

HINCKLEY PTO NEWSLETTER

What's Happening with Hinckley PTO . . .

This is the PTO newsletter that will be issued after each monthly PTO meeting. PTO meetings will be held **every third Tuesday of the month at 9:15 AM** in the school cafeteria. This is a change from last year. This newsletter is typically issued with Mrs. Rastok's School Daze newsletter. The PTO newsletter will include meeting minutes of the most recent PTO meeting, upcoming PTO activities, information on fund raisers, requests for volunteers, committee chairperson articles, etc. Please send articles to email darts4viv@earthlink.net or to the school office for Vivian Bronstrup. Deadline for PTO articles in Wednesday Noon following the PTO meeting.

The green card you received with your PTO information packet is full of important information and is a great tool to keep on hand. It has all the PTO scheduled events listed, most school events, and most importantly a listing of PTO representatives for standing committees. The student directory will be distributed soon. Feel free to contact any Board Member or Committee Chairperson with volunteer interests, questions or comments.

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REMINDER

PTO Volunteer, Room Parent and Directory Information

This information is due **Fri Sept 9**. We are working hard to gather information and get projects started. These forms can be found in the Student Folder that was distributed either on the first day of school or at the Open House. If you haven't done so, please complete and forward to the school office.

Check out the Hinckley PTO!!

The first meeting of 2005-2006 is **Tues Sept 20 at 9:15 AM in the cafeteria**. Everyone is welcome! An agenda will be distributed a week before the meeting. If you cannot make a meeting but have information or ideas to share, please direct them to Suzanne Peterlin, PTO President, for review. You can also use the PTO suggestion box located in the clinic. Please submit information one week prior to the next PTO meeting for addition to the next meeting's agenda, if necessary. Please consider filling one of the open positions found on the "Green Card". We thank you for your participation and welcome your comments and suggestions. Thank you for volunteering your time and supporting the PTO, parents, teachers and especially the students.

We Value Your Opinion

- What did you think of the PTO packet information contained in the Student Folder?
- Do you have questions on information regarding fundraising? Rebates?
- Was the volunteer information sheet easy to read? Easy to use?
- What can we do to improve next year's PTO packet?

Please provide your comments and/or suggestions by using the PTO Suggestion Box in the school clinic, or by contacting Suzanne Peterlin at 330-220-8781 or email suzpeterlin@earthlink.net.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Boy Scout Flea Market

Sat Sept 10 from 9-5

Come and support our PTO at the Annual Boy Scout Flea Market and Community Garage Sale. A PTO booth will be located at the Lutheran Church across from the school. Our PTO will be selling a variety of colors of hearty mums in 9-inch pots. Price: 1 @ \$6.50, 2 @ \$12.00, 3 @ \$18.00. No limit on number of mums purchased!



Magazine Sale

Mon Aug 29 through Fri Sept 23

The QSP Magazine Sale provides an opportunity for you to buy magazines at a discounted price with a pay-later plan. If you are a magazine buyer, this would be one of the easiest ways for you to help our school earn money, as for every dollar spent, Hinckley gets 40 cents. If you already subscribe to a magazine, that's okay because renewals count.



So plan your next renewal through QSP, whether you are renewing now or six months from now. Hinckley earns 40% on all sales. Families, friends, grandparents, relatives can log onto www.qsp.com to order or renew subscriptions. Be sure to identify Hinckley Elementary School when placing your order. Each class that has 40% of students with a minimum of one order/renewal will earn a PIZZA AND POP PARTY. Additional order forms are available in the school office. If you have any questions, please contact David Greiner (QSP Rep) at 330-220-5564 or Kelly McCormack at 330-659-2326.

Skate Night—Wed Sept 28 from 6:30-8:30

Join us for our first PTO Skate Night at Brunswick Skate Station. A flyer providing details will be sent home soon. If you have any questions, call Lynne Nawalaniec at 330-273-1692.

Meetings

Volunteer Orientation—Wed Sept 14 at 9:30 AM.

This is a great opportunity to learn about school policies and the responsibilities of being a volunteer.

Room Parents—Thurs Sept 22 at 9:00 AM in the cafeteria. Please plan to attend if you signed up to be a room parent or to help out at the holiday parties. You'll meet other parents in your child's classroom and start planning for the Room Parent Teacher Luncheon Tea that's scheduled on Thurs Sept 29. If you have questions, call Lynne Nawalaniec at 330-273-1692.

Read-A-Thon

Tues Sept 27 through Mon Oct 31

Coming soon! Students will track their reading minutes from their classroom reading calendars to apply to the Read-A-Thon fundraiser. Students participate by obtaining sponsors or pledges to earn money for our school. Look for details in your child's book bag and readings incentives for your child.



Grounds Committee Work Day

Sat Oct 15 From 8-Noon

We need to put the final stain on the pavilion. Dress for a mess, and bring your own roller or brush. If anyone has a sprayer they can bring, please do so. If you plan to help, contact Jane Carsten at 330-278-2308.



ONGOING PROGRAMS

School Cash

Monies earned from the September school cash campaign are earmarked for the school-wide field trip to Hale Farm & Village. This is fundraising made easy! You are making purchases of your choice; plan for that upcoming birthday, or holiday gift purchases. Start early and have Christmas paid for. Flyers coming home soon.



Market Day

Order restaurant quality food through Market Day and fill your freezers with easy prep foods. Profits earned through Market Day will be allocated to upgrading the school playground equipment. Last year we earned \$3471.43, which went into our general fund. Flyers coming home soon. If you have questions on how the program runs, call Sue Bernhofer at 330-239-2503.



Rebate Programs

Hinckley participates in a list of rebate programs, which can be found in the PTO packet. Every little bit counts. It's a great way to enhance the school environment.

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What a Difference a Volunteer Can Make

There are so many opportunities for the school community to make a difference. It is through the efforts, dedication and support of our volunteers and school staff that makes Hinckley Elementary a great school and one that every student can say they are proud to be a part of. Below is a list of projects or services where there was volunteer support before the school year even started.

Flowers by the School Front Sign

Thanks to the Ciesinski family for donating and planting the flowers by the front school sign. What a colorful addition to our communication board.

School Kits

Thank you to Sue Bernhofer for coordinating the School Supply Kits order. Thanks to the following volunteers who helped with the distribution: Sue, Brandon and Josh Bernhofer; Vivian, Hannah, Rebecca and Thomas Bronstrup; Angela Radesic; Peggy, Jennifer, Robby Dietz and cousin Matthew; Julie and Kevin Fordosi; Tina and Jarred Turner.

Student Folder

Thank you for copying, collating and stuffing the Student Folders with school and PTO information. Thanks goes to Vivian, Hannah, Rebecca and Thomas Bronstrup; Jane Carsten; Peggy and Jennifer Dietz; Kelly, Tim and Megan McCormack; Suzanne, Jessica, Erica, and Veronica Peterlin; Jen, Katie and Joe Simonis; and Cindy, Jacob and Katie Wade.

Book Room

Thank you Meg Vandenberg for organizing and filing books in the Book Room! Great Job!

Brick Paver Sidewalk

Talking about working together to make a difference, that's just what PTO, community volunteers and Boy Scout Troop 520 did over the summer when they installed a Brick Paver Sidewalk in the back yard of the school. It was a hot, dry summer, but that did not stop this wonderful group of volunteers. The following volunteers are to be thanked for their commitment and for a job well done! Hinckley PTO, Hinckley Hills Golf Course, Jean Espisito and Donald Smith, Skyland Golf Course and Rich Rhodes, Jane, Nichole, Jeremiah, and Leah Carsten, Reese Eichhorn, Marianne Evans, Erik, Elizabeth and Erika Funfgeld, Kyle Guinto, Dale and Chris King, Cory and Wayne Kosman, David, Suzanne, Jessica, Erica and Veronica Peterlin, Peter, Sandy, Matthew, Samantha and Alec Phillips (Eagle Project through Boy Scout Troop 520), Scott, Tony and Tommy Shimandle, and Joe Wade. A BIG thanks goes to all who supported this project by purchasing a brick paver that helped out with the funding. Thank you!

Courtyard

Thanks to the following people for weeding and sprucing up the school courtyard: Jane, Wayne, Nichole, Jeremiah, and Leah Carsten, Lynne and Kyle Nawalaniec, Suzanne, Jessica, Erica and Veronica Peterlin, Sandy and Samantha Phillips, Jen, Joe and Katie Simonis! Mrs. Rastok purchased the mums; Carsten's and Lewicki's donated the mulch! Looks awesome! It compliments the beautiful clay mural entrance sign.

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Tree Trimming and Removal

Thanks goes to ACE Tree & Stump Removal (owned and operated by Wayne Carsten), Jane, Nichole, Jeremiah and Leah Carsten who trimmed the oak tree in the courtyard, pruned away spent branches within school yard, and cut down the old elm tree in the front yard. The school grounds are really shaping up thanks to the Carstens. Lisa and Allie Dezelan also volunteered their time by helping load up all the cut wood and branches.

Student Garden

Plans are underway for the Student Garden. Thanks to Hinckley Hills Golf Course (Jean Esposito) (donated the rock boulders), Rich Rhodes (who tilled the soil), Mrs. Rastok, Miss McDonough, Mrs. Wolford, Miss Slamka, Jane Carsten, Janice Colegrove, Carrie Golias, and Suzanne Peterlin for their research and planning ideas. We cannot thank you enough for creating a place where the students can take ownership of their own efforts that they will display on September 23, 2005 on Student Garden Day.

Games on Playground Black Top

The Little Rangers Outpost #229 took on painting the hop scotch, four squares, etc. on the black top behind the school. Thanks to Janice, Nathan, Jason and Ryan Colegrove, Nathan Miller and John and Ian McGillis. It's nice to see them back for the kids to use at recess! Thanks to Sherwin Williams for the paint donation!!

Buttons

Meg Vandenberg is the volunteer Button Maker (second year) for our school. She has the opportunity of learning all the names of our youngest children in the school, as she makes buttons for all the Kindergarten students. The buttons help the teachers and bus drivers get these children to the right buses and classrooms. We thank you Meg for making the Kindergarten buttons! Buttons are available upon request. Contact Meg Vandenberg at 330-668-9133 if you would like a picture button of your child.

Finding Volunteers

Thank you Peggy Dietz for coordinating the volunteers needed for the first two weeks of school! Not an easy task sometimes! You did a great job! Thank you!

This recognition is to thank everyone named, but more important to all the volunteers of the school who go unnamed, our teachers and to the staff who gave of their time to make the start of the school year a GREAT START! Thank you! What a great team! *Working Together to Make a Difference!*



SchoolKidz Supply Kits

All supply kits were distributed to your child's classroom for the Open House. If your child's name is misspelled on the outside label, it will also be misspelled on the labels included in the kit. **Please call me with name corrections or incorrect content problems no later**

than Sept 14
Sue Bernhofer
330-239-2503

Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts

This program is uniquely designed to meet the needs of young boys and girls and their parents. Scouting offers fun and challenging experiences that boys, girls and parents do together with the whole family. For more information on the locations and times of our Scout programs in the Highland School District, please contact one of the following volunteers:

Cub Scouts

Hinckley - Scott Shimandle 330-225-0289
Granger - Paul Turner 330-334-3420
Sharon Center - Paul Kelly 330-334-9029
Commissioner - Joe Saunders 330-723-3094

Girl Scouts

Hinckley—Maureen 330-278-3254
Granger—Anita 330-239-2900
Sharon—Beth 330-273-9178