

## JUNE 2011 NEWSLETTER

### **WHAT A YEAR!**

Open houses, Fall Tailgate, Original Works, Love & Logic Seminar, "Ducks in a Row" parent organizational seminar, Business meetings, Skate Nights, Spirit Wear sale, Carnival, Mileage Club, Family Fitness Night, Conference Cuisines, Staff Appreciation week, Bus Driver Breakfast, Mileage Club and Field Days. **WHEW!**

As this school year comes to an end, I would like to thank everyone who had a part in making this a tremendously successful year for the DeWitt Elementary PTA. Thank you to the PTA Leadership team and committee chairs; you are truly the most hard-working, dedicated people I know. Thank you to our principals and staff for your continued support. Thanks to the parents who participated in PTA events, donated items and supported our fundraising efforts; we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you to the community and local businesses who donated everything from membership perks to meals. DeWitt is a wonderful community that has proven it is committed to our children and their education.

I invite and encourage everyone to join PTA next year as we continue to enrich the lives and education of DeWitt Elementary students.

Have a great summer and I'll see you in the fall!  
Tracy Piotrowicz, President

### **WANTED: 2012 CARNIVAL CHAIRS**

Like to manage volunteers, plan events and details? Grab a friend and help us with our biggest fundraiser of the year. There's lots of support for the 2012 Carnival to help you get started. If you would like to know more about this position, please contact Tracy Piotrowicz at 927-2232 or [tawicz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tawicz@sbcglobal.net).



### **FAMILY FITNESS NIGHT**

Our first Family Fitness Night was a HUGE success. Children kicked it off with Mileage Club walking. We had more than 90 students attend who worked on Mileage Club credit. Then participants, adults and children, were able to visit a number of different interactive demonstrations. Thank you so much to all of our presenters: Marcy Uyl (Boot Camp), Tracy Wescott (yoga), Bikeworks, ATA, DeWitt YMCA, and Heather Stevons (Zumba). Finally, families ran/walked a one-mile route which was led by the DeWitt JV Golf team. A huge "thanks" goes out to Fred Hingst and his golf team for all of the hard work they did. We'd also like to thank our sponsors: Geodetic Designs Inc, Housecalls Veterinary Hospital, EMA ~ Emergency Medical Associates, and Old Mission Appraisals.

Co-Chairs: Stephanie Lewandowski, Kelly Preston,  
and Amy Van Tighem

## TREASURERS NOTE

Once again, during the 2010-11 school year, the families of Dewitt elementary school students have allowed the PTA to provide an extraordinary amount of money to the four schools we serve. A breakdown of how the allocated funds have been spent so far is below:

**Scott School** (\$7,027) - 10 netbooks, playground equipment (hula hoops, flag football kit, equipment cart), computer lab headphones, binding machine, traveling history museum lesson for 4th graders, netbook cart

**Herbison Woods** (\$7,027) - Recorders for 5th graders, student planners, DARE graduation t-shirts, 4 study carrels, entrance door and office window graphics, positive behavior support posters

**Schavey Rd.** (\$7,027) - Transportation for field trips, more details to come

**Fuerstenau** (\$4,918) - Childcare for kindergarten parent meeting, transportation costs for field trips.

In addition, each teacher and support staff (counselors, interventionists, etc.) received a grant of \$75 to help defray the costs of supplies they need to run their classes or programs effectively.

A big thank you to everyone who has helped support our PTA this year. Let's make next year an even better year for our kids, teachers, administrators and schools!

Kristin McNamara, Treasurer

## SCHAVEY ROAD UPDDATE

Wow! What an amazing staff appreciation week. The teachers and staff were thrilled with the meals, desserts, special treats and the thoughtful notes and messages from students and parents.

We want to extend a special thank you to Jen Irish and the Draft House for providing a delicious lunch for the Schavey Staff.

We also want to thank the the multitude of parents for giving your time, desserts and paper goods to make the week a success: Dana Kromer, Deb Blake, Sarah Gustafson, Mary Poff, Kathy Eiferle, Vicki Behovitz, Erika Rothwell, Laurie Seybert, Alison

## SCHAVEY ROAD Continued

Kahl, Beth Adler, Melissa Kirkpatrick, Kim Sackett, Mindy Bischoff, Tracey Toune, Marcela Rodriguez, Carol Burns, Becky Tice, Veronica Huver, Megan Tressel, Teresa Vanis, Katie Flannery, Michelle Wightman, Barbara Lowes, Courtney Stoner, Kimberly Guerrazzi, Mercedes Ward, Marcy Uyl, Dee Krause, Jill Bangs, Laurie Hoffman Suzie Unruh, Mary Farnum and JoAnn West.

Mileage Club was also a huge success this year! The kids walked/ran miles and miles and miles! We so appreciate each and every volunteer who donated his/her time and energy to this fabulous program. Two hard-working classrooms will be walking to the High School for a Pool Party to celebrate the most cards completed. Thank you to Mr. Shipps, Ms. Reifenrath and Community Ed for making this happen.

Thank you again to Melissa Kirkpatrick, Jenifer Main, Marcy Uyl, Steph McKinley, Tammy Weiss, Barb Lowes, Jennifer Koski, Melissa Knippen, Becky Young, Vicki Behovitz, Sue Ruegsegger, Kim Aeschliman, Zack Aeschliman, Fran Cooney, Abby Reynolds, Mercedes Ward, Joanne West, Alison Kahl, Shelly Kransberger, Kris Dickens, Kim Sackett, Sarah Marshall, Tracy Wescott, Deb Blake, Dee Krause, Cindy Maleczlea, Pam McIntosh, Rob McIntosh, Susan Mayes, Koren Carpenter, Lisa Bosanic, Kate McCullough, Megan Tressel, Elizabeth Bethard and Clay Bethard. We'd also like to thank Ginny and Tracy for their never-ending help and kindness!

Tricia Briningstool and Elizabeth Bethard  
Schavey PTA Representatives

## SKATE NIGHTS

Thank you roller skaters and parents who took their skaters to EDRU this year for our PTA Skate Nights! We had three great parties and I hope everyone enjoyed themselves~ Over \$600 was given to our PTA from EDRU for our participation!

Our tentative skate nights for next year are: November 10th, January 12th and March 1st. Hope to see you there! Kristi Lewis, Skate Night Chair

## **SCOTT SCHOOL UPDATE**

Well, the “End of the World” may have not happened last week, but we know that the end of the school year here at Scott School is evident. Before the two of us sign out for the summer, we wanted to report back on some things that have gone on at Scott School since our last newsletter in April.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week was celebrated at Scott School May 2nd through the 6th. This special week kicked off with some fancy sidewalk chalk art work created on Sunday night to welcome the staff on Monday morning. A big THANK YOU goes out to the Lewandowski, Hegerfeld and Wescott families for making this happen! The PTA also organized numerous events throughout the week, including a Monday morning “You’re all that and a bag of chips” snack; a big, beautiful, donated breakfast on Tuesday; an extra “PayDay” snack on Wednesday; lunch provided by Amy's Catering on Thursday and delicious desserts from the parents on Friday. All of this could not have happened without the continued generosity of local businesses such as Amy's Catering and Tim Hortons (donated coffee) and there is no way this could occur without our awesome, dependable Scott School parents: Sarah Hegerfeld, Stephanie Lewandowski, Jana Kennedy, Christy Baldwin, Koren Carpenter, Jill Bangs, Amy Sands, Carey Ruitter, Chris Tanke, Beth Schorfhaar, Staci Dietzel, Marcy Uyl, Heidi and Pam :o), Kathy Eiferle, Kelly Grim, Carrie Schon, Sue Draut, Carol Burns, Mary Mills, Jill Roragens, Traci Ruiz, Holly Schafer, Kate Jones, Barbara Lowes, Jennifer Taft, Vicki Behovitz, Cindy Nixon, Sara Stajos, Danielle Bolda, Jenny Sims, Ginny Matheson, Katie Flannery, Marcela Rodriguez, Mercedes Ward, Erika Rothwell, Michelle Wieferich and Adina Jackson.

Mileage Club ended on May 25 and we were able to squeak out the final day before the rain storms started. The winning classes were Mrs. Zarotney's 3rd grade class with 73 completed cards and Mrs. Kujansuu's 4th grade class with 57 completed cards. Great job to the winners! They will be taking a walk to Scoopy Doo's sometime before school is out for a soft serve cone! Great job to all of the other participants as well. Many toe tags and prizes were handed out to reward the kids for their determination and efforts. There were some really

## **SCOTT SCHOOL UPDATE Continued**

sweaty kids by the end of recess! In total, 703 cards were completed, which equates to approximately 3,515 miles, which is like walking from DeWitt to Albuquerque, NM AND BACK. In the past, Kohl's/Sparrow had sponsored Mileage Club; however, due to various new requirements this year, the PTA decided to sponsor Mileage Club on our own to ensure no child was excluded and we are so proud of how we pulled it out. Thank you to all of our volunteers for helping to make this year a success: Tracy Wescott, Koren Carpenter, Amy VanTighem, Chris Tanke, Jana Kennedy, Kara Belding, Barb Helser, Vicky Behovitz, Kelly Grim, Staci Dietzel, Tracy Piotrowicz, Liz Frederickson, Missy Knippen, Marcy Uyl, Barbara Lowes, Tammy Weiss, Carey Ruitter, Pamela McIntosh, Heidi Meagher, Betty Stone, Sarah Marshall, Nichole Bjorne and Gudrun Buffa.

## **HERBISON WOODS HAPPENINGS**

We would like to thank all of the parents who made Staff Appreciation Week a big success at Herbison Woods.

Jana Kennedy, Kelly Martin, Tracy Wescott, Linda Kahler, Mary Collins, Alison Kahl, Shannon Barr, Cheryl Benner, Paula Wood, Dee Krause, Fran Cooney, Renee Ricks, Karen Weslock, Teresa Vanis, Carey Ruitter, Sue Draut, Jennifer Irish, Amy Stygles, Laurie Awad, Tammy Samra, Jennifer McManus, Beth Adler, Michelle Wieferich, Bridgitt Schultz, Denise Brennan, Theresa Cowgill, Carey Gray, Sarah Hegerfeld, Teresa Brown, Melissa Kirkpatrick, and Cindy Reisig. Also, we would like to thank Amy's Catering for graciously providing the staff with delicious lasagna dinner with salad, bread, cookies, and drinks! The teachers, support staff, and Mr. Bensinger appreciated it!

Again, thanks to everyone who have donated their time, talents, and gifts to make this a great year for the Herbison Woods staff!

Deirdre & Tammy

## 2010-2011 PTA HONOR ROLL

Thank you to all our volunteers for supporting the PTA and  
being involved in DeWitt Public Schools!

Beth Adler	Kris Dickens	Jennifer Koski	Renee Ricks	Suzie Unruh
Kim Aeschliman	Staci Dietzel	Kim Kracko	David Riddell	Marcy Uyl
Zack Aeschliman	Sue Draut	Shelly Kransberger	Cindy Reisig	Angie Vandecar
Victoria Allen	Kathy Eiferle	Dee Krause	Marcela Rodriguez	Teresa Vanis
Kirstie Almy	Mary Farnum	Dana Kromer	Kim Rooney	Nicki VanLake
Carmen Argersinger	Stacy Fernandez	Ann-Marie Kyes	Jill Roragens	Amy VanTighem
Laurie Awad	Sally Fizzell	Sandy LaGrand	Sue Ruegsegger	AmyVerhoughstraete
Wendy Baker	Katie Flannery	Suzanne Langer	Erika Rothwell	Christy Vostrizansky
Christy Baldwin	Ruth Foster	Renee Latunski	Carey Ruitter	Mercedes Ward
Jill Bangs	Liz Frederickson	Stephanie	Traci Ruiz	Lisa Waterson
Shannon Barr	Gwen French	Lewandowski	Peggy Ruiz-Helmic	Beth Webb
Laura Beck	Marise Frenzli	Kristi Lewis	Valerie Rush	Tammy Weiss
Vicki Behovitz	Emily Frushour	Mary Locher	Hollie Rusthoven	Tracy Wescott
Kara Belding	Andrea Gillis	Barbara Lowes	Kim Sackett	Karen Weslock
Cheryl Benner	Carey Gray	Sue Lucian	Tammy Samra	Joanne West
Mark Bensinger	Becky Greisinger	Jennifer Main	Lisa Samson	Michelle Wightman
Shari Derby Bentoske	Courtney Greenfield	Cindy Maleczlea	Amy Sands	Michelle Wiererich
Clay Bethard	Barbara Groom	Mariah Manning	Amy Satkowiak	Paula Wood
Elizabeth Bethard	Kelly Grim	Sarah Marshall	Luann Schaar	Sarah Wynn
Mindy Bischoff	Kimberly Guerrazzi	Gloria Martin	Holly Schafer	Leslie Yabs
Nicole Bjorne	Sarah Gustafson	Kelly Martin	Jennifer Schmitt	Becky Young
Deb Blake	Judy Hanson	Ginny Matheson	Michelle Schneider	Jeanne Young
Kimberly Blemaster	Kari Harrant	Susan Mayes	Beth Schorfhaar	
Michelle Bohy	Kristen Heethuis	Chris McCrackin	Bridgitt Schultz	
Danielle Bolda	Sarah Hegerfeld	Kate McCullough	Jamie Selden	
Lisa Bosanic	Barb Helser	Michelle McGiveron	Judith Sermon	
Kerry Boyd	Brandi Herter	Pam McIntosh	Laurie Seybert	
Jessie Brannon	Fred Hingst & JV	Rob McIntosh	Darla Shellberg	
Denise Brennan	golfers	Steph McKinley	Jodi Shoemake	
Tricia Briningstool	Sarah Hingst	Jennifer McManus	Carrie Shon	
Brooke Broughton	Lisa Hoffer	Kristin McNamara	Gregor Simons	
Kelly Brown	Laurie Hoffman	Molly McNeil	Jenny Sims	
Teresa Brown	Nicole Holzhausen	Erin Meadows	Maylana Sisco	
Sarah Brya	Gayle Hood	Heidi Meagher	Amy Sjoberg	
Gudrun Buffa	Stephanie Hopkins	Kelly Merrifield	Denise Smith	
Brad Burns	Alicia Hostetler	Shawn Millhouse	Kelly Smith	
Carol Burns	Amy Hovey	Mary Mills	Cecilia Stajos	
Koren Carpenter	Kelly Huffman	Vicky Milner	Sara Stajos	
Ron Chapko	Dana Hughes	Janine Montani	Ellen Simmons	
Beth Cieszkowski	Lori Hutting	Leslie Nielsen	Christy Stehouwer	
Sara Cochrane	Veronica Huver	Cindy Nixon	Tammy Stephens	
Shannon Colarossi	Jen Irish	Dave Pabst	Carin Stevens	
Mary Collins	Adina Jackson	Emily Palmatier	Betty Stone	
Gail Cook	Kristin Jackson	Ruth Pearson	Courtney Stoner	
Fran Cooney	Cammie Jones	Autumn Pepper	Amy Stygles	
Theresa Cowgill	Kate Jones	Mary Poff	Cathy Sutton	
Cortney Craig	Alison Kahl	Karen Popowitz	Jane Sutton	
Michelle Crook	Linda Kahler	David Potter	Jennifer Taft	
Mary Crowley	Deanne Kelleher	Melissa Potter	Chris Tanke	
Julie Dalman	Jana Kennedy	Kelly Preston	Deirdre Thompson	
Elyse Davarr	Tammy Kinney	Amy Ramos	Lisa Tibbits	
Amber Davis	Melissa Kirkpatrick	Cheryl Randall	Becky Tice	
Erin Debr	Jessica Klaver	Carrie Reeve	Lisa Toth	
Brock Delaney	Susan Kleitch	Holly Reifenrath	Tracey Toune	
Monica Dennings	Tracy Kleitch	Mindy Render	Megan Tressel	
Lisa Dennis	Missy Knippen	Abby Reynolds	Sara Troutman	

NOTE: If we've overlooked someone, please accept our apologies and thank you for all your support - it is truly appreciated!

