

East Fairhaven Elementary School

PTO NEWSLETTER

September 2009

WELCOME BACK!

The 2009-2010 school year is off to a great start, and the PTO wants to continue to help make this school community a great one. We want to take this opportunity to let you know what kinds of things the PTO does at East Fairhaven Elementary School.

We organize and run the following:

Celebrations like the Ghoulish Gala in October, the Little Elves Workshop in December, and the Sweetheart Celebration in February
In-school Field Trips like the Jedlie Bullying Program and a performance by the New Bedford Ballet
The Book Fairs which earn money for books for our library and classrooms.
Guest Reader Week
Grandparents Day
Staff Appreciation Week
After School Clubs

We also fund the following:

Literacy and Math Night
Field Day
Field Trips (last year each grade was able to do two field trips)
5th Grade Yearbooks (portion)
EFS Scholarships

PTO MEETINGS

It is so important to us that parents and teachers get involved with our school's PTO. The PTO meetings are the most efficient and effective way for all of us to share ideas and thoughts and to help make decisions about school activities. All of the work we do together helps to build a feeling of community here at East Fairhaven Elementary School. We welcome and encourage all to become involved and to show their support!

The PTO meetings will be 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 October 6, 2009.

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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HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Halloween Party will be on Friday October 23rd from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. We need volunteers to help with this event. If you are able to help, please call or email Bethany.

VOLUNTEERS

We need your help to make all of our school activities a success! Throughout the year we will need people to volunteer their time for various things. Please read about the volunteer committees listed below, and email or call Bethany if you can help out.

Hospitality Committee

Donate baked or purchased goods, drinks & supplies for various occasions throughout the school year.

General Volunteers

Help with various tasks such as copying & distributing, making signs, and hanging up information.

Fundraising Volunteers

Help with various fundraisers such as distributing information and/or orders.

PTO MEETING VOTING

Voted yes to pay \$20 for a babysitter for the PTO Meetings.

Voted yes to look into Eat Out Nights at local restaurants.

PTO MEETING PRIZES

We want to show the teachers that we appreciate their attendance at the PTO meetings.

At the meetings, we will collect the names of the teachers in attendance, and we will draw one of their names out of a hat. The winning teacher will receive a \$15 gift card to the store of his/her choice.

Also, the classroom that has the most parents in attendance will receive a free ice cream treat.

Come out to support your children and their school, and win them a fun treat!

The gift card winner at this meeting was third grade teacher Mrs. Castello, and the ice cream party winner was Mrs. Whitehead's 2nd grade class. Mrs. Whitehead's students enjoyed an ice cream treat at lunch this past Friday.

FUNDRAISERS

Meadow Farms

The Meadow Farms Fundraiser is going on now. The order forms are due to be returned by Monday, September 28th. The orders will then arrive sometime before Thanksgiving.

Box Tops & Labels for Education

Information will be sent home about Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education.

Restaurant Fundraisers

The PTO is getting information on 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. More information will be coming.

Local Stores

Target, Stop & Shop, & Shaws all have rewards programs.

East Fairhaven School is already registered at Target. Here's how it works: If you have a Target credit card, visit target.com/tcoe or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate our school. The school is registered as East Fairhaven Elementary. Then use your card whenever you shop. When you use your Target credit card,

Target will donate up to 1% of your purchases to your school.

We are in the process of registering the school for the Stop & Shop and Shaws rewards programs.

More information on those programs will be coming.