



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the excitement of back to school turns to routine, the DeWitt Elementary PTA is hard at work to support students, parents, teachers and schools for the 2010-2011 school year. We provide support by:

- **Fundraising.** (Carnival, Spirit Wear sale, membership dues) - These monies are used to help fund things like field trips and transportation, assemblies, learning enrichment programs and equipment for the elementary schools.

- **Leading efforts to improve health and physical well-being** of children by offering Health & Wellness programs. (Mileage Club, Fun Run, Skate Nights)

- **Hosting Parent Education Nights.** (Celebrate Calm, Love & Logic, Cyber Safety)- Programs offered assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children as well as understand how to support student learning.

- **Providing family fun activities.** (Carnival, Fall Tailgate, Fun Run)

There are simple ways for you to show your support: join PTA, volunteer, attend a PTA event. Although involvement in PTA is encouraged, it's not the amount of time you can contribute that's important, but rather your commitment to help PTA make a difference.

I invite all parents, teachers and community members to get connected, be part of the solution and join us in enriching the lives of all students.

Tracy Piotrowicz, President

\$\$\$ 2009/2010 SCHOOL ALLOCATIONS \$\$\$

FUERSTENAU \$4,577.00
2 complete sets Rigby Small Group Reading Books
Handwriting without Tears workbooks
Transportation to Potter Park, Music Program rehearsal, Schavey Road visit

SHAVEY ROAD \$6,541.00
Rigby Books for Reading Intervention
5 complete sets Rigby Literacy by Design
Field Trip fees/transportation to Wharton Center, Peacock Road Tree Farm, Annie's Big Nature Lesson

SCOTT SCHOOL \$6,541.00
Ten (10) Netbooks for mini lab
Playground equipment - Jr. footballs, soccer goals, and tether balls/poles, jump ropes, playgrd. Balls.
Wireless Lavalier Microphone
Howell Conference Center & Nature Center's "Furred and Feathered" Assembly
Transportation for Jiffy Plant field trip
Celebrate Calm program speaker

HERBISON WOODS \$6,541.00
Multi-media projector, mount/screen for Library
DARE graduation t-shirts
5th and 6th grade student planners
Video Camera
Digital camera, color printer, supplies
5th grade recorders

TOTAL BUILDING & PROGRAM SUPPORT FOR 2009/2010 = \$31,300

TOTAL BUDGETED FOR 2010/2011 \$35,000+

HOMEcomings TAILGATE PARTY

The DeWitt PTA is sponsoring a Tailgate Party before the Homecoming football game on Friday, October 8th from 5-7pm. We will be set up under the tent outside the football stadium on the grass next to the tennis courts. Bring a blanket, and enjoy all the homecoming festivities with your family, friends and neighbors. The school principals will be grilling the hot dogs again this year! The \$3.00 meal deal includes a hot dog, chips and soda/water. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact Jana Kennedy (669-9221) or Kim Sackett (669-7420) GO PANTHERS!

Herbison Woods Happenings

Herbison Woods has gotten off to a get start this year. The new lockers look great and the students definitely have the knack of them. From what I have heard the 5th graders love their new school. In fact I was told it is the "Coolest, best school ever!" Sixth graders are happy to be the big fish in their little sea. We have some great new teachers and some fabulous returning teachers. This is going to be a great year!

Walk to School Day is coming up on October 6th. Brock Delaney and Liz Woodhams will need a few volunteers to gently guide our students to school. Please contact them if you would like to help.

We would like to send a great big thanks to everyone who helped with lockers and lunches during the first week of school: Michelle Crook, Carrie Shon, Laura Beck, Ron Chapko, Gayle Hood, Marise Frenzli, Shannon Colorosi, Karen Popowitz, Danielle Bolda, Tricia Briningstool, Dee Krause, Jana Kennedy, and Michelle Wieferich. Thanks for stepping up so early in the school year!

Tammy Weiss and Deirdre Thompson

Scott School Update

Another school year is off to a flying start!!! Welcome back everyone! Hopefully all of your kids, and you, are getting comfortable with the new daily routines.

There will be a lot of exciting events happening at Scott School this year. Hard to believe that Book Fair and Picture Day are already under our belts! As the Scott School PTA building representatives, our role is to help coordinate the details around many of these events. So if you completed and returned your Scott School PTA Parent Volunteer Form, THANK YOU! You are sure to hear from us. The Parent Volunteer Form should have come home in your child's Friday Folder already, so if you did not receive it, please contact one of us.

Your volunteer time and efforts are priceless and very much appreciated. The kids love to see their parents and grandparents helping at school. Thank you so much for volunteering!

There is a new, smiling face to greet you in the Scott School office this year. Welcome Denise Urbain, new Scott School building secretary! Denise is in search of some parents to assist with the Great Lakes fundraiser for Scott School, which kicks off in early November. Please contact either of us if you could commit any amount of time to this fundraising effort.

We look forward to volunteering with you this school year!

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Scott School Representatives

CARNIVAL~ Saturday, March 12, 2011

If you're new to the school district you may be asking "What is the Carnival?" Well, it's a fun family event in Mid-March filled with games for all ages, exciting prizes, yummy Carnival snacks, a large Raffle, and a Silent Auction, plus many more surprises! It's a day not to be missed! A committee made up of parent volunteers plans the event and then many more parents & school staff helps to run it the day of. One of the coolest things about it is that all the money raised goes right back to the schools and our kids!

This is the time of year when we send out our request for help. After enjoying being Co-Chairs of the Carnival for several years, we are looking for a couple of people to take over as we mentor them this year. It is a very, very rewarding experience being part of such a successful event. We've enjoyed meeting so many people in the community and getting to know the school staff better. We know that whoever steps up to help out will feel this way too.

There are also several spots open on the committee. It takes about 15 people on the committee to plan certain aspects of the Carnival. Currently we have the following committee chair positions open: Donations, Games, Kitchen, and Volunteers. These openings need to be filled soon but the planning begins for the most part in January.

If you have any questions about how you could help or are interested in filling the Carnival Co-Chair position or one of the committee chair spots, please contact us at dewittcarnival@yahoo.com. Thanks for your support!

Danielle Bolda and Renee Ricks

Hello Schavey Road School,

We want to thank all of you who returned your volunteer forms. Conference cuisine, mileage club and staff appreciation week are all made possible by so many amazing parents and grandparents. If you haven't had a chance, please send the volunteer form into your child's teacher.

It's almost time for parent teacher conferences. Information will be sent out soon detailing how you can help with conference cuisine for our hard working teachers.

We're looking forward to an exciting year at Schavey. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

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UPCOMING PTA EVENTS

October 8	Homecoming Tailgate
Mid Oct.	Artwork fundraiser
October 21	PTA Board Meeting
October 20-22	Conference Cuisine
October 27	Parent Education Program

