin Luther King's Birthday Observed
- January 21st – PTS Meeting at 7:00pm in the Learning Center



November's Market Day sale brought in \$288.35! We had 33 customers and have raised \$773.27 so far this year. Thank you to Gail Bonk, Joanne Rebman, Jane Schwerdt, Jan Patlyek, and Teresa Carberry for volunteering once again!

Hitting Zone Update

Thank you to all the students and teachers who came out to The Hitting Zone for our fundraiser! We had 27 students come out to enjoy the fun! A special thank you also goes out to student council for selling dinner to our hungry hitters. Together we raised \$130.00 for our school! Great job!

