

# ARTHUR ROAD ELEMENTARY PTA NEWSLETTER

February 2010

Editor: Kamna Jain

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe we are officially in the second half of the school year. We have so many events planned the next few months. Thank you to all of the volunteers who have been working so hard on planning all of the events. We hope you and your families have an opportunity to participate.

If you have been into the school recently, you may have noticed the bins in the front hall filled with supplies for Haiti. The Community Outreach, Kindness, and EWOW committees have worked together to bring this amazing "Hope for Haiti" project to our school. During EWOW, hygiene kits will be assembled with these items. This hygiene kits will then be sent to Haiti. What a wonderful way for our students to be able to give to those in a time of need!

In another effort to help those in Haiti, the Community Outreach, Kindness and EWOW committees have joined together to create a T-shirt which helps show our support for Haiti. The T-shirts will be sold for \$6.75 through February 22<sup>nd</sup>. All proceeds will be donated to Unicef for the purchase of school kits that will be delivered directly to Haiti school children. Show your support by wearing an "Arthur Road Stars Sending Help to Haiti" T-shirt on EWOW day!

EWOW (Exploring the World of Work) is scheduled for Friday, February 26. This is always such an exciting day at our school. The students have a wonderful opportunity to meet with so many people to learn about their careers. As always, many, many volunteers are required to make this day a success. Thank you to everyone who is able to help in any way. We are looking forward to a fantastic day.

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade "Class of 2018" party is scheduled for Sunday, February 28 at the TS Macklin Center in Solon.

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## February PTA MEETING

The February meeting is scheduled for February 16 at 9:15 a.m.

Babysitting will be available. Please contact Ann Wiser @ [annwiser@gmail.com](mailto:annwiser@gmail.com) or 519-1597 by Monday, February 15 if you have a child who will stay with the babysitter.

## NEW ATTENDANCE LINE

The school has set up an Attendance Line to report your child's absence. Please call **349-7367** if your child will be absent from school. Please do not call the main school number.

**PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF ANY EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGES SO THAT YOUR RECORDS CAN BE UPDATED.**



MEMO FROM  
THE PTA...



- **Box Tops/\$ Incentives** : Please continue to clip your Box Tops, the next contest ends February 20, 2010. Arthur Road is also collecting Campbell's Soup Labels, please send them in with your child.
- **Join the PTA** – send in the membership envelope. It is never too late to join PTA. You can still send in your \$5. With your PTA membership you can get discounts at various local businesses. Join TODAY.
- **Spirit Day** - Our next Spirit Day is Thursday, February 25. Don't forget to wear your Arthur Road Starwear or something blue!
- **Kindergarten VIP Breakfast, Friday March 19, 7:30 – 8:00 a.m.** All Kindergartners and their VIP (This event is a special time for you and your kindergartner to have breakfast. Your picture will also be taken for the yearbook.) If you are interested in Volunteering to Help with this event please contact Pamela Beck 248-4038.
- **SAVE THE DATES:**
  - EWOW day - February 26
  - Friday, March 12, from 6:45 – 8:30 p.m.** for Family Fun Night.
  - Friday, April 30** – Solon Council of PTA Spring Fling at Signature of Solon.
  - Sunday, May 23 at 1:00 p.m.** will be Solon Schools Day at Progressive Field.

**Hi Ho Hi Ho  
It's Off To Work We Go  
February 26th EWOW Day Well  
Under Way!**



EWOW is almost here and we are in the final stages of planning for this great, all day event! Thank you in advance for all the presenters, bakers, cooks and escorts that have already volunteered their time! Watch for our 1<sup>st</sup> issue of our EWOW Newsletter. Take time to read it with your kids.

**Some Final Details:**

**Presenters:** Set up for presenters can begin at 7:30 a.m. The event will run from 8:15 a.m. until 2:15 p.m. Email Suzanne Albano [salbano@solonboe.org](mailto:salbano@solonboe.org) with any set up needs.

**Student escorts:** Email Michele Shannon at [michele\\_shannon@msn.com](mailto:michele_shannon@msn.com). If you are willing to be an emergency escort for people with unforeseen scheduling issues let us know! Thanks!

**Cooks:** Please consider bringing a side dish or salad to feed our hard working volunteers and presenters. Email Michele Shannon to sign up at [michele\\_shannon@msn.com](mailto:michele_shannon@msn.com).

Volunteers...you are what makes this day successful! And, don't forget, all volunteers are welcome to join us for lunch!



### REMEMBER THE DATES

February 15	No School – Martin Luther King
February 16	PTA Meeting @ <b>9:15 am</b>
February 23	Kindergarten Information Night at 7:00 pm
February 25	Spirit Day
February 26	EWOW Day
March 3	Kindergarten Registration A-L
March 4	Kindergarten Registration M-Z
March 5	No School Kindergarten – Conferences
March 12	No School Kindergarten – Conferences
March 16	PTA Meeting @ 9:15 am

### SAVE THE DATE: SOLON SCHOOLS DAY AT PROGRESSIVE FIELD

Sunday, May 23, 2010 is Solon Schools' Day at Progressive Field. Come join other families from the Solon School District as the Indians take on the Cincinnati Reds at 1:05 pm.

It is also Family Day at Progressive Field, so there will be prizes and games galore!

More details will follow as the event gets closer. Tickets will be half-price @ \$10.00 each.



### YOU ARE INVITED...

If your child will be entering Kindergarten at Arthur Road in the fall of 2010.

Please attend an information meeting on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the Arthur Road Cafeteria. Registration packets will be available at this meeting.

The All-District Kindergarten Registration will be held at Arthur Road School on Wednesday, March 3rd (8:30 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.) for last names beginning with A-L & Thursday, March 4th (8:30 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.) for last names beginning with M-Z.

Please call or e-mail Suzanne Albano, Guidance Counselor with any questions (440) 349-7435 or [suzannealbano@solonboe.org](mailto:suzannealbano@solonboe.org)

### Attention Kindergarten and First Graders!

Get ready for a fun Friday night out!  
On April 23 at 7:00pm there is going to be a very special performance by the Circus Company followed by dessert! As we get closer flyers will be sent home! Save the date! Kindergarten and First Grade parents: please email Jamie Ciccerio at [JaCicce@yahoo.com](mailto:JaCicce@yahoo.com) or Carol Eisenberg at [Caroleis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Caroleis@sbcglobal.net) if you would like to help out that evening!!

## **APPLAUSE, APPLAUSE!**

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

**A special thanks to the following people:**

**Ann Wisner** for organizing the Babysitting for the PTA meetings and helping provide breakfast for the Teachers on the day before school.

Our workroom continues to run smoothly thanks to our volunteers: **Judy Kontul, Natalie Mandry, Cindy Benman, Nicole Canitano, Baishakhi Ghosh, Jody Halley, Tammy Jackman, Melissa Pece, Mona Tomasetti, Sona Torosian, and Denise Maiorana.**

**Heidi Holub** for baking items for the January PTA Meeting.

**To all of the parents** who planned and helped at the Valentine's Day parties.

**Lisa Catalano and Andrea Zelch** for preparing and distributing Popcorn for Spirit Day.

**Michele Shannon, Lisa Catalano, Juliann Nathanson, Meg Foglietti, and Natalie Mandry** for coordinating the Arthur Road Supports Haiti programs.

**Pam Beck, Marilena DiSilvio and Jennifer Drasner** for planning and hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade VIP events.

**Emily Johnson and Andrea Burland** for coordinating the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Pajama Party event.

**Kamna Jain** for preparing and distributing the PTA Newsletter.

## **JOIN IN THE SERVICE 2 WAYS**

### **Arthur Road Students Participate In Hope for Haiti February 1 – 26th**

In an effort to join in the world-wide support of Haiti, Arthur Road PTA's Community Outreach, EWOW and Kindness Committee teamed up to provide our students a way to help! Send in your grade level items throughout the month! These items will be assembled into kits on EWOW Day at our Community Outreach Station.

Please Send In New Items. Drop them off in the front hall.

Preschool	combs
Kindergarten	wrapped bars of bath sized soap
First	hand towels
Second	wash cloths
Third	toothbrushes
Fourth	metal nail files or clippers

### **Hope for Haiti Take 2**

Show your support of our community outreach efforts by buying a Send Help to Haiti T-shirt.

The price of the shirt is \$6.75. All proceeds will be donated to Unicef for the purchase of school kits that will be delivered directly to Haiti school children.

Wouldn't it be great to wear them on EWOW Day as we assemble the kits?

Grown-ups, don't forget to order yours too if you are volunteering or just wanting to join in!

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This event is always so much fun for the 4<sup>th</sup> graders. They will have a wonderful time with all of their Arthur Road Friends. Please send in your RSVP if you have not already.

Get your family together for the Annual Family Fun Night on Friday, March 12 from 6:45 – 8:30 p.m. There will be a DJ, balloon artists, chocolate decorating, tattoos, games and inflatables. There is something for everyone. We can't wait to see you there.

As we get closer to the end of the school year, it is time to look towards next year. The Solon Council of PTAs has announced its slate of officers for the 2010-2011 school year. The nominees are:

**President** – Lisa Crowl  
**Vice President** – Cheryl Kresevic  
**Treasurer** – Joanne Behnke  
**Recording Secretary** – Beth Kalinowski  
**Corresponding Secretary** – Kamna Jain

Joe Regano, Solon Schools Superintendent, will be speaking about the upcoming school levy, which will be on the May ballot at our March 2009 PTA Meeting. Don't miss this opportunity to ask questions and learn the facts. You can also visit [www.solonvotes.org](http://www.solonvotes.org) for more information.

Our next PTA meeting is on Tuesday, February 16 at 9:15 am. It is a great opportunity to learn more about your child's school, meet other parents, and learn about opportunities to help you become involved.

*Patti Miller*

## Community Outreach

Our community outreach efforts this year have been dedicated to providing money and in-kind donations to a wide range of charities that children can connect with and understand. By gifting these ways, we hope our students will continue to see that they have power to take action and make a difference in their community and the world.

### Two Thumbs Up for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Event Volunteers

**Rated:** Fun for everyone!

**Genre:** Second Grader Humor

**Synopsis:** On January 29<sup>th</sup>, second graders arrived in the Arthur Road cafeteria in their PJ's ready for a night with their friends and their special adult. After pizza and popcorn we all snuggled in our blankets and sleeping bags to enjoy the movie, Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs, on the big screen in the gym. A good time was had by all, but it wouldn't have been possible without the help of our volunteers!

**Starring:** Julie Nathanson, Debbie Roberts, Laura Levine, Virginia Wang, Mary Ulatowski, Lisa Artino, Karen Hoffman, Loraine Nedza, Heather Nowakowski, and Lynette Nettles. Thank you for helping make our event a success!

**Cameos:** A special thank you to Jody Halley for "directing traffic", Patti Miller for supervising students in the gym and helping us navigate our way through the planning stages, and Ann Wiser for being the popcorn extraordinaire! Even *our* second graders were a big help with unloading the vans and cleaning up. Thank you Silas and Nickolas!

**Critics Rating:** Two thumbs up for a great team effort!

**Directors:** Emily Johnson and Andrea Burland, Second Grade Event Co-Chairs

## Solon Early Childhood PTA 10 Year Reunion and Celebration Fundraiser

The SECPTA fundraiser is set for March 20<sup>th</sup> from 7-11pm at the Solon VFW and is open to the public.

Tickets are \$35/person and include unlimited food and drinks, DJ, raffle baskets, balloon raffle, 50/50 and more!

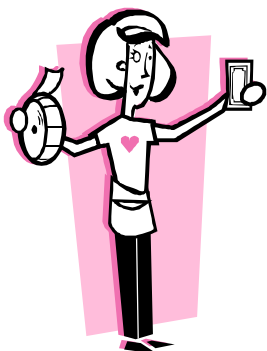
Raffles include:

**4 one-day Park Hop-  
per Passes to Walt  
Disney World**      **2 Level A Tickets to  
Opera Lucia Di  
Lammermoor**

**Panera Bread for a  
Year - one loaf a  
week!**      **2 - 1 yr. member-  
ship to [Sitter-  
city.com](http://Sitter-city.com)**

**\$100 to McCormick  
& Schmidt's**      **2 - \$25 Solon Cen-  
ter for the Arts gift  
certificates**

Contact [waysand-means@solonearlychildhoodpta.com](mailto:waysand-means@solonearlychildhoodpta.com) for your tickets. Hope to see you there!



## Save the Date! Solon Council of PTAs Spring 2010 BUDGET BIN

### Make a Shopping List

Budget Bin is a community consignment sale held twice a year. It offers seasonally appropriate clothing and household goods. Find great deals on new or gently used Fall and Winter clothing, shoes, toys, small household items, baby items, holiday and craft items, books and videos, sports equipment and much more!

### Clean out your closet

Consign or donate your unwanted goods to Budget Bin. Consigners receive 50% of the profit of their items with the other 50% going to the Lois Gazeley Scholarship Fund. This fund provides college scholarships to seniors at Solon High School. We awarded \$38,000 in scholarships to the Class of 2009. To get your consignment number call 349-7757 ext 5192 or send an email to [PTABudgetBin@solon-boe.org](mailto:PTABudgetBin@solon-boe.org).

If you don't want to tag and list your items they can be donated Budget Bin and taken as a tax deduction.

### Volunteer

The success of Budget Bin depends on volunteers to help shoppers and keep the sale looking neat and organized. It's also a great way to meet people and socialize with the community. If you have a couple of hours to help or want to donate refreshments, please sign up at the next PTA meeting or contact Budget Bin Chairs: Sue Burlage ([skb@m-and-d.com](mailto:skb@m-and-d.com), 914-1251) or Alison Borodkin ([acborodkin@hotmail.com](mailto:acborodkin@hotmail.com), 248-0589).

**Visit our website for more information:**  
[www.freewebs.com/budgetbin](http://www.freewebs.com/budgetbin)

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# Solon Council of PTAs

Arthur Road, Lewis, Parkside, Roxbury, Orchard,  
Middle and High Schools Present:

## SPRING 2010 Budget Bin Sale

Consignment Day	Wed., March 17th..... 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. <b>Donations accepted - until 6:30 p.m.</b>
Sale Days	Thurs., March 18 <sup>th</sup> .....10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fri., March 19 <sup>th</sup> .....10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Bonus Day 30% off	Sat., March 20 <sup>th</sup> .....10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bonus Day 30% off	Mon., March 22 <sup>nd</sup> .....10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
	Consignor Pick Up.....2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
\$5 Bag Day	Tues., March 23 <sup>rd</sup> .....9 a.m. to 12 noon

Sale items include New or Gently-used SPRING & SUMMER clothing, Toys, household items, baby items, craft items, books, DVDs and CD's, sports equipment, furniture, holiday supplies and much more!

Donations in good or new condition are accepted and welcomed!



Parkside Elementary  
School Gymnasium  
6845 S.O.M. Center Road

For information and consignment numbers call  
349-7757 ext. 5192

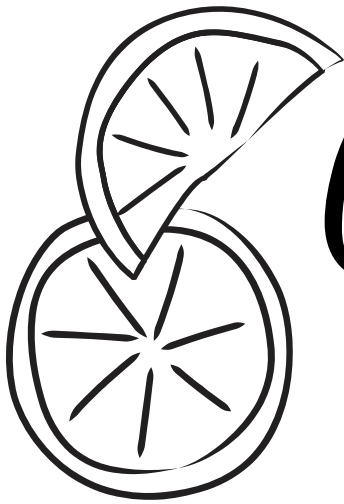
Or send an email to: [PTABudgetBin@solonboe.org](mailto:PTABudgetBin@solonboe.org)

<http://www.freewebs.com/budgetbin>

Consignors receive 50% of the profit from their sold items.

50% goes to the Lois Gazeley Scholarship Fund.  
These scholarships are awarded to Solon High School Seniors.

Great volunteer opportunity for parents and students alike!  
Help us continue to provide more and more scholarships!!



# Cinco de Mayo



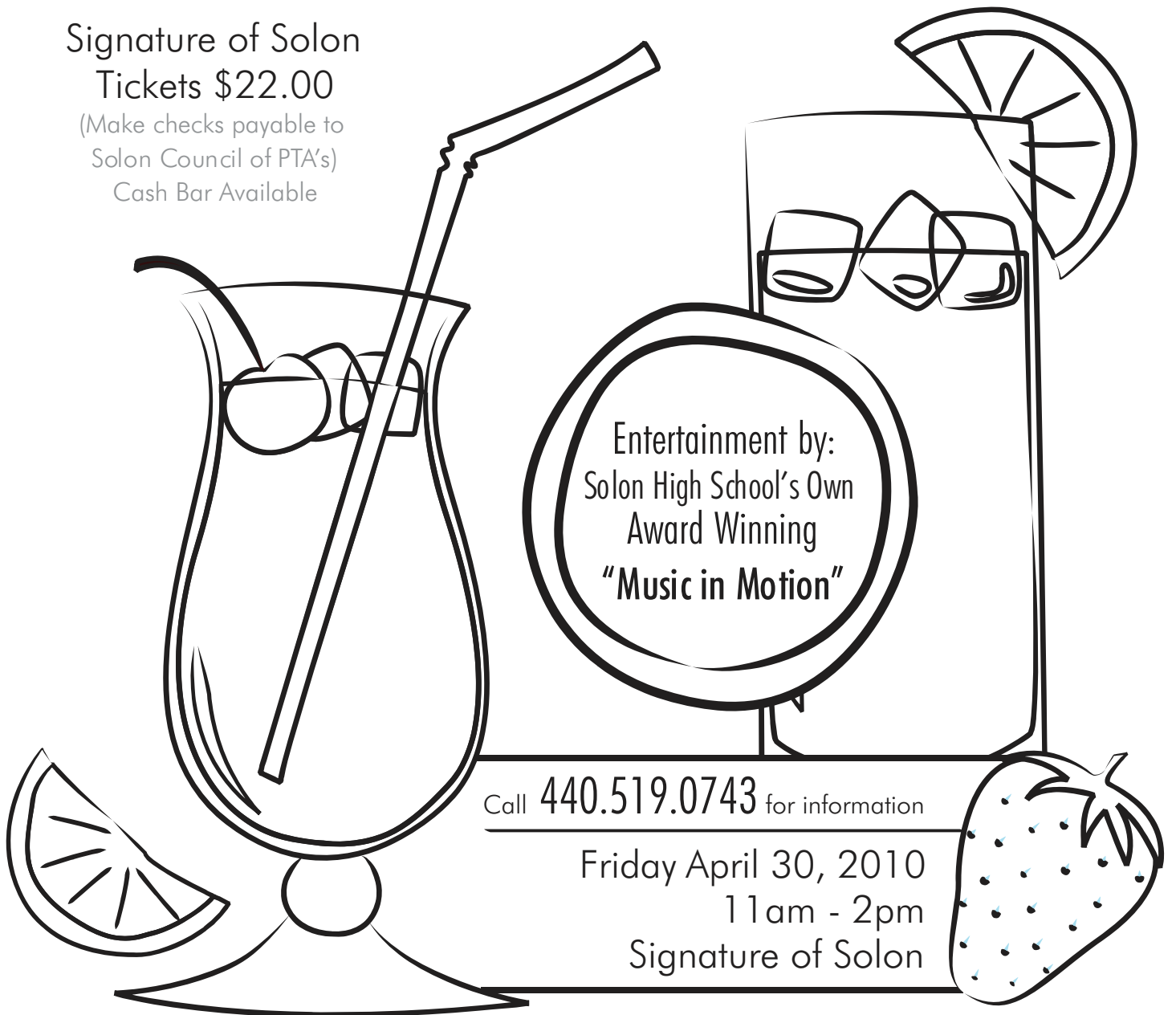
Solon Council of PTA's  
Spring Fling Luncheon 2010

Signature of Solon

Tickets \$22.00

(Make checks payable to  
Solon Council of PTA's)

Cash Bar Available



Entertainment by:  
Solon High School's Own  
Award Winning  
**"Music in Motion"**

Call **440.519.0743** for information

Friday April 30, 2010

11am - 2pm

Signature of Solon

