

## **PTO CORNER – October, 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!

October 13	February 8
November 9	March 8
December – No Meeting	April 5
January 11	May 10

### **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.

### **PTO Website**

Be sure to check out our new PTO website at [ankenwestwoodpto.org](http://ankenwestwoodpto.org), for all the latest news.

### **Fun Night**

This year's Fun Night Theme is: **The Westwood County Fair!** Be looking for the handout to pre-purchase wrist bands for this fun & exciting night for our Westwood students and their families mid-October. 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. We will have snacks & drinks available for purchase.

Last year's silent auction was a huge success and lots of fun. We are looking for donations to be auctioned off at this year's fun night once again. So if you or your business would like to donate to Westwood's Silent Auction, please contact Jen Street (418-2317) or Tricia Frericks (965-4607).

### **Fun Night Coordinator & Chair Positions ( Games, Food, Prizes, & Decorations)**

We are still looking for a volunteer or volunteers who would like to head up the Fun Night Coordinator & Chair positions. Fun Night is a special night for all students and their families to celebrate Westwood! So if you are creative and fun contact Tricia (965-4607) or Jen (418-2317) if you are interested.

### **T-shirt Sales**

T-shirt sales were a great success! Thanks to all who made an order as well as everyone who helped with the sorting and distributing process.

### **Wendy's Night**

Our next Wendy's night will be October 6<sup>th</sup> 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 \$290 for Westwood. 202 students attended! Great job families! Mrs. Benge's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class was the winner of the frosties for September with 70% of her class attending! Way to go!

### **Entertainment Books**

Westwood students will be selling Entertainment Books during the week of October 9<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. Your

child will bring home an Entertainment Book for your family to purchase and order forms to purchase additional books for friends and family. There are some really great coupons to use this year so check it out!

### **Fun Run**

Westwood's Fun Run will be held on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>! The race starts at 8:30 am. The course will consist of a 2 loop option, 1 ½ mile or 5K through North Creek Park (aka Frog Park). Entry fees are as follows: \$20 per family or \$5 per person. Proceeds will be utilized towards fitness activities and equipment for our Westwood students. We are still in need of volunteers for this event so if you are interested call Julie Goldner at 964-8807 or email [jmgoldner@msn.com](mailto:jmgoldner@msn.com) or Heidi Denbeste at 964-8060 or email [denbestegirls@msn.com](mailto:denbestegirls@msn.com).

### **Fall Party**

The Fall Party will be held on October 16<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-2:45 pm in your child's classroom. No costumes please. If you did not sign up and would still like to be involved in the party process, please contact your homeroom parent.

### **Yearbook**

Get your pictures in the yearbook!

Did you take photos at Westwood this year? The yearbook volunteers invite you to submit photos of school events. We'd love to use your favorite photos in the 2009-2010 Westwood 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.

Photos need to be high resolution. Thanks in advance for sharing your photos! Questions? Contact Karen Peters (phone 964-3640; email: [Kbeee@msn.com](mailto:Kbeee@msn.com) ) or Tammy Howard (phone 965-4193; email: [tshoward1@mchsi.com](mailto:tshoward1@mchsi.com) ).

### **Skate Nights**

Please mark your calendars as there has been a change in Westwood's skate nights to Thursday, January 21, 2010 from 6-8 pm and Thursday, April 8, 2010 from 6-8 pm. That way Westwood students and

families can enjoy the skating rink all to ourselves!

### **Box Tops**

Box Tops for Education are a fun and easy way to earn money for Westwood. Please be sure to save and send your box tops to school with your child whenever possible! Encourage grandparents and neighbors to collect too. Every little bit helps your school. Last year we raised approximately \$3600 and this year our goal is \$4000 to purchase items for our school.

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](http://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](mailto:dcoxfamily@hotmail.com).

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

We are in need of volunteers to assist with Vision and Hearing screening day in October. Please contact Heidi Huyser at [heidi.huyser@gmail.com](mailto:heidi.huyser@gmail.com) or Wendy Jensen at [wri1874@gmail.com](mailto:wri1874@gmail.com) for further details.

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