

## **PTO CORNER – December, 2009**

### **PTO Meetings**

Join us on the following dates at 6:30pm in the Media Center for the monthly PTO Meetings. Childcare is provided. Everyone is welcome to attend, so we hope to see you there!

<b>December – No Meeting</b>	<b>March 8</b>
<b>January 11</b>	<b>April 5</b>
<b>February 8</b>	<b>May 10</b>

### **PTO Website**

Be sure to check out our new PTO website at [ankenwestwoodpto.org](http://ankenwestwoodpto.org), for all the latest news & volunteer opportunities that you can sign up for online!

### **Volunteering Opportunities**

Hearing Screening will be scheduled sometime in January? If you are interested in helping and didn't sign up on the purple sheet please e-mail Heidi ([heidi.huyser@gmail.com](mailto:heidi.huyser@gmail.com)) or Wendy ([wrj1874@gmail.com](mailto:wrj1874@gmail.com)) or fill out the purple sheet online ([www.westwoodpto.org](http://www.westwoodpto.org)).

### **Fun Night**

“The Westwood County Fair” was a great success this year! The students were warmly greeted by our own Farmer Mr. Ford! Each classroom held a game with a prize for all! The gym was packed with kids waiting in line for a trip through the obstacle course or a quick whisk down the inflatable slide. The cafeteria served up ice cream from Kalidescoops & snacks such as cookies, nachos & cotton candy. A competitive silent auction was held with many awesome items that were bid upon with profits going towards a great cause – your Westwood PTO! Many good & gracious community members & parents donated food, silent auction items, etc. We sincerely thank you for your generosity and support towards Westwood! We also had over 140 parents, students & teachers who put their time & effort into coordinating & staffing this event! Without all of you volunteers, fun night would simply not happen. Thank you for taking the time to put together a great night of fun for our deserving students!

### **Wendy's Night**

Our next Wendy's night will be December 1st from 5-8pm. It's a great night off for the cook and the kids enjoy socializing with one another outside of school! PTO receives 10% of all sales, dine-in, or drive-through. Last Wendy's Night profited \$250 for Westwood. Great job families! Mrs. Benges's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class was the winner of the frosties for November with 52% of her class attending! Way to go! This month let's give Mrs. Benges's class a run for the frosties!

### **Entertainment Books**

The winning class of the Entertainment Book contest was Mrs. Johnson's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class who enjoyed a pizza party sponsored by the PTO. Mrs. Thomas' 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class came in 2<sup>nd</sup> & Mrs Crane's Kindergarten came in 3<sup>rd</sup>! Great job students. We were able to raise about \$5000 for your PTO!

### **Winter Party**

The Winter Parties will be held on Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Check with your teacher for times as each grade will have a different time held for parties due to early out and scheduling the parties around lunch!

## **Yearbook:**

Here is how you can submit photos online:

- Go to: <https://images.jostens.com/login>
- If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter username:400001954 and password: ford
- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Click "Save Details".

Here are two other ways you can share your photos:

(1) E-mail your digital images to [Kbeee@msn.com](mailto:Kbeee@msn.com) , [tshoward1@mchsi.com](mailto:tshoward1@mchsi.com) , or [atvande@aol.com](mailto:atvande@aol.com) .

Please provide general information about the photos such as grade level or event.

(2) Save your digital images on a CD and drop it off at the school office (be sure to include your child's name, his/her teacher's name, and your phone number); let them know it is for the yearbook.

## **Box Tops**

Box Tops offers three easy ways to earn cash for our school: Try your holiday shopping to earn Box Tops for Westwood!Clip – Clip Box Tops coupons from hundreds of participating products and send them to school.

1. Shop – Shop at your favorite online stores through the Box Tops Marketplace ([btf.com/marketplace](http://btf.com/marketplace)). Up to 8% of each qualifying purchase is automatically donated to our school.
2. Buy Books – Purchase books online at Barnes & Noble through the Box Tops Reading Room. Our school will receive 6% of your new book purchases and 3% of all other online purchases.

Keep collecting those box tops and look for the next contest! If you have any questions, please contact DeAnn Cox at [dcoxfamily@hotmail.com](mailto:dcoxfamily@hotmail.com).

## **Spirit Night**

Westwood's Spirit Night will be held on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> for the Boys Basketball game at 7:45 pm. Mr. Ford will be scooping for Kalidescoops from 4-5 pm that day!

## **PTO Board Members**

Co-Presidents:

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