



# Castle Elementary School PTO Newsletter

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## FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

Please remember that your child must be fever-free and have had no vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school after an illness. This means 24 hours without medicine!

Also, please remember to call school when your child is kept home due to illness or you'll receive a call from school to find out if your child is absent.

*Lisa Lant, nurse*

## FROM THE LIBRARY

Please remind your children to return their library books in a timely manner. Also, I will be sending out information about the book club soon.

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who have helped in the library so far this year!

*Betsy Gurtcheff, library*

## JOIN THE PTO

If you haven't sent in your \$5 membership dues yet, it's not too late to join the PTO. Our parents are part of the equation that makes Castle Elementary such a great place for our children to learn!

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursdays ..... Fla-vor-ice  
 Thursdays ..... Spirit Store  
 Oct. 6, 9 a.m. .... PTO meeting  
 Oct. 5-15 ..... Box Tops contest  
 Oct. 16-19 ..... Fall Break, no school  
 Oct. 26-30 ..... Book Fair  
 Oct. 27 ..... Book Fair Family Night

## PTO has hit the ground running

As I sit down to write this letter to parents I am amazed at how much has been done in these first few weeks of school! As we enter our fifth full week of school, countless number of parents, teachers and students have been hard at work doing all sorts of great things. It's like a busy bee hive once you enter the front doors. I would like to thank all the parents who have helped get the school off to a great start doing things like working in the library, making copies, helping with picture day, assisting the first graders, and so on and so on. It is so rewarding to see everyone working together to make our school the best it can be.

I am happy to announce that our membership drive is going terrifically. We currently have approximately 350 families and over 40 faculty and staff who have joined the PTO. Thank you and welcome! If you have not joined, it's not too late. Just send in the blue form that came in your parent information packet the first day of school, or stop by school to get a new one. We also need that form filled out if you would like your family included in the school directory.

The PTO has many exciting things planned for our students and families this year. Starting off in October we have the fall parties, AR party and the ever-popular Scholastic Book Fair. Other highlights for the year are monthly Market Day sales, Valentine Parties, and the Spring Carnival on April 15.

That, of course, is not all! In addition to exciting events we will be working on new fundraising goals for the year. There are many ways to improve and add to our school. We will be identifying a new goal and working with parents to find ways to achieve it. Thank you to those who answered the survey regarding fundraising. Your responses and comments are very helpful and will help guide the way in making decisions.

Our first PTO meeting was September 1. Members who were there approved the budget for this year. We had a great turnout and thanks to all who attended. Our next PTO meeting is on Tuesday, October 6 at 9 a.m. at the school. Please join us if you can.

*Bonnie Ciuffetelli, PTO President*

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# Box Tops collection contest coming

Our Fall 2009 Box Tops Collection Contest will run from October 5-15. There will be one winning classroom per grade, and each winning class will receive a Cotton Candy Party!

There also are a number of Bonus Box Tops opportunities out there:

- Sign up to support John H. Castle online at [222.btfe.com](http://222.btfe.com) and we will earn five extra Box Tops per person registered (\$0.50 value), plus you can print grocery coupons and learn other ways to help our school.
- Through Sept. 30 at Schnucks: Buy 10 General Mills cereals, mail in your Schnucks receipt with a coupon (we'll be sending these home with everyone soon) and you will earn 50 bonus Box Tops (\$5 value).
- Through Sept. 14 at K-Mart and Big K: Buy and five participating products to get 20 Bonus Box Tops (\$2 value) or buy any 10 participating products to get 70 Bonus Box Tops at checkout (\$7 value).

We held a kickoff event with the kindergarten students at orientation and four ambitious students turned in a completed Box Tops collection sheet by the Aug. 31 deadline. They will be receiving a prize from the Spirit Store soon for their efforts! From Mrs. Rust's class: Brennan Smith and Larry Spicher. From Mrs. Chandler's class: Jordan Eveland and Jaxon Helm. Their Box Tops will be included in the fall collection contest and count toward their classroom totals.

*Mary Miller & Shawn Mundy, Special Rewards Committee co-chairmen*



# Market Day

Market Day would like to send out a huge THANK YOU to all who supported us last year and to all of those who will support us this year.

If you aren't familiar with Market Day, please give us a call. We would love to fill you in on this wonderful monthly fundraiser.

Last year, through Market Day we were able to contribute over \$3,000 to PTO's fund that went directly to the new playground equipment that our kids are having so much fun on now. We're looking forward to another great year with your help and support.

Please feel free to call Julie Renne (490-8899) or Jane Small (305-1330) with any questions.



# Library Helpers needed

Library Helpers still are needed for the following classes:

Krantz .....	Monday .....	9:15-9:50 a.m.
Hammel .....	Tuesday .....	9:15-9:50 a.m.
Dixon-Reed .....	Monday .....	12:30-1:05 p.m.
Deutsch .....	Wednesday .....	1:50-2:25 p.m.
Mothersbaugh .....	Friday .....	1:05-1:45 p.m.
Holder .....	Friday .....	1:50-2:25 p.m.
Sanford .....	Friday .....	2:30-3:05 p.m.

If you can help out, please contact Melissa Edris, Library Chairman, at [melissaedris@wowway.com](mailto:melissaedris@wowway.com).

# Helping Hands

Two teachers still are in need of Helping Hands volunteers to make copies, laminate and help with other jobs as asked. It only takes an hour or two each week. Please contact Jen Metcalf ([jenny.metcalf@hotmail.com](mailto:jenny.metcalf@hotmail.com) or 842-0434) if you can help!

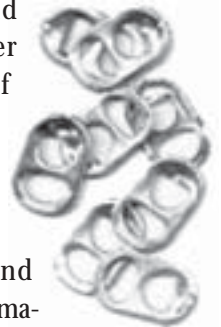


# Book Fair

The PTO's annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held October 26-30, with Family Night on October 27. Castle Pages are awesome readers!

# Pop Tab collection

We are collecting pop tabs from soft drink cans for the Ronald McDonald House of Greater Evansville — and if we collect enough of them we can join the "Collect-A-Million" club! Save your pop tabs, and watch for more information to come home soon.



You can help our students become good citizens by assisting with the various community service projects we undertake throughout the year. For questions or to sign up, call or e-mail Community Service Committee Chairman Tiffany Bonnell at 490-4445 or [tbonnell@gmail.com](mailto:tbonnell@gmail.com).