

ARTHUR ROAD ELEMENTARY PTA NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Arthur Road Families and Staff:

Welcome to the 2009 – 2010 school year!

My name is Patti Miller. I am the new PTA president at Arthur Road this year. I am very excited to work with everyone in the PTA this year in an effort to bring exciting activities and events to the whole school. If you look around the school, you will see the PTA at work for the students, teachers and parents. As the new president, I encourage you to join the Arthur Road PTA.

If you have had a chance to visit the school this fall, did you see ... the 2 new tether ball sets, new jump ropes, new toys on the playground, the new paper cutter and electric pencil sharpener in the work room, and the new bird house in memory of Mr. Tony? Did you have a chance to meet your child's teacher at the Ice Cream Social and try some ice cream? Did you order Star Wear for your child? Did your school supplies arrive at you house if you ordered them from Innisbrook? If so, you have had a chance to observe just a few of the many things the PTA has done for the school. It's because of all of our amazing volunteers and their commitment to our organization that we are able to provide so much.

Looking ahead, there are many other events and activities the PTA members are already working on including: COSI, Spirit Day (don't forget the Star Wear), Make a Difference Day, VIP Breakfasts, Teacher Dinner on Conference Night, and Book Fair, just to name a few. Here is how you can help.

- Become a member of the Arthur Road PTA by returning the Membership Envelope you received on the second day of school (extra envelopes are available in the school lobby).
- Volunteer for one of the many PTA committees by completing the Volunteer Worksheet. There are so many ways you can help no matter how much or little time you may have. A committee member will contact you to determine your specific task.
- Please support our Innisbrook Fundraiser.

Our Innisbrook Fundraiser kickoff was on Thursday, September 3. The Innisbrook fundraiser will run from September 4 – September 18. This is the PTA's only planned fundraiser this year. The students have received the Innisbrook packets. If you have not received one, please contact Denise Maiorana at ketchupone@aol.com.

I look forward to working with all of you to help make Arthur Road a wonderful place for all of our children. Please contact me at pattimill@roadrunner.com if you have any questions.

Patti Miller

440-248-3193

PTA MEETING TIME CHANGES FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

Please note, the times for the Arthur Road PTA meetings in September & October have been changed. The new scheduled times are:

September 15 @ 9:15 am

October 20 @ 7:00 pm

Babysitting will be available.

Please contact Ann Wiser @ ann-wiser@gmail.com or 519-1597 by Monday, September 14 if you have a child who will stay with the babysitter.

**Together Everyone
Achieves More!
Don't be the missing
Piece!
Join The PTA Today!!**

A big "Thank You" to all the families that have already joined our Arthur Road PTA. Currently our member number is 263! Let's keep this number rising to help all the kids in the school benefit from the many activities PTA has to offer. The cost is just \$5.00 and the PTA benefits from 100% of any other donation given. Envelopes and a drop box are conveniently located in the hall by the school office. Any questions, please contact Debbie Roberts at droberts@milohill.com.

Thank You for supporting Arthur Road PTA

MEMO FROM THE PTA...



- **Box Tops/\$ Incentives :** Thank you for your efforts last year, we collected \$2000.00 in Box Tops. Please keep collecting and trimming box tops for this school year. The classroom with the most box tops will get a "Box Top Breakfast" from the PTA. The first contest ends October 24th. Send in your trimmed box tops with the expiration date, to your child's classroom to be counted. Coming soon, information on other incentive programs for Arthur Road, they include Giant Eagle, Heinens and Target Redcard. Contact Melissa Crispino @ 498-0699 or mscrispino@aol.com with any questions.
- **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!!!!**
SAVE THE DATES: November 2-6
Family Book Fair Night - November 5
Bring your family and purchase some great books.
- **PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF ANY EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGES SO THAT YOUR RECORDS CAN BE UPDATED.**
- On October 8 there will be an assembly and parent program provided by the Ohio Attorney General's Office, called **I-Safe**. There will be a presentation at the Solon Middle School at 7:00 p.m. for all parents with children K-12. October 8th. The focus will be on internet safety and cyber bullying. Please mark your calendars. This sure to be a very important and informative assembly for everyone.

Meet the New PTA Board

President

Patti Miller pattimill@roadrunner.com

Vice-President

Ann Wiser annwiser@gmail.com

Secretary

Tammy Jackman tammy.jackman@sbcglobal.net

Treasurer

Donna Thomas thomasbd@roadrunner.com

Please don't hesitate to contact any of the officers with any questions or comments .

INNISBROOK FUNDRAISER

Our Innisbrook Wraps fundraiser has begun and will end on Friday, September 18th. This is our only fundraiser for the year, and we are counting on your support! Money raised by the fundraiser benefits all children through the wonderful programs provided by our PTA, including VIP Breakfasts, assemblies, COSI, Family Fun Night, EWOW Day and Spirit Day Popcorn.

There are two different ways to purchase items from Innisbrook. For delivery at school in early November, make your selections from the catalog, enter your order online following the EZ Order Entry instructions, print a voucher showing your order total, and send in the payment to school. Or, you can purchase your order directly online and your order will ship directly to your home. You'll find more selections exclusively online, such as magazine vouchers. You can also share the catalog with family, friends, and co-workers. Many of the items in the catalog make great holiday gifts for employees, also!

Don't forget that Innisbrook makes it easy for out-of-town friends and relatives to purchase items that benefit our school and count towards your child's prizes. You can go to www.innisbrook.com to register your student using our school number, 103586, and send emails to your friends and family advertising the sale.

In addition to the prizes offered by Innisbrook, there will be lots of opportunities for students to win prizes throughout the sale. Any student selling 10 items will receive a Max the Monkey wristband and a Safari Pen. Top sellers will not only be treated to a special luncheon at school, but will also receive an extra prize, such as a gift card or tickets to a local event. The class with the highest participation will have an ice cream treat and extra recess! If our school meets our goal of \$26,000 in sales, we will celebrate with a school-wide Pajama Day!

If we all work together, the fundraiser will be a great success! If you have any questions regarding the fundraiser, please contact Denise Maiorana at 248-9898. Thank you for your continued support of the Arthur Road PTA!

Thank you to the following local businesses for providing additional prizes for our students:

Alpine Valley
Chagrin Valley Roller Rink
Pro Football Hall of Fame
Fun 'n' Stuff
Lake Erie Monsters
Lake County Captains
Akron Aeros
Lolly the Trolley
Playmatters
Solon Freeway Lanes
Mitchell's Ice Cream
Cinemark Aurora

APPLAUSE, APPLAUSE!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

A special thanks to the following people:

Carol Eisenberg and **Sharon Constantino** for planning and hosting a wonderful Ice Cream Social. Also, to **All of the Parents, staff and children** who volunteered at the grade level tables or scooping ice cream. Everyone enjoyed themselves despite the stormy weather.

Jody Halley and **Donna Thomas** for organizing the Innisbrook School Supplies.

Kamna Jain and **Tammy Jackman** for their hard work in recruiting this year's Classroom Coordinators and hosting the Classroom Coordinator's Tea.

All of the parents who signed up to be a Classroom Coordinators for the 2009-2010 School Year, whether you were selected or not, for offering your time and efforts this school year.

Mary Ann Mooney and **Judy Kontul** for getting the Workroom up and running. Also, to all of the **Workroom Volunteers** who have helped out these first few weeks of school. We know you have

been busy.

Debbie Roberts, Jane Comber and **Alaina West** for getting the Membership Drive underway for this school year.

Ann Wiser, Suzanne Albano, Donna Thomas, Tammy Jackman, Cindy Benman, Kamna Jain, Debbie Roberts, and Stephanie Weiskind for working together as a PTA Board this summer to help organize everything for this year.

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

Kristi Foltz, Kamna Jain, Denise Maiorana, Debbie Roberts, Donna Thomas, Nancy Westrich, Mary Ann Mooney, Ann Wiser, David Miller, Megan Miller, Ian Miller, Nikki Jain, Akshay Jain and Vikas Jain for helping collate the PTA packets for the beginning of the year.

Denise Maiorana, Kathy Herchick, Jackie Miotto, and Jennifer Konstantinou for coordinating the Innisbrook Fundraiser.

Third Grade Fall Reading Achievement Test- Tuesday, October 6

Just a reminder that all third grade students will be taking the Ohio Third Grade Reading Achievement Test on **Tuesday, October 6th**. This test is administered to third graders in the fall and again in the spring.

Please make sure that your child gets a good night's sleep, a healthy breakfast, and some encouraging words. As always, we appreciate the active role our parents take in their child's education. We are looking forward to a rewarding year of learning.

Calling All Arthur Road Reads Volunteers!

As we begin the new school year, we are in need of volunteers who have an interest in helping a second grade student who could benefit from extra support in reading. The tutor works with the child two times per week with each session lasting 20-30 minutes. Times will be coordinated with the classroom teacher. All materials are provided for the volunteers.

We are fortunate to have Jeff Williams, Solon District Literacy Coordinator, conducting training workshops for new and returning volunteers. This training will be held on **Tuesday, October 13th from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at Roxbury School - Conference Room.**

If you are interested in participating in this extremely worthwhile program, please contact Suzanne Albano, Guidance Counselor at 349-7435 or by e-mail salbano@solonboe.org. Thank you for your support!

REMEMBER THE DATES

September 4 – 18	PTA Fundraiser
September 15	PTA Meeting 9:15 am *PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE
September 16	Curriculum Night 7 – 9 pm
September 18	COSI (K-4)
September 23	All School Picture
September 24	Spirit Day (PreK-4)
September 28	No School – Yom Kippur
October 6	3 rd Grade Reading Test
October 9	Great American Bake Sale
October 20	PTA Meeting 7:00 pm *PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE

ACADEMIC BOOSTERS FUNDRAISER

SHARE OUR STRENGTH'S
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BAKESALE™



Arthur Road Elementary Will Hold 2nd Annual Lunchtime Bake Sale to End Childhood Hunger

Arthur Road Elementary School will participate in a second annual bake sale, to support Share Our Strength's Great American Bake Sale as part of the community efforts for Make A Difference Day. This local bake sale will be a part of a national campaign that mobilizes people of all ages to help end childhood hunger in America. Help participate with your children by being a baker and/or sending in 50 cents with your child on October 9, 2010 to buy one of the cookies.

If you are interested in being a baker, email Michele_Shannon@msn.com and the chocolate chip and cinnamon sugar cookie recipes will be sent back to you via email. Only these two non-nut cookie recipes will be sold. Volunteers are also needed to help the students purchase their cookies and move through the line. Email Julianckipp@yahoo.com if you would like to help on the day of the event.

The Solon Academic Boosters Club will be holding a fundraiser Saturday October 24, at the Solon High School. If you are in need of a mattress set, stop by. All sizes are available!!! Look for Pillowtop, Orthopedic and Memory Foam!

All mattresses are brand new with Factory Warranties! Name Brands such as Simmons, Serta, Southerland and more! Delivery Available. Cash, Checks and Credit Cards are accepted!

Profits go directly to programs sponsored by the Solon Academic Boosters Club

- Rising Star
- Strive for .5
- Academic Teams
- Academic Letter Award
- Graduation Medals
- Scholarships

If you have questions, please call 440-250-0115.

SECPTA CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

Solon Early Childhood PTA (SECPTA) is celebrating its 10th year and we are having a celebration! This celebration includes the families of all current members and alumni of SECPTA. We would like to reach all alumni to share the celebration information with them. If you are an alumni of SECPTA please email president@solonearlychildhoodpta.com with your contact details.