

East Fairhaven Elementary School

PTO NEWSLETTER

October 2009

HAPPY FALL!

The PTO meetings will be held on the first Tuesday night of the month at 6:30pm in the cafeteria.

Babysitting will be provided in the gym.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Tuesday November 3, 2009.

We want to hear all of your ideas and opinions!

If you cannot attend the meetings, please look for the PTO Newsletter that will follow each meeting, and feel free to contact us at any time with your input.

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SCHOOL WEBSITE

The PTO is now posting all of our information on the school's website. Go to fairhavenps.org to see what is going on with the PTO and to see information about all of the classrooms at East Fairhaven Elementary School.

5th GRADE YEARBOOK COMMITTEE

A committee is being formed to create yearbooks for our 5th grade students. The PTO will provide a set amount of funds for this project. The Yearbook Committee will decide how the funds are used and if they want to do further fundraising for the yearbook. A meeting of this committee will take place in the upcoming weeks. If you would like to be a part of this committee, please contact Rebecca.

SPIRIT DAYS

Our first Spirit Day is Thursday, October 15th. It's wear black & orange to school day!

There will be Spirit Days approximately once a month throughout the year.

Look for the school calendar to see which Spirit Day is coming up next.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

It is time to get the After-School Clubs started! This program has been a great success in the past, but we need your help for it to continue! After-School Clubs meet for approximately 4-6 weeks and offer different activities to students in a specific age group. We need parents to volunteer to organize the program and to volunteer to run different clubs. If you can help, please contact Bethany.

CAFETERIA NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The school needs volunteers to help in the cafeteria. Lunches run from 11:00 to 12:45. Even if you can't be there the entire time, any help is appreciated. If you can help, please call the school office at (508)979-4058.

All volunteers do need to have an approved CORI, which can be completed at the school office.

THE MAGICAL MASQUERADE

The Magical Masquerade will be on Friday, October 23rd from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Skip Daniels the Magician will be performing. We will also have a costume contest for every grade with 1st, 2nd, & 3rd prizes awarded in each grade. Please remember that all children must be accompanied by and supervised by an adult throughout the entire party. No drop-offs are allowed. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there!

We want to thank Roland's Tires and the East Fairhaven Improvement Association. They both made generous donations to help with the Magical Masquerade. Thank you!

We are currently accepting donations for the Chinese Auction that will take place at this event. If you would like to donate anything to the auction, please call Rebecca.

We also need volunteers to help with this event. We will be decorating for the event on Thursday, October 22nd at 6:00 pm. If you are able to help with decorating and/or during the party, please call or email Bethany.

EAT OUT NIGHTS

We are in the process of scheduling Eat Out Nights at local restaurants. The way that these programs work is that on an assigned night, restaurant patrons can use a special coupon to earn a percentage of sales for our school. It was decided that we would try to schedule two Eat Out Nights a month. The first night would be a pizza restaurant and the second night would be some other local restaurant. More information will be coming.

STAPLES REWARDS PROGRAM

If you have any empty computer printer ink cartridges, please bring them to the school. They will be collected in a box right outside the office. We will turn the ink cartridges in at Staples each month, and then we will receive a check from them that we can use for school supplies.

BOX TOPS & LABELS FOR EDUCATION

We are continuing to collect Box Tops and Labels for Education. Get your Box Tops in now. They are due by October 16th. Students who have collected the most Box Tops will receive a surprise!

Look for another fun contest before Thanksgiving!

CORKY & COMPANY

If you shop at Corky & Company in Fall River, mention the East Fairhaven School, and Corky & Company will donate 10% of the sale to our school. Go to corkyandcompany.com for more information.

MEADOW FARMS FUNDRAISER

The Meadow Farms Fundraiser is now closed. The orders will be delivered sometime before Thanksgiving. As soon as a date is set, we will let you know. When the orders are delivered, we will need help bringing them to the classrooms. If you would like to volunteer to help with this, please call Rebecca.

Our next fundraiser will be David's Cookie Dough – YUM! This fundraiser information will be sent home before November 5th, so be on the look out for it.

BOOK FAIR

The total sales for the Book Fair were \$5190.76. Approximately \$2600 of that will be returned to the school in Scholastic Dollars. This will be combined with money earned from previous Book Fairs. This will allow us to give both classroom teachers and other school professionals a share of the money to purchase books and other educational materials for the school. We will also be able to purchase a few items for use by the whole school.

Thank you for making the Book Fair a great success!

PTO MEETING VOTING

Voted yes to pay for pizza or ice cream to reward students who are very helpful in the cafeteria.

Voted yes to purchase a tricycle for the school's physical therapist.

PTO MEETING PRIZES

The gift card winner at this meeting was fifth grade teacher Mrs. Mattos, and the ice cream party winner was Mrs. Camara's 5th grade class