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# UXBRIDGE ELEMENTARY PTO NEWSLETTER

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS

November already? Wow! The school year is in full swing with lots of fun PTO events to keep everyone busy. The first PTO meetings were very well attended. It was great to see some new faces among the regulars as well as many teachers. With this kind of support anything is possible! Speaking of which... The 28th annual ABC Fair was a great success! A big thank you to Lisa Ahern and the planning committee for all their hard work they really made it look easy. We would also like to thank all the volunteers, parents and teachers who came out to support the fair. Oh, a GIANT thank you to those dads who brought down the heavy stuff as well as the walls, put them up, took them down and brought them back up to the attic. We ladies thank them for all their hard work! A special thank you to Lisa Devane's son, Eric Mueller, who has constructed the walls in the haunted gym for the past 3 years. He informed her she's on her own next year! Proceeds from the Fair will go towards literacy.

Another show of amazing support was the fall fundraiser. It was HUGE! We mean HUGE! The biggest year yet! We would like to thank Coleen Thayer and the many people who helped on pick up night for a job well done. We were able to distribute 98% of the merchandise in one evening. Now that's team work! Proceeds from the fundraiser help support enrichment funds.

We would like to remind everyone of the upcoming Scholastic Book Fair. The fair will be held November 9th-16th. Volunteers are always welcome and even an hour can help! Please look for contact info in this newsletter. The book fair will end on the 16th with a P.J. story hour for the Pre-school and Kindergarten children. A very special reader will be entertaining the children this year! Watch your back pack mail for more details.

Last but not least, for the year 2007, the PTO will be hosting the Annual Holiday Shoppe. This is a one night event so mark your calendars! We are excited to announce new activities to keep your little shoppers busy while waiting to shop. Coleen Thayer is the chair of this event and will be looking for many volunteers. Please consider volunteering an hour of your time at this very fun event. Please feel free to contact any of the board members with questions, ideas or concerns.

### **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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## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

November 9th-19th 2007

The Uxbridge Elementary PTO will host a Scholastic Book Fair on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> from 8am-4pm, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> from 8am-8pm and Nov.16<sup>th</sup> from 8am-4pm then 6:30pm-8:30pm at the Taft Elementary School Library. The Book Fair will offer specially priced books and educational products, including new releases, award-winning titles, children's classics, interactive software, and current bestsellers from more than 150 publishers. Families, teachers, and the community are invited to attend the Fair, which will feature a special Arctic theme – Book Fair Blizzard! On Friday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm the Book Fair will feature a Pajama Party for preschool and kindergarten students and their families. Join us for hot cocoa, cookies, and a story time featuring a special guest! Profits from the Book Fair will be donated to literacy programs at Taft and ELC and the playground fund. Several volunteers will be needed for this event. If you can give an hour or two of your time it would be greatly appreciated.

Look for information coming home in your backpack mail soon! Please contact **Kallie Spaulding at 508-278-8085** or [bkspaulding@verizon.net](mailto:bkspaulding@verizon.net) for more info.



## HOLIDAY SHOPPE

Please join us for a fun night of shopping on Wednesday December 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30- 9 PM. UHS students will take the children around to help them select their gifts. There will be a storybook corner, card making, and face painting. Meanwhile parents come enjoy hot coffee, yummy baked goods, and music in the Café Taft. Look for budget envelopes in your child's backpack. Volunteers and baked goods are very much needed. Please contact **Coleen Thayer at (508)278-0013** or [mikcol1@msn.com](mailto:mikcol1@msn.com) to volunteer. If you would like to provide baked goods for the Café Taft please call **Lisa Devane at (508)278-0282** or [glen.devane@verizon.net](mailto:glen.devane@verizon.net) or **Kim DeMers at (508)278-5435** or [pkdemers@charter.net](mailto:pkdemers@charter.net)



Check Out our Website!!

[www.uxbridgeschools.com](http://www.uxbridgeschools.com) Click Taft School and follow the PTO links

## BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

The holidays are fast approaching, so don't forget to start all your on-line shopping at the Box Tops Marketplace. Go to [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) and click on the marketplace link to access a list of on-line retailers who donate a percentage of your shopping dollars to our Box Tops account - which means more cash for our school! You'll find retailers like Target, Wal-Mart, Kohl's, JC Penney, Land's End, Pottery Barn and so many more! It's just one more benefit to shopping from your seat! Please contact **Nancy Lemire at 278-2009** or [lemires@juno.com](mailto:lemires@juno.com) if you have any questions, suggestions, or need additional information.



## SOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

The Sox tops for education program has come to an end for this year. We would like to thank all those that collected and sent in their milk caps. This year we collected 2,945 caps and raised \$147.00. A HUGE THANK YOU to **Darcy Hogan** for coordinating this program!!



## 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. There is a collection bin in front of the Taft office next to the Box Tops collection bin.



## NEXT PTO MEETING

The next PTO meeting will be November 8<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.

## PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Playground Renovation Committee's town-wide yard sale was a great success. We hope that all participants had a profitable day. After expenses, we raised approximately \$700 towards our goal. Please join us at our next meeting to be held on Wednesday, November 7th in the Taft Cafe. We are always welcome to new ideas for fundraising.



## GIVING TREES

Tis the season again!! The Uxbridge Elementary PTO is sponsoring a giving tree program as an alternate to teacher holiday gifts. We will need lots of volunteers to help assemble the trees. Last year we had 37 trees to assemble so the more the merrier! Assembly date is Wednesday November 28th at 6:30 pm in the Taft Cafeteria. Volunteers will need to bring their own scissors and black marker. If you are interested in helping assemble, please call **Wendy Walker at (508)278-3079** or email at [wendyleewalker@yahoo.com](mailto:wendyleewalker@yahoo.com)

## UPCOMING PTO EVENTS

- 11/7 PLAYGROUND COMITEE MEETING 7pm Taft Cafe
- 11/8 EB MEETING TAFT LIBRARY 6pm
- 11/8 PTO MEETING TAFT CAFÉ 7pm
- 11/9-11/19 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
- 11/13 SPECIAL ED PAC MEETING 7pm Whitin School
- 11/25 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR DEC ISSUE
- 11/28 GIVING TREES Assembly Night 6:30 PM TAFT CAFÉ- Note New Day and Time!!
- 12/5 HOLIDAY SHOPPE TAFT CAFÉ 6:30- 9PM
- 12/11 SPECIAL ED PAC MEETING 7pm Whitin School

## FALL FUNDRAISER BASKET WINNERS

Congratulations to all our **Family Activity Basket** Winners!! These winners were the top sales earners for each grade. Thanks to all who participated!

- PreK: Matthew Carlson**
- Kindergarten: Danielle Beaulieu**
- Grade 1: Abbigayle Stratton**
- Grade 2: William Spaulding**
- Grade 3: Haylee Ouellette**
- Grade 4: Cassidy Elliott**

## SPECIAL ED PAC- HOLIDAY SHOPPING NIGHT

The Uxbridge Special Education Parent Advisory Council (USEPAC) is holding a Holiday Shopping Night on Friday November 30th at the Taft School from 6:30-8:30PM. Vendors will include Tupperware, Pampered Chef, Discovery Toys, Usborne Books, Sterling Gem Jewelry, Tastefully Simple, and many others including homemade crafts. Come enjoy a quiet evening of shopping and refreshments without the crowds. There will also be raffle items with proceeds to benefit the USEPAC scholarship fund. The USEPAC is parent group that offers support to other parents with special needs children through their yearly conference, monthly meetings and other events. For further information contact **Missy Shelley at (508)278-3639**.