

PTO CORNER – November, 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!

November 9	March 8
December – No Meeting	April 5
January 11	May 10
February 8	

PTO Donation Drive

Our first PTO Donation Drive has ended and we want to thank our Westwood families for their generous contributions and support of Westwood PTO. We collected \$9,372 from 179 families with 40% of our families participating! In comparison to last year's fundraiser where we collected \$16,310.65 with 59% of students participating.

John Deere Donation

John Deere has generously donated \$10,000 to Westwood PTO! The money will be used to purchase Bukane Carts which are mobile presentation systems to better organize & assist teachers in their classroom education activities. Thank you, John Deere!

PTO Website

Be sure to check out our new PTO website at ankenystwestwoodpto.org, for all the latest news & volunteer opportunities.

Fun Night

This year's Fun Night Theme is: **The Westwood County Fair!** Come dressed in your overalls, cowboy hat & boots for a stomping good time! Volunteers will be needed in each classroom to help run the games and activities. This year games will be unlimited with purchase of a wristband for each child. Bands can be purchased at Fun Night. We will have snacks & drinks available for purchase and check out this year's Silent Auction items such as a signed football from the ISU football team & Coach Paul Rhodes, a signed Ankeny Hawks Football, Iowa Basketball, & much more!

Wendy's Night

Our next Wendy's night will be November 3rd 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 \$263 for Westwood. Great job families! Mrs. Benges's 2nd Grade Class was the winner of the frosties for October with 44% of her class attending! Way to go!

Entertainment Books

Thank you families for the purchase of the Entertainment Books. For each book purchases \$10 went to your Westwood PTO!

Fun Run

The gloomy day did not damper our Fun Run participants! Thanks for all who walked/ran and volunteered to make this a great event! We raised \$200 to go toward fitness equipment for Westwood.

Fall Party

The Fall parties were a big success! Thank you for your creativity and help in your child's classroom!

If you have any great pictures you'd like to share – please submit them to the 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 Kbee@msn.com , tshoward1@mchsi.com , or 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

The Iowa Hawkeyes won the box top competition in September in a close race between Iowa & ISU! We collected over 6000 box tops for Westwood! Mr. Ford wore his Iowa hat to school in honor of this event!

Box Tops offers three easy ways to earn cash for our school:

1. Clip – Clip Box Tops coupons from hundreds of participating products and send them to school.
2. Shop – Shop at your favorite online stores through the Box Tops Marketplace (btfe.com/marketplace). Up to 8% of each qualifying purchase is automatically donated to our school.
3. 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.

Spirit Night

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

Chico Bags

Around \$2000 was raised for environmentally friendly projects at Westwood last spring through the purchase of Chico Bags. The staff & students have decided to purchase 3 new trees that were planted by TNT Landscaping around Westwood, books about environmental subjects for the library & the 5th grade classrooms will utilize 2 grow labs during their plant life unit.

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