

MARCH 2011 NEWSLETTER

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

On March 12, hundreds of volunteers – parents, teachers, staff, community members, and sponsors – came together at the PTA Carnival to support our elementary schools. Even in these tough economic times, the DeWitt community has shown that our children's education is top priority. THANK YOU to everyone who had a part in making this year's Carnival a great success. I am so proud to be part of an organization and community that is so generous!

Even though our biggest fundraiser is over and the end of the school year approaches, the PTA is still hard at work planning more events for children, families and staff.

Mileage Club is a program that encourages children to be more physically active. This voluntary 6 week program is held in the spring at Schavey Road and Scott Schools. The children can walk/run laps at their lunch recess for prizes.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week (May 2-6) is a week to celebrate and show our appreciation for all our terrific teachers!

PTA Family Fitness Night – Get physically active together as a family. More information coming soon!

Join us when you can and enjoy the rest of the school year! Thanks for making it such a success -

Tracy Piotrowicz, President

FAMILY FITNESS NIGHT AND COMMUNITY 1 MILE WALK/RUN

This is a new event this year. Because we can't use the high school track for our usual Spring Fun Run, we are combining Fun Run with a Parent Education Night and have come up with a new and exciting event. The PTA will host a Family Fitness Night where 1st-6th graders can earn mileage club credit, then the entire family can participate in a fitness fair, followed by a community one-mile run or walk on the high school cross country trail.

*Thursday, May 19th 5:30-7:30pm
DeWitt High School, East parking lot*

Schedule:

- ~5:30-6pm Check-in / mileage club participation
- ~6-7pm Family Fitness Fair ~ demonstrations will include Zumba, yoga, boot camp, biking, martial arts, and nutrition
- ~7-7:30pm One (1) Mile Walk/Run

Look for information on this exciting and FREE event coming home soon.

Stephanie Lewandowski, Amy Van Tighem,
Kelly Preston



We Want YOU!

Calling all interested parties! We are in need of people willing to take on PTA board positions. It is a great way of being involved with your children's schools. Please see the available positions for the 2011-2012 school year. If interested, please contact Alison Kahl at 669-5005 or Kahl1_1999@yahoo.com. Specific duties for each position can be found by calling or e-mailing Alison. Many positions sound way more complicated than they actually are. Remember, all of our efforts directly support our four elementary schools.

2011-2012 OPEN POSITIONS:

President Vice President
Secretary Membership co-chair
Herbison Woods Co-Representative
2 Fall Tailgate co-chairs
2 Carnival co-Chairs

SCHAVEY ROAD SCHOOL UPDATE

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the following parent for their generosity during the spring conference cuisine. We appreciate the donations of paper goods and delicious dishes as well as the time you gave to prepare and clean-up the meal. Kelly Huffman, Christy Stehouwer, Carin Stevens, Stacy Fernandez, Marcela Rodriguez, Becky Tice, Beth Adler, Jen Irish, Vicki Behovitz, Wendy Baker, Dana Kromer, Alison Kahl, Carol Burns, Laurie Seybert, Sandy LaGrand, Courtney Stoner, Kim Aeschliman, Kim Sackett, Cecilia Stajos, Tammy Weiss, Kimberly Guerrazzi, Cheryl Randall, Laurie Hoffman, Sara Stajos, Susanne Langer, Jill Bangs, Cammie Jones, Amy Hovey, Peggy Ruiz-Helmic, Dee Krause, Kelly Preston, Tracey Toune, Peggy Ruiz-Helmic, Megan Tressel, Ellen Simmons, Lisa Hoffer, Mercedes Ward, Kris Dickens.

We are off and running with Mileage Club on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during lunch recess. Feel free to join your child on those days for a few laps around the blacktop! If you are still interested in volunteering please email Tricia Briningstool at briningstool@comcast.net.

HERBISON WOODS NEWS

A big thank you goes out to all our parents who graciously donated their time and talents to make our Conference Cuisine a big success. The teachers were thrilled to have dinner and breakfast. Over 35 parents participated to make meals for the Herbison Woods staff. THANK YOU!!

We'd also like to thank Danielle Bolda, Tricia Briningstool, and Carrie Schon for helping out with the Mobile Renewable Energy initiative that took place at Herbison Woods at the end of March.

Thanks again to everyone!!!
Deirdre & Tammy

FUERSTENAU UPDATE

It is hard to believe how fast the end of the year is approaching. A big thank you to the following people for donating the delicious food for the staff's spring conference meals: Carmen Argersinger, Christy Vostrizansky, Cindy Nixon, Danielle Bolda, Deirdre Thompson, Elizabeth Bethard, Emily Frushour, Jessie Brannon, Kim Aeschilman, Kim Rooney, Kimberly Blemaster, Kristen Heethuis, Michelle Wieferich, Mindy Render, Sandy LeGrand, Shannon Barr and Shari Derby Bentoske. The staff was very grateful for the meals. Thanks again for all the help!

Deanne Kelleher and Hollie Rusthoven
FECC Building Reps



SCOTT SCHOOL UPDATE

The countdown to the end of the 2010/2011 school year has begun. We cannot believe how fast the year has flown by! Below is a summary of what the PTA has been doing at Scott School since our last newsletter.

We would like to thank all of the PTA Carnival Silent Auction Classroom Coordinators for all of their hard work in collecting donations for their classroom auction items/baskets. Thank you to all of the parents as well who donated to your child's classroom. And to all of the Scott School staff that agreed to auction themselves off in the silent auction, THANK YOU for the donation of your time and talents. Total 2011 silent auction revenue was \$14,755; a 3.5% increase over last year's phenomenal results!! We could not have achieved these outstanding results without all of your help and donations.

The PTA hosted "Conference Cuisine" for the Scott School staff on March 17-18. This event could not continue to occur without the generous breakfast, dinner, dessert and snack donations from our parents: Amy VanTighem, Amy Satkowiak, Wendy Baker, Michelle Wieferrich, Marcela Rodriguez, Cary Ruiter, Sarah Hegerfeld, Sue Draut, Barb Helser, Leslie Yabs, Lisa Hoffer, Deanne Kelleher, Becky Tice, Cindy Nixon, Judith Sermon, Sara Stajos, Shelly Kransberger, Holly Schafer, Kari Harrant, Chris McCrackin, Deirdre Thompson, Katie Flannery, Carrie Schon, Mercedes Ward, Tammy Weiss, Carol Burns, Jill Bangs, Barb Groom, Traci Ruiz and Tammy Kinney. The teachers really appreciated the soups, potato bar, breads, snacks, drinks and desserts that everyone provided. Thanks, once again, for being such a generous group of parents!!

Mileage Club kicked off on April 15. It is not too late to volunteer or come and walk with your child; they love that! Mileage Club occurs during your child's lunch time recess on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Heidi at elup@comcast.net.

Let's hope all of these April showers bring us a boat load of May flowers!!

Pam McIntosh and Heidi Meagher – Scott School Representatives

UPCOMING PTA EVENTS

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| <i>May 2-6</i> | <i>Teacher/Staff Appreciation</i> |
| <i>May 17</i> | <i>PTA Board Meeting</i> |
| <i>May 19</i> | <i>Family Fitness Night</i> |
| <i>Mid May</i> | <i>Bus Driver Appreciation Brkfst</i> |
| <i>June 10</i> | <i>Last Day of School</i> |