



PTO CHASE CHATTER



December 23, 2010

IMPORTANT FUN DATES

1/12 PTO Meeting
7pm Library, Open to everyone, FREE
Babysitting.

1/21 6:30pm FAMILY BOOK BINGO NIGHT!

Beat the winter blues and "win" gently used books, videos, games, puzzles!

by playing BINGO. Don't forget your bingo markers, buttons, pennies, m&ms or anything to mark your cards! **5th grade class will be offering bake goods for purchase!**

PTO BOARD MEMBERS:

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5th Grade TREASURER: BARBARA LILLEY

The PTO would like to wish everyone a safe and healthy winter break next week. This is a great week to enjoy relaxed time with friends and family.

We would like to **THANK** everyone who helped the PTO and Chase Staff collect over 80 scarves, mittens, and gloves for our "Hat and Mitten" Tree drive. We received such a beautiful assortment of new products as well as hand-made. Your generosity will be put to good use. All the items were taken to the United Way of Sullivan County on Wednesday, December 22nd.

Also, Mrs. Cosh sent an email expressing her thanks for all the wonderful letters sent to her son's troop. Thank you again to everyone for helping with this project.

"I just wanted to let you know my Son called to say they received the Holiday cards. They wanted to say thank you not only to the kids but also to the teachers and staff that made it possible. The excitement in my Sons voice was so overwhelming, I haven't heard that in a long time. You have made a big difference in the lives a many Marines with a simple card or letter. They will carry that special card with them throughout the holiday season and read it many times over while they are out in the field.(where many will be spending Christmas Day.) We are hoping the 2/9 Marines will start arriving state side Jan- Feb 2011. Hopefully when he gets home on leave, he will be able to come to the school and personally say thank you. Thanks again from a very proud Maine Mom Ruth Cosh"

Our two major annual fundraisers helped the PTO raise over \$5000 in funds allowing us to continue to offer FREE events and activities for all students. We owe a great big THANK YOU to Jennifer Shamah, Colleen Barco, & Annette Heyman for all their help and volunteered hours coordinating, collecting, calling, and delivering on these fundraisers – THANK YOU!

BOXTOP collections are still going strong. THANK YOU Kelly Creighton for coordinating this project. We had a great count for October's turn-in. We exceeded our goal and ALL students received ice pops. Our next huge turn-in is February so make sure you gather BOXTOPs from all family and friends during the holiday.

The 1st half of our new year has been filled with lots of fun PTO activities including Halloween Day Activities, Anti-Bullying Assembly, Family Craft Night, and Fall Bookfair (with the profits we will be purchasing another SMART BOARD).

Looking forward to January and beyond...

- ⇒ Family Book Bingo
- ⇒ Family Fun & Games Night
- ⇒ Family Drive in Movie Night
- ⇒ Spring Bookfair
- ⇒ Anything on Wheels Day
- ⇒ Mother's Day Flowers

We always encourage volunteers for all activities and like as many as possible. So even if you cannot make the commitment to a particular position, being an active PTO member is just as **IMPORTANT**. We need input and value opinions and different ideas. Your time connected with the PTO will be a invaluable tool as you get to meet fellow parents, know where to seek out answers, feel a part of the community.

Best wishes to all staff, students, and families.

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