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# **UXBRIDGE ELEMENTARY PTO NEWSLETTER**

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS**

We had a great turn out at both the ELC Back to School Dessert Social and the Taft Back to School Ice Cream/Dance Social. It was great seeing old and new faces at these events. With the first month of school behind us, the PTO looks forward to its largest annual event – the ABC/RIF Fair on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Lisa Ahern and her committee have been hard at work planning this year's ABC/RIF fair and with some new ideas and new faces on the committee it looks like it will be another great year! We hope you can join us for a fun filled day for the whole family as we raise funds to support the RIF fund and literacy programs at Taft and the ELC.

We want to thank the ELC parents who came to the first ELC PTO meeting. We are looking for ELC parents who'd like to help plan activities for the Pre-K & Kindergarten students. Getting involved with the PTO is a great way to meet other parents of the ELC.

The Fall fundraiser has come to a close but you can order Katharine Beich products online through out the year to help the PTO continue to raise funds for Taft and the ELC. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser and thanks to Coleen Thayer for her hard work running this program. The profits from this fundraiser help us determine our annual budget.

We will also be starting a new label collection program called Tyson Project A+. Fliers with more information will be coming home soon but in the meantime, if your family eats any Tyson frozen foods with a Project A+ label on it, save the labels for now. The PTO will earn 24 cents for every label collected and submitted. Keep clipping those Box Tops, saving your Hannaford's Supports Our Schools receipts and collecting the Tyson Project A+ labels! Our first PTO meeting will be held on Thursday October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Taft Cafe. We hope to see you there! Have a wonderful month!

**Kim DeMers and Lisa Devane**  
**Co-Presidents**

**The PTO is committed to making our school environment the best it can be. To find out how you can help us, please contact any of the officers listed below:**

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## **28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ABC FAIR** **OCTOBER 20<sup>th</sup> 10am-3pm**

The Uxbridge Elementary PTO is proud to present the 28<sup>th</sup> annual ABC Fair on Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 3pm. This fun day is open to everyone and we hope you come and check it out. There are so many fun things for your children to do at the fair. We will be having our very popular booths such as decorating cookies, Jazzy Snazzy hair color, and finding the pocket lady!!! We also will be introducing some new games into the fair this year. For the parents, we will be having our very popular silent auction and a very yummy bake sale.

Profits earned will be designated for the Reading is Fundamental Program (RIF) and annual Literacy Grant. RIF provides books to students in Pre-K through grade 4 two times during the year at no cost to the student. The Literacy Grant provides an opportunity for one grade per year to enhance their literacy curriculum. If you have any questions or are interested in donating your time or supplies please feel free to contact Lisa Ahern at 278-3221 or [hazel\\_263@yahoo.com](mailto:hazel_263@yahoo.com). Donation boxes are set-up at each school.



## **FUNDRAISER PICK UP**

Notices will be coming home in your backpack mail soon regarding the fundraiser pick up times for Wednesday October 24<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions or can help volunteer to help with pick up please contact our chairperson Coleen Thayer at [mikcol1@msn.com](mailto:mikcol1@msn.com) or 508-278-0013.

## **PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Thanks to a generous donation from Dick's Sporting Goods, the Taft Playground Improvement Committee was able to purchase 2 soccer balls, 2 jump ropes, 2 footballs, a container of 48 tennis balls, 2 kick balls and a mesh ball bag to store everything for all of the students to use at recess.



## **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

Congratulations to all of our Summer BOXTOPS Winners!!

### **GRAND PRIZE WINNER!!!!**

Spirit Wear sweatshirt & a 10 circle ticket to the ABC Fair

**Justin Thayer Grade 2**

### **Random drawing Winners!!!!**

10 circle ticket to the ABC Fair

**PreK: Eric Schelin**

**Kindergarten: Nick Dilibero**

**Grade 1: Jacob Rancourt**

**Grade 2: Katarina Whitney**

**Grade 3: Nicholas O'Mera**

**Grade 4: Patrick Klos**

### **Thanks to all who participated!!**

A certificate will be sent home through backpack mail to each of our winners with instructions on how to claim your prize. Our Box Tops year has just begun, so watch for fun collection sheets, activities, and drawings. Remember ... every box top helps us reach our goal, so keep clipping! Please feel free to contact Nancy Lemire at [lemires@juno.com](mailto:lemires@juno.com) if you have any questions.



## **SOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

The Taft School has been participating in a program called Sox Tops for Education which began last April. We need your help in collecting Hood Milk caps off the light block bottle with or without the 2007 Sox Tops logo on it. For each top we get we will earn 5 cents. Please send in your clean rinsed tops in a Ziploc baggie. We will be collecting until October 25th. Any questions please contact: Darcy Hogan at the [hogans21@charter.net](mailto:hogans21@charter.net)



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## **NEXT PTO MEETING**

The first official meeting will be Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 7pm Taft Cafeteria. Help decide how to spend the funds we raise! Projects include Literacy, Playground improvements and more!

## **PTO EMAIL GROUP**

If you would like to join the PTO email list, please email KRIS HOLT at [Jholt15@charter.net](mailto:Jholt15@charter.net). Include your name, email address and name of your child's teacher. If you have signed up on a list to be added and did not receive an email invite from yahoo, please email Kris Holt directly.

## **UPCOMING PTO EVENTS**

- 10/10 ABC FAIR PLANNING NIGHT 7pm
- 10/11 PTO MEETING 7PM TAFT CAFÉ
- 10/10-10/24 Spirit Wear Campaign
- 10/20 28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ABC FAIR TAFT 10am-3pm
- 10/24 PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE MEETING 7pm TAFT CAFE
- 10/25 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR NOV ISSUE
- 11/8 EB MEETING TAFT LIBRARY 6pm
- 11/8 PTO MEETING TAFT CAFÉ 7pm
- 11/9-11/19 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
- 11/28 GIVING TREES Assembly Night 6:30 TAFT CAFÉ- Note New Day and Time!!



## **DONATE- A- BOOK PROGRAM**

The Donate-a-Book program was established during the 2005/06 school year to bring the needs of our library together with the good will of our community. The response was amazing with 135 books donated during the first year and an additional 120 books donated last year. We want to thank all the students, families, teachers and friends that have generously donated a book. The Donate-a-Book program helps our library resources remain current and relevant to the needs of our students while providing parents an opportunity to recognize a birthday or other special occasion in a meaningful and lasting way.

For each book donated:

- We will place a Bookplate in the front of the book that includes details about the donation and a "special message" from the donor.
- The Librarian will present the book and a small token of appreciation to the child during their library time.
- The child will be given the opportunity to be the first one to check the book out.
- A picture of the child with the book will be taken and displayed on the Donate-a-Book bulletin board.
- The donation will be mentioned in morning school announcements and Taft Tales monthly newsletter.

Details about the program and an order form will be sent home with our first "wish list" in October. The Donate-a-Book program is open to all parents, grandparents and friends of Taft Elementary students. If you have any questions please contact Nancy Winters at (508) 278-0669 or email at [ngwinters@aol.com](mailto:ngwinters@aol.com).

