

Parent Guild Newsletter ~ December 2009

- **Monday, December 14: Pictures with Santa during school hours**
- **Tuesday, December 15: Family Dinner Night FUNdraiser**

Max & Erma's @ Partridge Creek (Hall Rd)

**All Day & Evening 20% of your sales will benefit Mt Clemens Montessori Parent Guild*

We will be passing out coupons, please feel free to make copies so that you can pass them out to share with friends and family

- **Tuesday, December 29: Ice Skating Get Together 11:30am-1:00pm**

Mt. Clemens Ice Arena, 200 N. Groesbeck, Mt Clemens

Cost is \$4.00 Per Person / Skate Rental is Included

(Lunch/Snack is not included but available for individual purchase)

- **January 4 thru 8: Penny Wars ~ Fun Classroom Competition!**

Welcome back from Christmas Vacation. Strategy Counts. Have fun with it!

The GOAL of the Penny War is to collect as many PENNIES as possible in your classroom container and put as many NON-PENNIES in everyone else's container. Bomb the other classrooms with SILVER to subtract from their Penny War totals. Encourage your children to participate in the friendly competition and follow the totals posted daily. CLASSROOMS WILL ALSO BE CREDITED FOR ALL MONIES COLLECTED DURING PENNY WARS TOWARDS THE 1,000,000 PENNY DRIVE. The winning classroom of the Penny Wars will be announced on Monday, January 11, 2010. Students in the winning classroom will get to throw a pie at the losing classrooms teacher!

- **Jan 19 - Feb 19: Recycle Cartridges Contest**

Bring in any empty inkjet cartridges, laser cartridges, used cell phones, laptops (power cord must be included) and PDA's. For more information on eligible items go to: www.cartridgeforkids.com Winning classroom gets to decide what prize they would like from a pizza party, no shoes day, or ice cream party. Contact Joe Woods for any further questions.

Please join our efforts this year to achieve 20 points of
Energy and Environmental Activities needed to receive the Green School Honor
Award!

- **Jan 25 - Feb 5: Box Tops for Education Contest**

The Classroom who brings in the most Box Tops will win a Pizza Party.

Clip box tops from major products such as: Betty Crocker, General Mills, Old El Paso, Hamburger Helper, and many more. Go to www.boxtops4education.com to get a list of products, coupons, recipes, bonus offers, etc.

- **February 14 & 15: 2nd Annual Winter Getaway at Kalahari Water Park In Ohio**

We have a block of rooms already reserved.

Standard 4 person rates: \$144/Feb 14th & \$114/Feb 15th

Please contact Joe Woods for additional information at (586) 405-5038.

Upcoming Dates to be Determined:

~ **Bowling Party at Total Sports**

~ **Gym/Playground Equipment Drive.** Please think of donating any new or gently used sports equipment for recess such as: soccer balls, footballs, plastic horseshoes, frisbees, cloth jump ropes, etc

Please support these efforts to earn CASH for school programs:

Capri Sun

Join us in the Pouch Brigade. A donation to our school of \$0.02 per pouch is received for every type of aluminum juice pouch the school sends to Terracycle. Please empty the pouch of any liquid and discard the straw; send it to school or place them in one of the several recycling containers located throughout the school. We have collected \$83.90 this year from the Juice Pouches. For more information go to: www.terracycle.com

Frito Lays

Join us in the new Bag Brigade! Frito-Lay will make a donation to our school of \$0.02 for every bag collected (all Frito-Lay brands and sizes are included). For more information about up-cycling visit: www.fritolay.com/our-planet/terracycle-faqs.html

Box Tops for Education

The Box Tops for Education program allows you to earn cash for your school every time you buy groceries. Clip Box Tops coupons from hundreds of participating General Mills products, each school can earn a maximum of \$20,000 annually.

Campbells Soup

Collect UPC labels from eligible Campbell's products. Go to www.labelsforeducation.com for a list of products.

Students are already enjoying 12 scooters in gym class that arrived after Thanksgiving from approximately 9000 points already turned in. Thank you for all your clipping.

Kroger Plus Card

Go to www.elabelsforeducation.com to register your Kroger Plus Card. Every time you shop at Kroger and purchase any eligible *Labels for Education* products, total points earned will be credited to your school's *Labels for Education* account automatically. Just remember to choose the school or schools you would like to receive your *e-Labels for Education* points, or your school will not receive the points you earn. Even grandparents and family members in other cities and states can earn points and show support for their loved ones by registering their favorite eligible Shoppers Card. It's easier than ever to Earn Free Stuff for Your School!

Meijer Community Rewards

Purchases made at your local Meijer stores can earn our school dollars. You can either get a Meijer Community Rewards card (similar to a Kroger card) or a Meijer MasterCard. Either one will earn Meijer Community Rewards. Simply sign up online: www.meijer.com/mymeijer or at the store. Our organization code is: **466507**

Target Take Charge of Education

Target automatically tracks purchases made by participating REDcard holders, then sends a no-strings-attached donation check directly to the school. If you own a TARGET credit card please inquire online or at your local TARGET store how you can sign up to have a portion of the dollars you spend at TARGET go directly back to your school. You can track your school's progress at Target.com/tcoe. Our school ID is: **22273**

Total of all Target donations to our school through August 2009: \$2,201.80 Amount accumulated towards next Target donation: \$80.14

Please contact Brenda Salisbury for any further information.

GL SCRIPTS PROGRAM

The Scrips program is fundraising while you shop. The program allows you to purchase scrip cards for everyday expenses like food, gas, clothing, and entertainment from a wide variety of popular retailers while earning a percentage of each dollar for not only the school but for the families who participate. *Monies given back to the families will be put into a special account to use only towards school purchases such as: Preschool Tuition, Day Care Fees, Field Trip costs, Classroom supplies, Donations, etc.* Kim Durham will be running the program, orders are placed monthly. Please contact Kim at (586) 677-6555 with any questions or go to www.glscrip.com

~ The Parent Guild is now on Facebook. Please search the group function on Facebook to locate the page. Search groups: **Mt Clemens Montessori Academy Parent Group**. Parents must send a request to participate in the group.

~ **The Parent Guild is in need of volunteers to support all the efforts for this school year. Please get involved by signing up to participate on a committee. It will make a difference for your children! The kids need you...**

Congratulations to music teacher Mr Casey Rakowski for receiving approval to his request to purchase 30 new drums for the students. We look forward to rhythmic beats from the drum section at future music programs!

Thank you Mr Casey for your dedication!

Next Parent Guild Meeting: Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at 6:00pm

Proposed vote at next Parent Guild meeting to allocate the collected \$10,000 from the 1,000,000 Penny Drive Fundraiser to purchase 15 new computers for the Computer Lab, existing computers from the computer lab will be updated and disbursed to every classroom.

If you can't come to a meeting and would still like to be heard, please call or email one of the board members. Also feel free to leave us a message in our suggestions box outside the office. Our goal is to have everyone involved as much as you would like to be.

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