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# **UXBRIDGE ELEMENTARY PTO NEWSLETTER**

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS**

Spring is almost here and I'm sure everyone is looking forward to the good weather. The PTO has plenty of events to keep everyone busy in the coming months. April 11th the "Bubble Man" will be coming to Taft. Children can enjoy the show while parents browse the Baskets Galore Showcase. The baskets will then be raffled off at our annual Wine Tasting Event to be held April 12th at the Community House on the common. Please see this newsletter for more info.

The calendar raffle was great success again this year and we would like to thank all that participated. It was fun to see several winners from the Taft staff this year! Congratulations to all! The winners are posted on our website.

At the end of this school year, Co-Presidents, Recording Secretary and one Co-Treasurer position will be vacant on the PTO Executive Board. In order to keep this very active PTO running without interruption next school year, we need volunteers willing to take on these jobs for 2008-2009. Everything you need to know is well-organized in notebooks and the chairperson positions as well as events for next year are in place. Also those currently in these positions will be available for questions and guidance as you learn the ropes. Please consider volunteering on the Executive Board for a year. Call Lisa Devane or Kim DeMers with any questions. Thank you!

**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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## **SAVE THE DATE!! APRIL 12<sup>th</sup> WINE TASTING & BASKETS GALORE**

The PTO will be holding its Annual Wine tasting on Saturday, April 12th from 7 – 9 pm at The Community House on the Uxbridge Town Common. Come and enjoy an evening of wine from around the world provided by Lynch's Wine and Spirits and browse the many baskets and silent auction items. Tickets are \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. Contact Roann Karns ([roannkarns@yahoo.com](mailto:roannkarns@yahoo.com)) for more information.



## **MIKE THE BUBBLE MAN!! FREE FAMILY FUN NIGHT!! APRIL 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm**

Come join us for a Free Family Fun night on Friday April 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm in the Taft Café. Mike the Bubble Man will be coming to show us science tricks with bubbles. There will be fun for all ages and admission is free. While the kids are enjoying the show be sure to check out the amazing themed gift baskets that are up for raffle. Tickets will be available to purchase all evening- this is an event you do not want to miss! If you have a question regarding this event please contact **Beth Rancourt 508-278-5356**



## **BOOKS AND BEYOND A GREAT SUCCESS!!**

Lisa Ackerman, Lisa Rooney and Beth Snider would like to thank the following people for all their help. Without them, the program would not have been successful.

Sean Cole cut over 3000 spiders to hang with the student's names and Nancy Winters made over 600 magnets to give out to the students who passed in all 4 reading sheets. Nancy also did a terrific job on the reading certificates. Lisa Devane, Lisa Ahearn, Kallie Spaulding and Kim Rexford along with the rest of us counted reading minutes for 4 weeks and hung spiders. Margy O'Donnell did a super job during library time counting minutes and filling the animal cracker jar.

On Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> Tommy James put on a great "Reading is Power" show. Also, we would like to thank the Uxbridge Public Library for the great Charlotte's Web display and the names collected for a raffle. The raffle winners will be given a savings bond donated by the friends of the library. Thanks to all the teachers for all your help!! Keep on reading!!

## **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

Congratulations to our Webkinz Love Frogs Box Tops Contest Winners!!

**Cara Parker, Grade 2**  
**Tyler Washington, Kindergarten**

Thanks to all of your support, our Spring Box Tops submission will be one of our best ever. We will continue collecting Box Tops throughout the remainder of the year and will do our best to keep making clipping fun! A new Webkinz contest is coming soon! Check your backpack mail for info. Details and extra forms are also available on our PTO website. Don't forget to visit the Box Tops website at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)

Feel free to contact **Nancy Lemire** at [lemires@juno.com](mailto:lemires@juno.com) if you have any questions or suggestions!



## **TYSON PROJECT A+**

We want to encourage you to send in your Tyson labels. Just send in the labels with your child or put them in the collection bin outside the Taft Office. Within Pre-K and ELC labels will be picked up on a regular basis. Remember each label is worth 24 cents to our school. The dollars can quickly add up if we can get the labels coming in. If you have questions please contact our coordinator Paula Garille at [hubscluba@msn.com](mailto:hubscluba@msn.com) or any PTO officer. Don't forget to check out Tyson's website at <http://www.tyson.com/projectaplus/> to see which products qualify.



## **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

The PTO newsletter deadline is the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please contact **Wendy Walker** @278-3079 or [wendyleewalker@yahoo.com](mailto:wendyleewalker@yahoo.com) if you have something you would like to submit.

## **NEXT PTO MEETING**

Our next meeting is **THURSDAY, MARCH 13th at 7:00pm** in the Taft Cafeteria. Help decide how to spend the funds we raise! Projects include Literacy, Playground and more.

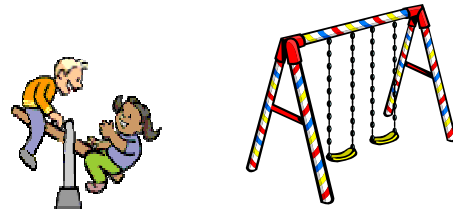
## **PTO EMAIL GROUP**

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.

## **PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE UPDATE**

As you all know by now, the playground at Taft is closed until safe surfacing is installed. We have been working VERY hard as a committee to see this happens ASAP. Unfortunately, we can't do this alone and are looking into many grant options. We have applied on the Hamburger Helper website for a \$15,000.00 grant.

Please go to [www.myhometownhelper.com](http://www.myhometownhelper.com), click on "find a project", follow the steps to find the Earl D. Taft playground renovation project page and post your comments about why our project is deserving. Part of the criteria for choosing the grant recipient is community support. This grant can help the school, community and most importantly our children. Feel free to forward to Grandparents & friends too! If you have any questions, comments, grant ideas or if you would like to donate money to the playground renovation project please contact Cheryl Hamel at [j3mc@charter.net](mailto:j3mc@charter.net) or 278-4251. **Deadline for comments is MARCH 30<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you for your help!!



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 3/11 SPECIAL ED PAC MEETING 7pm Whitin Library
- 3/12 Playground Committee Meeting 7pm TAFT CAFÉ
- 3/13 PTO MEETING 7pm TAFT CAFÉ
- 4/08 SPECIAL ED PAC MEETING 7pm Whitin Library
- 4/10 PTO MEETING 7pm TAFT CAFÉ
- 4/11 FREE FAMILY FUN NIGHT- BUBBLE MAN  
6:30 pm TAFT CAFE
- 4/12 WINE TASTING BASKETS GALORE 7-9 pm  
The Community House on the Uxbridge Town Common

## **SPRING CARNIVAL PLANNING COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Our annual Spring Carnival will be held on May 31, 2008. We are looking for volunteers to be on the planning committee. If you interested please contact **Beth Snider** at 508-278-2474 or at [Beth\\_snider@msn.com](mailto:Beth_snider@msn.com)

