

PTO News

Hi! Just wanted to touch base with everyone. Hope you have been having a great summer. We have been really busy with softball this summer, but unfortunately it is now over.

We are planning work days for next week; July 26-29 from 8:30 -12:00 to complete our lunchroom project. We may be there later on some days and we will work until the job is done, so we may be finished before Thursday. I will try to send an e-mail if this happens so no one will make a trip for nothing.

This is also the week of Cheer Camp and I will have a table set-up with JDA "stuff" for sale. Magnets for \$5; water bottles for \$4; sport towels for \$2; coozies for \$1; remaining tshirts for \$5 and sweatshirts for \$10. There will be a special back to school "show your spirit" combo pack for \$10 which will include a magnet, water bottle, sport towel and coozie. You can purchase at cheer camp or via e-mail. The PTO will also be selling all the above items at all the home games this school year.

I also wanted to let everyone know tentative dates for the PTO fundraisers for this school year. Sally Foster will be our kick-off fundraiser around the last week of August - 1st week of September. The next fundraiser will be the Fall Carnival scheduled for Oct. 23. I will need to be notified as soon as possible with room moms so we can start preparing early. I will also post a sign-up sheet in the lower and upper school for class booths. The PTO will host the JDA Store, Dunking Booth, and possibly one or two other booths at the carnival. More info will be discussed at our PTO meeting. We will then host our Christmas Store in December and our 2nd Annual Golf Tournament tentatively scheduled for April 30.

We have decided to have PTO meetings once a semester due to conflicting schedules of all of our working parents. Most communication will be handled via e-mail. Our PTO Newsletter will be sent only once/mth to save on cost of paper and if any pertinent info needs to be sent immediately, it will be included on the Thursday Express and also posted on the JDA website. The sign out front will communicate upcoming events.

This will be the last year for current officers presiding over the JDA PTO. Please, if anyone is interested for next school year (2011-12) let me know. This will also be discussed at our 1st PTO meeting along with suggestions of what projects monies raised through PTO will be used for.

I also wanted to let everyone know I will continue collecting boxtops, printer cartridges, and Campbell's labels - I WILL NOT continue collecting aluminum cans due to lack of storage space at school and at my house. We will continue providing office supplies for our school through printer cartridge recycling with Office Max. We can contribute over \$1000 to our office supply budget with printer cartridges alone. I also want to dedicate box top contributions to office supplies.

School begins on Friday, August 20. We will have our 1st PTO meeting on Monday, August 30 at 7pm in the lunchroom. Please plan to attend. We need everyone's support to make this year successful.

Vicki Phillips