

Sycamore Trails PTS Newsletter

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Don't Make This Your Last Newsletter



Sycamore Trails is going paperless this year and the PTS is following suit to save on costs and go green. This newsletter is being distributed through ConnectEd since there are still many people who have not signed up to receive PTS communications. In order to receive information from PTS in the future, you will need to sign up to receive PTS updates. This is a separate registration from all other school communications. We know this is confusing. It would be nice if they all went to the same database, but they don't.

To sign up to receive PTS communications go to the PTS page:

<http://schools.u-46.org/index.pl?id=20960&isa=Category&op=show> and sign up for our email newsletter.

Thank you for taking the time to sign up and be involved in your child's education.

Welcome Fall!

I hope all of you have been enjoying the change of seasons. It is a beautiful time of year.

Despite the current state of the economy, we want to thank all of the parents for contributing to the Fall Fundraiser. We raised over \$6000 this year compared to \$10,000 last year which will be used to fund programs.

Our first Spirit Wear order has been delivered. There will be a second order placed in November. This month we also have our Taffy Apple Sale. Remember every student will receive one free taffy apple from the PTS.

We just completed our Book Fair. We brought in more money than last year for both sales and the charity donation. The PTS gave every teacher \$50 to use at the book fair for their classroom and \$1,000 was given to our school library.

Thank you to all who participated in our fund raisers. Your support goes directly to help the school.

Sycamore Trails will once again be able to use the services of Mrs. Deep for reading assistance. This will be provided for by the PTS.

I hope you can enjoy some quality family time at some of our upcoming events. The last 2 days of October we have consecutive Restaurant Nights at Masi's. November brings about a bustling of activity. Our STARS program returns for 2 days. There will be a roller skating event. Our Restaurant Night (all day this time) will be back at McDonald's and don't forget Market Day. Please continue bringing in your Box Tops.

Jen King and Kelly Majewski for getting our newsletter done electronically.
Karla Aycok for helping to manage our Volunteer site.
Cindy Wetterman for doing our Taffy Apple sale.
Renee Payne for running our first Spirit Wear order.
Kristen Marchese and Cynthia Leal for doing our Book Fair

See you at the next PTS meeting on Wednesday, November 18 at 7PM.

Yvonne Mundorf
PTS President

NEWS



STARS

We are having STARS (Sycamore Trails Afterschool Recreation Sessions) days for the kids to make crafts or enjoy special presentations with their friends on Monday November 9th and Thursday November 12th. Students can choose one session per day. Each session is \$5 to help cover the cost of the materials and/or presenter. If your child is interested in attending, please return the bottom portion of the [STARS flyer](#) to let us know your first and second choice for each day signed up. Registration will be open through October 27th. Confirmation will be sent back to the parents after November 3rd. Any questions please contact Krysha Salyers at 630-398-1572 or sals17@aol.com or Gigi Bendis at 630-372-1890 or mikegigi@comcast.net.

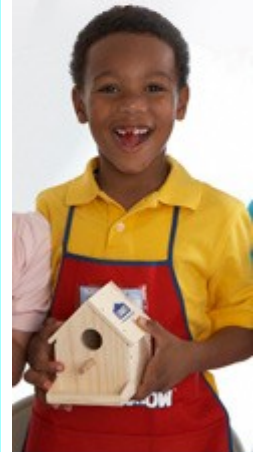
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Fall Fundraiser Update



Thanks to all of the families that ordered products in our Fall Fundraiser with Great American! **Pick up will be on Thursday, November 12th from 1:45 to 3:30 and 6:00 - 6:30pm. Please plan on stopping by that day to pick up your orders.**

Volunteers are needed to help on Nov. 12th with distribution of the orders. Please contact Jen King @ jen.k@att.net if you can help. Remember you can still order all year long from the catalog and earn money for Sycamore Trails by going to www.gaschoolstore.com. You will not earn prizes for future orders.

A big thank you goes out to Barb Raver, Chrissy Donnelly, Monique Sparacino, Courtney Garrity and Kris Cahill for all of their help setting up the fundraiser!

Roller Skating Fundraiser



Please join us on **Nov.10th from 4p.m. - 6p.m.** for our Roller-skating Fundraiser. Save the date and come have fun at Coachlite Skate Center in Roselle, while raising money for our school! Tickets only \$5.00 at the door. More information coming soon on how to purchase pre-sale tickets for only \$4.

Easy Money for our school - Save those Box Tops! And more!!!



With the holiday shopping season upon us, please consider using the following sites for all of your online shopping:

www.onecause.com Simply go to this website and click "join". Get a password and designate Sycamore Trails Elementary as your group, then choose your merchant. The school will receive a percentage of your purchase. It's that easy! There are hundreds of merchants to choose from such as Lands End, Target, LLBean, JC Penney, Staples and Amazon.com just to name a few. You can also download the onecause toolbar and our school will receive up to 2 cents for every search you do through Yahoo.

www.2clickfundraising.com This is very similar to onecause. Just select your merchant, shop, and designate our school. Merchants all pay different percentages of your purchase to our school. Many great bargains on both sites. Please check them out, and happy shopping!

Please consider www.goodsearch.com for your web searches as well. You can download their toolbar, or go to the site to do your search. Again, our school will earn up to 2 cents per search. This one other way for everyone to help our school without spending a penny! Sycamore Trails School partners with various corporations to earn money for the school.

Save your Box Tops & Tyson labels! We collect these to help raise money for the school. Collection dates for the school year:

November 5

February 4

May 6

Please place them in an envelope or baggie with your child's name, grade and teacher.

Check out their website for more ways to earn money for our school

www.boxtops4education.com

Shop at Dominick's register your fresh values card at the link below and you will earn money every time you shop! [Dominick's registration - eScrip](#)

Are you buying gift cards during the holiday season? Consider buying them through the Simplified Scrip website. The gift cards are full value and the school gets a portion of your purchase. [Gift Cards - Simplified Scrip](#)

Please contact Kelley Wall at 847-888-6742 or wallstreat@comcast.net with questions on any of these programs.

RESTAURANT DAYS COMING SOON

Two Day Restaurant Event at Masi's Pizza in Bartlett on Friday, October 30th @ 11:00 am - 10:00 pm and Saturday, October 31st @ 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm.

All Day Restaurant Event at McDonald's in Bartlett on Wednesday, November 11th from 11:00am - 8:00pm.

Thanks for supporting Sycamore Trails!

Spirit Wear



Look for a flyer coming home soon! The face of spirit wear will be changing and we have old inventory to sell at 50%!! While at the roller skating fundraiser, stop by to see the new order form or purchase old items. If you would like more information, contact Lindsay Zimny at jlzimny@att.net or at 630-837-5809.



November is pie month - the more we sell the more we earn. We earned \$222.01 for October. We still need volunteers to help at the sales. Just show up Friday November 6th at 1pm in the Commons - even if you can only help for an hour it is appreciated. A big Thank You to the October Volunteers - Chrissy Kremer, Denise DeBoe, Jan Patlyek, Gail Bonk, Mae Sowinski, Cindy Wetterman and Annette Chilo.

If you cannot make our sale, please visit the Market Day store in Wood Dale. If you need a different pick up time please contact Joanne Rebman before placing your order to make arrangements - 630-736-9464 or jerebman@comcast.net

You can also order online at www.marketday.com

EVENTS AND REMINDERS



- October 30th & 31st - Restaurant Days at Masi's Pizza
- November 5th - Box Top Pick-Up
- November 6th - Market Day Pick-Up 1:45-2:45
- November 9th - STARS 2:00-3:15
- November 10th - Rollerskating Fundraiser 4:00-6:00
- November 11th - No School - Veteran's Day
- November 11th - McDonald's Day 11:00-8:00
- November 12th - STARS 2:00-3:15
- November 12th - Fall Catalog Sale Pick Up 1:45-3:30 & 6-6:30
- November 12th - CAC Meeting 7pm- Elgin High School Library
- November 13th - Spirit Wear Sale
- November 16th - Science Fair 6:00-7:00
- November 18th - PTS Meeting 7pm in Library
- November 23rd - 27th - No School - Conferences and Thanksgiving Break

- November 30th - 6th Grade Musical begins

THANKS



Special thanks to:

All of the Book Fair volunteers:

Jessica Berardi, Carrie Rafferty, Annette DeRango, Theresa Pettineo, Diane Paradise, Kathy Densmore, Breda Wisniewski, Mia Kim, Nikita Shah, Amy Campbell, Chrissy Donnelly, Slavica Bozic, Karen Kelley, Barb DiGiulio, Leslie Blount



As Thanksgiving Day approaches,
Our blessings we recall;
The things we are most thankful for,
We recollect them all.

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