



# LEWIS PTA NEWSLETTER

MAY 2010

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

- May 7 – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Grade Fun Night
- May 11 – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Grade International Feast
- May 11 – 4<sup>th</sup>  
Grade Bike Hike
- May 18 – PTA Meeting and Installation of Officers
- May 21 – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Grade Grandparent Day
- May 27 – 4<sup>th</sup>  
Grade Graduation Dinner
- May 28 – Spirit Day

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## Message from Our PTA President

I hope that everyone is looking forward to a busy May. Our students have some special events to look forward to this month.

During their last full month at Lewis, the fourth graders will enjoy their Graduation Dinner as well as their Bike Hike. The third graders will be participating in Third Grade Fun Night. The second graders will have an International Feast to attend. And the first graders will celebrate a very special Grandparents' Day Program.

Our Parent Volunteer Appreciation Brunch is also in May and it is our opportunity to say "thank you" for all of your help throughout the year. All parents who have volunteered their time this year are welcome and I really hope that you will plan on joining us on the 18<sup>th</sup>. I would personally like to thank every one of you who has helped to make all of our programs here at Lewis possible this year.

One important reminder... Please remember to go out and vote "yes" for the **Solon Schools Levy on Tuesday, May 4**. The future of our schools depends on each of you getting out there to vote. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Enjoy the busy month ahead!

**Stacey Weber**  
President, Lewis Elementary PTA  
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## Classroom Coordinators

We would like to help improve class party planning and start a mini library to share fun party ideas, themes, crafts and creative snacks. Would you mind taking a few minutes to send a quick email with some of your favorite party ideas that went well as well as any suggestions? We would really appreciate your input about improving the Classroom Coordinator functions.

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Thanks!  
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## SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR 2010-2011

Once again, Lewis parents will have the opportunity to purchase school supplies for next year. Our Back-to-School Pack Sale will run May 17 to July 1<sup>st</sup>, parents will order their child's supplies online, pay with a credit card, and have them conveniently shipped to your home before the start of school. This is NOT a PTA fundraiser. The service is offered only as a convenience to parents and you are not required to purchase your supplies via Innisbrook.

Look for more information in your child's backpack, including supply lists and ordering information soon. Orders will only be taken from May 17 to July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Colleen Tsironis**  
School Supplies Chair  
440-248-1838



PTA Board of Officers

## GIVING WEEK

Giving Week is about providing our children not only the opportunity to give back to the community by donating items, but to also provide them with a unique learning experience where they can get their "hands dirty."

This year, Giving Week will take place the week of May 17th. We are excited about working on making this year about the impact our students can make on a local level. Look for more information to follow in the next few weeks.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact **Lisa Friedman** ([lisafriedmanesq@yahoo.com](mailto:lisafriedmanesq@yahoo.com)) or **Kathy Solganik** ([ksolganik@yahoo.com](mailto:ksolganik@yahoo.com)).

## Fourth Grade Graduation Wall

Attention all Fourth Grade Parents - We need your help!

It is time to start thinking about the Graduation Wall. We need 2 wallet/exchange pictures of your fourth grader. We need a kindergarten picture as well as a current 4th grade picture. Please send pictures to the school office. The wall will be completed in time for the 4th Grade Graduation Dinner on May 27th.

Thank you,

**Cathy Rothschild and Charla Burko-Freireich**



Maddie Weiss helps celebrate Mr. Berthold's birthday with a special birthday hat, a tradition started 15 years ago with her first cousin, aunt, and twin uncle. She is the 5<sup>th</sup> Weiss kid to have Mr. Berthold.

## Have a Student Going to Orchard Next Year?

The Orchard PTA is looking ahead and would like to welcome any parents who are interested in becoming a committee chair for the next school year.

There are many opportunities for those who have only limited time as well as parents who like to dig in. Orchard PTA meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday of each month at 9:15 in the morning as well as one or two meetings at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is always welcome.

If you have a fourth grade student and would like more information about the many committee openings, please contact PTA President **Nancy Markle** at 248-1832 or [NancyMarkle@sbcglobal.net](mailto:NancyMarkle@sbcglobal.net)

See you in August!

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## Fourth Grade Supplement Reminder

The end of the year Fourth Grade Supplement is a gift given by the PTA to our departing fourth grade class. It has been an ongoing tradition for many years and we would like to make this year the best one yet.

We need your help to make sure that all of the children are represented in the book. We'll be collecting any photos that you may have taken throughout the year of the fourth graders. We'd like to include a variety such as: school functions, birthday parties, sporting events, musical recitals or anything else the children are participating in. You can also send photos of your child in kindergarten or 1st grade. We're going to add a new section this year showing where they started.

We hope to make this a special keepsake for them which capture their last year together at Lewis Elementary. We want to ensure that all the kids are represented and the only way for that to happen is with your help.

There will be a box available in the office where you can drop off any photos, discs with digital photos, or you may e-mail the jpeg files directly to me at [sueazz@ameritech.net](mailto:sueazz@ameritech.net) . Digital files are preferred but physical photos will work as well.

Thank you,  
**Sue Azzarello**  
and the 4th Grade Supplement Committee

## Fourth Grade Graduation Dinner

SAVE THE DATE

THE TIME HAS COME TO MOVE FORWARD,  
TO SAY GOODBYE TO LEWIS AND HELLO TO ORCHARD,  
PARENTS AND FOURTH GRADE STUDENTS PLEASE  
REMEMBER THIS DAY,  
WE WILL BE CELEBRATING ON THURSDAY  
THE 27<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY,  
5:30 – 7:30 IS WHEN THE GRADUATION DINNER AND FUN  
WILL BE HAD BY ALL,  
SO GET READY TO CELEBRATE OUR 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS AND  
HAVE A BALL.



## CALLING ALL SECPTA ALUMNI...

Join us on May 27<sup>th</sup> for SECPTA's final meeting of the year as we will be a look back at the last 10 years of SECPTA.

We invite all alumni for a light dinner followed by the business meeting at 7pm and the program immediately following. After our program we will have social time for all at the Rusty Bucket at 8:30pm.

Do you have a SECPTA story to share with us? We would love to hear it.

Email [president@solonearlychildhoodpta.com](mailto:president@solonearlychildhoodpta.com) with your story or to RSVP for the evening.

## BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



Thanks to everyone for their continuing support for Box Tops for Education! We are proud that we have beaten our annual goal of \$1250 by earning over \$1300 for Lewis Elementary School.

May 19 is our next and final collection date for this school year. Please continue saving Box Tops for Education and send them in by May 19. Don't forget to ask your family members and friends to send you their collections as well!



We are also collecting Campbell Soup labels. You can find them on Campbell Soup Products, Pepperidge Farm Products, Prego, Swansons, V-8, Spaghetti's and Franco American Gravies.

Please send them in your Box Tops Collection Bag.

Thanks for all you have done this year!

**Leigh Goldie** and **Kelly Pfundstein**  
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Box Tops Co-Coordinators

## READ-A-THON THANK YOU

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We can't say thank you enough to all the hard working volunteers who made our 2nd Annual Read-a-Thon a huge success! The committee did an outstanding job communicating, soliciting prizes, keeping everything organized, and operating smoothly.

Special thanks to our hard working Treasurer Andrea Martin-Clay who not only solicited prizes, but helped nearly every day to hand out prizes and was also there each day of the collection process making sure we balanced! Andrea and her co-chair for Holiday Gift Shop, Sheri Tavens, also donated many of their extras to Read-a-Thon to use as prizes.

### Thank you to our dedicated committee:

Jill Braun - Solicitations

Chris Bryant - Best Last Minute Newcomer to Solicitations

Stacy Esper - Solicitations

Heather Ferris - Best New Kindergarten Parent Solicitations

Faith Gilbert - Solicitations

Andrea Martin-Clay - Solicitations, Operations

Kelly Pfundstein - Decorations (Best Posters Ever) and Operations

Mindy Rich - Helped Streamline Communications

Vikki Rzepka - Solicitations

Alyson Sahl - Best New 1st Grade Parent Solicitations

Sheri Tavens - Decorations and Display Cabinet

Stacey Weber - Best Stand-in Solicitations

JoEllen Weingarten - Solicitations, Operations

Susan Weiss - Operations

Teresa Whitham - Communications

### Special Thanks to:

Mr. Bolden - who took 2 pies for the cause

Teachers and Staff - for the encouragement and support

Each of our corporate sponsors and prize contributors

Most of all, we want to thank our children who raised over \$10,000 for Lewis PTA operations, read an astounding 300,000+ minutes, and participated at 93%! They blew us away with their enthusiasm and hard work.

Thank You!

**Lainie Cohen** and **Cathy Suttle Kichler**, co-chairs



## Orchard School Supply Kits

Fourth grade parents: Don't miss your chance to order school supplies for next fall at Orchard Middle School. Orchard has teamed up with Innisbrook to bring you grade-level, custom packed back to school packs. They include all of the brand name products your child needs for the first day of school.

The sale runs **April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 21<sup>st</sup>**. Order forms and the supply list are available online on the Orchard Middle School home page on the Solon Schools website.

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