



Forest PTA Footnotes ...

November 2009

PTA Presidents Corner

November...Thanksgiving...A time for giving thanks...I'd like to take this time to thank all of our wonderful parent volunteers who have generously donated (or will soon) their time (or baked goods). Many of our programs, like Special Person's Day, couldn't happen without you. Thank you.

I'd also like to thank the teachers and staff who have joined our PTA. It means a great deal to know you are supporting our efforts and making this a true "Parent Teacher Association" in every way. What a great team we are supporting our children.

On November 20th, the PTA is bringing in Stuffie from the Natural History Museum.

Lastly, plan on joining us on Tuesday Nov 17th at 7:00pm in the GYM. As always, we will have refreshments and babysitting. You'll get a sneak peak of our upcoming events.

Thank you,
Shari Kasarcik
PTA President 2009-2010



Calendar of Events

November

- 2 2nd grade field trip
- 3 Vote! No school – Teacher in-service day
- 5 Book talk with 3rd grade with NO Library Children's Librarian
- 5 Market Day pickup @ 6pm in the gym
- 6 3rd grade field trip
- 9 Report cards go home this week
- 11 Veteran's Day Flag Raising
- 12 Conferences
- 17 Conferences
- 17 PTA @ 7:00pm in the gym
- 20 What's Inside Stuffie? Assembly
- 25 No School
- 26 Happy Thanksgiving!
- 28 Online Market Day orders due

December

- 3 Market Day pickup @ 6pm in the gym
- 4 Holiday Shop
- 7 Interim Reports out this week

Submissions for the December newsletter are due November 17th. Please E-Mail them to:

dbengele1@gmail.com



From Mr. Monnin's Desk

October has come and gone in a flash. Each day is packed with learning, teaching, and great effort from our students. I am so pleased with the progress we've made so far through the first two months of the school year. I've had a chance to watch and learn from our students in their classrooms. I have sat on the floor and played math games with students. I have had a chance to listen to first graders share stories they wrote in front of the whole class. I had the chance to bring my wife's grandma to act as my "grandma" on Special Person's Day. We worked together to create a symmetry project, as second graders were studying this in math. Excitement is taking place at Forest each and every day!

- **Student Illness** – Our absences have increased as October has moved forward. With the flu bug traveling around, I expect this to continue for a while. Please, don't send your child to school with a fever, or if they have thrown up. They need the rest, and they need to be healthy to return to school.
- **Parking** – Thanks to all of our families who are utilizing the parking lot correctly. We still have a few parents who are parking in NO PARKING zones. Please continue to park on the east side of the building next to our gym. The area that is striped with paint along the north edge is a NO PARKING zone. I know that some parents would like to make sure to beat the buses out, but for safety purposes, just park in the right spots. Thank you.
- **Camera** – Thanks to the PTA for donating the funds to purchase a new digital camera for the school. Mrs. Caesar, in our library, has been hard at work putting it to use. This will be great for our website, school displays, and classroom use. Thanks again!

Making a Difference! (October)

Below is a list of the students who have received the "I Have Made a Difference" Award during the month of October! They have been recognized by their teacher or by another staff member who caught them making good choices, treating someone kindly, etc. Their names are on display on our family tree outside the gym. CONGRATULATIONS!

Rakan Abu Jaradeh	Hennah Allan	Leah Allen	James Aslanis
Tamer Assi	Patrick Beatrez	Nathan Beavers	Kayla Carman
Nikolai Dodig	Julia Doyle	Sean Elbin	Matthias Fabian
Patrick Fuerst	Gillian Gallagher	Asia George-Huff	Jessica Gioia
Jordan Giraldo	Bradley Gribble	Suzanne Hamdan	Mahmoud Jaber
Thomas Kasarcik	Isha Kedia	Joseph Kennedy	Kate Kennedy
Dana Kolesar	Natalie Kowalewski	Bridget Kukowski	Gillian Lewis
Christian Lysyj	Logan Massey	Joshua Mattes	Fawzi Meri
Vincent Merriner	Ryan Mossbrugger	Ella Murphy	Nadien Mustafa
Mohammed Najjar	Bianca Nelson	Kevin Olah	Aly Pickryl
Laila Radwan	Kelsey Rahm	Kohle Reddinger	Amir Salahaldin
Griffin Schopf	Ronald Schultz	Jack Schwarz	Kayla Shimkoski
Ritaj Shoman	Adam Spencer	Marissa Suhayda	Trinity Sullivan
Emma Tabor	Andrew Trexler	Chanel Vuong	Mohammed Yassin
Jenna Zak			

Third Grade News

Greetings from Science!

Do you know the difference between a rock and a mineral? Your third grader does! They have been exploring minerals by observing their properties. They tested each mineral's streak, hardness, magnetism, and more!

The third graders are currently learning how the three types of rocks form and will soon explore soils from around the world. We are having fun and learning too!

In social studies, our classes are wrapping up a unit on Map Skills and will begin a unit on People in Societies. We will look at where our ancestors came from and the contributions made by immigrants to American culture. Our culminating activity will be a country research project and 3-D book.



Thank you to all of our October Market Day customers! Together we earned **\$287.73** for the Forest PTA and our children!

Deadlines for November are as follows...10/28 – all order forms must be in to the office; 10/31 – all internet orders must be completed by 12:00 am (NO EXCEPTIONS!) Pick up will be on 11/5 at 6 pm in the school gym. Any questions can be directed to Kim Rahm at 777-1002 or kimrahm@gmail.com.

Thanks to all of the families and students who donated apple pies to The North Olmsted Food Pantry. Together we gave many families dessert for Thanksgiving!

~~Reminder.....our annual Market Day Cookie Dough Sale is coming up with our December sale, so save those holiday cookie orders for December when we have our Cookie Dough Specials! Tell your families, neighbors and friends; anyone is welcome to order and the more we order as a group the more money Forest PTA will receive per cookie dough ordered.*~*~ A great idea for holiday cookies!!!

If you are interested in helping at pick up we are in need of volunteers to watch kids while the parents are assisting with unloading the truck and organizing orders **and** volunteers to assist with the truck and orders. If you can assist, please call Mindi at 716-3262. Thank you.

Mindi Doucette
716-3262

Kim Rahm
777-1002

Colleen Bengeler
777-2341

It is important for students to continue to practice addition and subtraction facts and read daily. Thank you for your support.

Mrs. Benik, Mrs. Horning, Mrs. Phillips,
Mrs. Vacha

Veteran's Day

Calling all Veterans! We are hosting a special flag raising ceremony at Forest Primary School, and we would love for you to join us. This won't last longer than 30 minutes. It will be held the morning of November 11th at 9:15am.

If you are a Veteran, or have a family member who is one, would you consider joining us?

This gives us a chance to show our students how important Veterans are to our country, and what role they played in our history.

It's Not to Late to Join Forest PTA!

We are a group of parents, educators and community members dedicated to making a difference in the education and quality of life for our children. We need the support and encouragement of your membership to help us carry out this important commitment! Statistics prove that children do better in school when their parents are involved with their education. Part of that involvement can come from your PTA membership.

We are holding a contest to see who has the most memberships! Right now Mrs. Roll's PM Kindegarten class is leading by two memberships with Mrs. Horning's and Mrs. Phillips tied in second. The lucky winner will receive a class popsicle party! Please feel free to email Erin Schopf at schopf45@aol.com with questions or return the membership form below. Let's continue to make Forest School a great place to learn!

Child's Name: _____ Teacher: _____

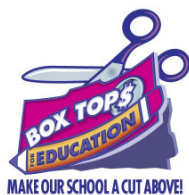
Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone#: _____

Email: _____

of Memberships _____ x \$6.00= \$ _____



Box Tops News

We have collected about \$482.00 to date. We are doing well to reach our goal of \$1200.00. We still need everyone to continue to bring in their Box Tops and Bonus Box Tops (through Giant Eagle) to reach our goal.

Thank You,

Colleen Bengele



Campbell's Labels for Education

Thank You for all the UPC's and bonus collection sheets. We have collected nearly 2350 points at this time. Campbell's has a promotion until December 31st. If we send in 2500 points by December 31st they will match it with 2500 additional points. So keep the labels rolling and hopefully we can get 2500 points.

Thank You,

Colleen Bengele

REFLECTIONS CONTEST

THEME: "Beauty is..."

Forms have been sent home with students regarding the PTA Reflections Contest (on blue paper). If you are interested in submitting an entry, please fill out the bottom portion of the form with the area of interest circled and return it to the school as soon as possible. I will then supply you with the complete rules and Official Student Entry form. This is not a mandatory program, but provides students an opportunity to express themselves artistically. Students can submit as many entries as they wish.

Entries will be collected from Monday, November 16 - Tuesday, November 24, 2009. Turn them in to the school.

If you have any additional questions, please call or email Jenny 801-1194 or mortensenjenny@gmail.com



What is Market Day?

Market Day is a monthly food program that offers convenient, quality foods for your family while returning 10% of the purchase price directly to **FOREST PRIMARY PTA**. Thanks to the generous support of customers like you we raised **\$4200 last year!** This money was used for school assemblies, our all school field trip, cultural arts day and we purchased a Smart Board for the school!

Ordering is Simple!

Order online at www.marketday.com Account # 11681 or complete the monthly order sheet which is sent home with your child and return it by the specified due date to your child's teacher.

Payment is Convenient!

If you order online you can prepay using Visa or Master Card in a secured transaction or you can pay at the sale using cash or check. No waiting in line if you prepay!

Pickup is Easy!

Pick up is in the school gym on Thursdays from 6 – 7 pm. Sale dates are:
Sept 10; Oct 8; Nov 5; Dec 3; Jan 14; Feb 11; Mar 11
April 15; May 13; June 4

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL'S FUNDRAISER
BY PLACING A MARKET DAY ORDER TODAY!**

Kim Rahm 777-1002
Market Day Co-Chair

Thank You

Dear PTA,

Thank you so very much for providing us with an awesome digital camera. It will be put to constant use in our classrooms, assemblies, media center, large groups, small groups, field trips, daily work, and parties. You'll see the results of this camera with many, many pictures posted on our media center bulletin boards. We sincerely appreciate your generosity and your consideration of the media center with such a useful and necessary tool. Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kimble
Mrs. Caesar

NOVEMBER

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