



JANUARY 2011 NEWSLETTER

NEW YEAR, NEW OPPORTUNITIES

It's a new year with new opportunities and I invite all parents, teachers and community members to resolve to get connected, be part of the solution and join PTA in enriching the lives of all DeWitt elementary students. You can still reap the benefits of PTA membership for the second half of the school year and beyond! Simply download a membership form from our website (ptadewitt.org) and submit with the membership fee.

Take Your Family to School Week: February 13–19. Consider volunteering at your child's school this week. Research has shown that family engagement, both at home and school, is a critical ingredient for a child's success in school. If you already volunteer on a regular basis, why not try other opportunities like volunteering in the school library or attending music or physical education class with your child.

Our biggest fundraiser, the PTA Carnival, is scheduled for Saturday, March 12. The monies raised from this and other PTA fundraisers provide many enhancements to our children's education. Last year, even in tough economic times, we were able to raise over \$27,000 because of the tremendous support of parents, teachers, staff, community members and sponsors! Over the next several years, all Michigan schools will continue to struggle to make ends meet. I strongly encourage you to consider volunteering your time and/or talent to make this event successful. Our children are counting on us!

Tracy Piotrowicz, President

PTA CARNIVAL

The 2011 Dewitt PTA Carnival is fast approaching. This year the date is March 12, 2011 from 11-4. We need your support to raise funds for our elementary schools! There are plenty of opportunities to help including classroom silent auction coordinators, bake sale donations, and volunteers to work at the carnival. Please mark your calendars! Call or email Carol Burns (517) 203-8087 or Erin Debri (517) 282-7146. More detailed information will come home in Friday folders soon!

MEET THE SUPERINTENDENT

In an effort to meet parents, teachers and community members, Superintendent Dr. John Deiter will be attending our February 15 General Business Meeting. Please join us at 7:00pm in the Herbison Woods Media Center for a short business meeting and an opportunity to meet Dr. Deiter.

UPCOMING PTA EVENTS

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| Feb. 13-19 | Take Your Family to School Wk. |
| February 15 | PTA Board Mtg, 7pm@Herbison |
| March 3 | Skate Night @Edru |
| March 12 | PTA CARNIVAL |
| March 15 | PTA Board Mtg. 7pm@Herbison |
| March 17-18 | Conf. Cuisine for Teachers/Staff |
| March 22 | Parent Education Night |

SKATE NIGHT

Our PTA Skate Nights have been a huge success! In November, we had 188 skaters and for our January night, we had 268! We received a check in the amount of \$362 from EDRU Skate*A*Rama for our participation! Thank you~

A small, blue, sparkly change purse was found at EDRU. If it belongs to your child, please call (517) 699-2002 to claim.

Our next and last skate night for this year will take place on Thursday, March 3, 2011, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Mark your calendars now~ We don't have school on the following Friday, so the kids can be out a little later that night! \$5.00 per skater and includes regular skates. \$2.00 in-lines or speed skates. \$4.00 Laser Tag (New game/new price).

If you have any questions, please contact Kristi Lewis at (517) 669-8820 or kjdlewis@comcast.net.

FUERSTENAU UPDATE

Things are a Buzz at Fuerstenau. A big thank you to all who assisted with the fall conference cuisine: Kirstie Almy, Kimberly Blemaster, Jessie Brannon, Danielle Bolda, Kim Rooney, Michelle Wieferich, Renee Latunski, Kim Aeschliman, Gwen French, Sandy LeGrant, Mindy Render, Cindy Nixon, Shari Derby Bentoske, Elizabeth Bethard, Deirdre Thompson, Christy Vostrizansky, Kristen Heethuis, Shannon Barr and Emily Frushour.

This spring we have many events to assist with and show our appreciation to the wonderful staff including: Incoming Kindergarten parent meeting, spring conference cuisine, Kindergarten roundup and staff appreciation week. If you didn't get a chance to sign up at the beginning of the year, we could still use your help. Please contact us if you are interested in helping this spring.

Many Thanks,
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SCOTT SCHOOL UPDATE

Happy New Year everyone! Can you believe that the school year is almost half over?! As we reach that halfway point, we want to take the time to thank the parents who contributed to the fall "Conference Cuisine" that the PTA put on for the Scott School staff in October: Marcela Rodriguez , Shelley Kransberger, Carrie Schon, Mariah Manning, Amy Sands, Chris Tanke, Lisa Dennis, Traci Ruiz, Adina Jackson, Cindy Nixon, Judith Sermon, Barb Groom, Mercedes Ward, Deanne Kelleher, Carol Burns, Gudrun Buffa, Beth Schorfhaar, Becky Tice, Jill Bangs, Katie Flannery, Cary Ruitter, Michelle Wieferich, Tracy Wescott, Chris McCrackin, Darla Shellberg, Holly Schafer, Kate Jones, Sue Draut, Stephanie Lewandowski, Tammy Weiss, Tammy Kinney, Deirdre Thompson, Leslie Yabs, Heidi Meagher, Lisa Hoffer and Sarah Hegerfeld. The staff really appreciated the soup, salad, bread, drinks, desserts and snacks that everyone provided. Thanks for being such a generous group of parents!!

There are still several opportunities to get involved at Scott School. You could coordinate your child's classroom silent auction item/basket (or make a donation towards it) for the PTA Carnival, help with the spring book fair or spring pictures, contribute to the spring "Conference Cuisine", or get involved in Mileage Club, which will start near Spring Break. If you returned your "PTA Parent Volunteer Form" in the fall, we will definitely be contacting you. If you didn't sign up, it isn't too late. You can contact either of us at any time!

Thank you Scott School Parents!

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