

Parent Guild

President's Corner

Happy October everyone—we survived our beginning weeks of school! It was a terrific turnout for both the 1st Parent Guild meeting and the Back to School celebration. We hope to continue to have parent participation throughout the whole school year because we have many exciting and new events coming up for everyone to enjoy.

Since it is our goal to increase communication about our school, I wanted to mention that recently Mrs. Kay and I attend the Traffic and Safety Committee Meeting. We voiced our concern, on behalf of parents and staff of the school, the safety issues from traffic on Hampton and Harrington. The com-

mittee agreed to investigate our issues. Therefore, I will try to continue to make each meeting on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm located at the Mount Clemens City Hall. Any support, especially if you're a Mt. Clemens resident, will be needed.

Also I am working on the details of the school directory. Anyone interested in placing an ad please contact me by October 10. Depending on ad size the price will start at \$20.

As always, we welcome and appreciate all those who can come to the meetings. As a team we can accomplish anything!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WESTVIEW APPLE ORCHARD OUTING

On October 12th from 10 a.m.—6 p.m. join us at Westview Orchard in Romeo, Michigan. Cost is \$10 per person, 3 and under are free. Cost includes entry to mazes, petting zoo, playground wagon rides and apple slide. Look for our flyer for more information!



PUMPKIN SALE

We are having a pumpkin sale on Monday, October 13th, on school grounds. Variety and sizes will be available and 50% of sales will go to the Parent Guild. Prices range from \$3-8 (cash only please).

2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

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Fundraiser Updates



Campbell Soup Labels— Great news! Campbell's has partnered with the Kroger Family of stores to launch an electronic version of Campbell's Labels for Education. When you sign up online and enter your Kroger Plus shopper card number, the school will automatically receive 1 point for each participating Campbell item purchased when you shop. Here is how to get involved:

1. Go to www.e-LabelsforEducation.com to register. Set up an account by entering your shopper card number. Then choose which school will receive your points. Search by school name (Mt Clemens Montessori Acad) or zip (48043)
2. Earn every time you shop at Kroger and purchase any participating Labels for Education products. Total points earned will be credited to your school's account automatically.
3. Help them learn! Now the school can redeem any points earned for FREE educational merchandise and equipment through the Campbell's catalog.

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THANK YOU!!!!

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We would like to extend a big thank you to all those parents who helped with the Back to School Celebration!

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CALENDAR

- October 7**—Parent Guild Meeting 4:00 p.m.
- October 10**—School directory Ads Due
- October 12**—Westview Cider Mill Outing (10-6)
- October 13**—Pumpkin Sale
- October 13**—Morley Candy Forms and Money Due

MEETING MINUTES (summary)

Meeting was called to order at 6:42pm by Joe Woods.

Introductions: New board members, administration, staff, and parents

Minutes: Being that this was the first meeting, there were no minutes to review. Christin Moore explained the Yahoo group and online access in its place. This website would allow parents access to updates of fundraiser, school functions, ask questions about anything pertaining to the school. Anyone interested was instructed to leave an email address on the sign in sheet. Ms. Moisan is currently handling any questions.

Treasurer Reports/Budget- Susan Kamieniecki

The ledger passed out will have the same format through out the school year, The 1st column is the actual amount of what we have in our account. The 2nd column is what we have projected to raise and the expenses during the 2008-2009 school year.

- We expect to raise roughly 500.00 doing our year round bottle drive. Last year we made around 250.00.

-We will continue to collect Box Tops for Education & Cartridges for Kids. Drop off containers are located in front of the office. Last year we raised 725.00 with the box tops program. Cartridges for kids is budgeted for 480.00 profit. We accept any cartridge and receive a different monetary amount for each. We also accept old cell phones and will be donating them to the Carehouse for battered women if they are not accepted in our fundraiser (per Ms. Genie)

-We currently owe the school 7,000 for the classroom gift of a security system. We still need to raise a 1,000.00 to add to the 6,000.00 we currently have.

Motion to approve the budget made by Joe Woods, Second by Jennifer Moisan. Vote taken-all in favor.

Fundraisers- Susan Kamieniecki

GL Scrips- Susan explained that Darnesha handles this fundraiser as a program which enables parents to buy gift cards from a variety of stores such as gas, groceries, etc) at no additional cost. We get a certain percentage(2-3%) from each card that is sold towards the school.

Hungry Howies gift cards- Great success last year. Expecting to make around 585.00 this year.

Morley Candy\Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough- We raised 9,000.00 last year with this fundraiser hoping to do the same this year.

School Spirit Accessories- New this year, we are looking to sell t-shirts, magnets, and pencils to raise a moderate income(200.00) but more importantly to promote a sense of pride in our school for the children.

Silent Auction- Items children have made at school will be auctioned off. Last year we made a 480.00 profit.

Mr. Woods spoke on securing the Harbor Club Yacht Club for some of our family fun nights. Planning on having a spaghetti dinner, game nights, parents night out. Etc. These events are scheduled to promote school spirit and camaraderie, not necessary to raise funds.

Next meeting will have a greater focus on fundraisers.

Committees

Scrip- We will decide if it should be a monthly program or just for holidays. Suggestion was made to order scrip cards for teachers for as Christmas gifts. We currently cannot offer payment with credit cards. Online payments are accepted thru your bank account.

Volunteers- Parents are instructed to sign up on the volunteer form if they are interested in daytime, nighttime, or specifically for the back to school celebration. Any interest should be directed to Joe Woods. Jennifer Moisan

spoke on the new "Art Person" program and expressed interest in having about 3 volunteers for that.

New Business

Back to School Celebration- This event will be on Friday from 5-7pm. If it is raining at pick up then we will have a rain date for Monday the 15th. Volunteers needed. Pizza and ice cream will be served. Please bring a beverage of your choice. Vote was taken to confirm the ice cream. Motion made by Joe Woods, Second by Chrystal Yaeger, Vote taken - all in favor.

Family Fun Nights- Joe touched on ideas for Roller skating party, Bowling night, parent night, wine tasting, etc. Looking for a sponsor for the wine tasting, parent suggested Wine Sync in Mt. Clemens. Joe explained that there will be flyers with all information when these events are planned.

Vote on Parent Guild Meeting Time- Vote was taking to have all meetings at 6:30pm on the 1st Tuesday of each month, or to have alternating times with the odd months being at 6:30pm and the even months at 4:00pm. Vote was taken to have the alternating time. Meetings will be held at 6:30pm on the odd months, 4:00pm on the even months on the 1st Tuesday of each school calendar month. Motion made by Joe Woods, second by Chrystal Yaeger. Vote taken - All in favor.

Principal Report- Ms. Genie spoke about welcoming all to the school and her hopes for a successful school year with participation from parents, guild, staff and students. Mr. Woods thanked all for attending and hopes to see everyone at the next meeting.

Adjournment- Motion to the end meeting at 7:45pm made by Joe Woods, Second by Chrystal Yaeger. Vote taken- all in favor.

Next meeting scheduled for October 7th, 2008 at 4:00pm.