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# **UXBRIDGE ELEMENTARY PTO NEWSLETTER**

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS**

Spring has sprung and the end of another school year is fast approaching. We still have lots of things planned so mark your calendars!

We would like to thank everyone who volunteered, donated or participated in any of the PTO events this year. Without your support we could not provide the ongoing programs to Taft and the ELC. THANK YOU!

Also, a huge thank you to the event chairs and committee chairs. Because of their dedication the PTO was able to improve the playground, provide RIF books for all children and many other programs.

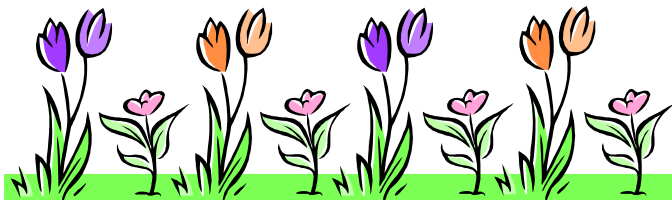
Our last PTO meeting of the year is May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Taft café. Elections will be held for new officers. If you or anyone you know are interested and would like more information please call any of the executive board members. They will be happy to answer any questions

**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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## **TAFT FIELD DAYS**

Taft Field days will be held in June. If you would like to volunteer or have an idea for a new game for the students, Please contact Lisa Rooney at 278-9250 or Bonnie Dimmick, PE Teacher at Taft.



## **SPRING CARNIVAL** **SATURDAY MAY 31st 11am-2pm**

The Uxbridge Elementary PTO will be hosting a Spring Carnival on May 31, 2008 from 11am to 2pm at the Taft Elementary School in Uxbridge. This free event geared to Pre K-4th grade. Carnival includes a moonwalk, games with prizes, a cupcake walk, a toy raffle table and face painting. Food will be available for sale. In case of rain the event will be moved inside the school. We will need volunteers to help make this event a success. If you can help set up, clean up, work at the carnival, donate cupcakes or a new toy-please contact Beth. If you interested please contact

**Beth Snider at 508-278-2474** or  
**Beth\_snider@msn.com** or **Kallie Spaulding at bkspaulding@verizon.net** or **278-8085**



## **Wine Tasting & Basket Raffle** **HUGE SUCCESS!!**

The PTO's 2nd Annual Wine & Beer Tasting and Gift Basket Raffle was a great success. Over 120 people attended the event at the Community House. They were treated to wine and beer from around the world and complimentary chair massages. The PTO raised over \$4000 to be used for the Books & Beyond program at Taft, a Literacy Grant for the ELC and the playground renovation fund at Taft. We would like to thank all those who attended the event as well as the teachers, parents and many others who volunteered their time for the basket raffle and Wine Tasting. Many thanks to the First Evangelical Congregational Church for the use of the Community House, Lynch's Riverview Wine and Spirits for sponsoring the tasting, and Hannaford Supermarket and Quaker Deli for the delicious food.

Our appreciation goes out to the many local businesses and individuals that gave donations to the silent auction, including: The New England Patriots, The Boston Celtics, The Boston Red Sox, The New England Revolution, The Rainbow Palette, Blackstone Valley Methodist Church, Body Utopia and Skinplicity, Enlightened Hands Massage and Bodywork, Christine Tominsky, Colleen Fernandes, Dawn Watt, Deb May, Debbie Olesky, Jennifer Lutton, Kensho-Ryu Family Kenpo, Leanne Smith, Matt Griffith, Rachel Howe, Rachel Wright, Sharon Klipstein, Sue Dion, and Tara Corcoran.

## **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

Congratulations to our Webkinz Kangaroo Box Tops Contest Winners!!

**Sam Hall, Grade 2**  
**Corrine Bianco, Grade 4**

The school year will soon be coming to an end, but we still have lots of box tops clipping activities planned. Our WebKinz Panda contest winners will be announced soon and our WebKinz Chicken contest will run through May 24th. Because we have had such awesome participation, we have a special surprise for all of our box tops clippers and WebKinz fans coming your way the first week of June. Details for our annual summer box tops contest will be sent home the last week of school. Thank you to all the parents and students who have enabled us to reach our box tops collection goal of over \$3000 this year. Your efforts make a difference in our school! Please contact Nancy Lemire at [lemires@juno.com](mailto:lemires@juno.com) if you have any questions



## **TYSON PROJECT A+**

We would like 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. Whitin 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. Please cut the whole label panel with the logo and the 1, 2 & 3 Steps- not just the logo.

If you have questions please contact our coordinator **Paula Garille** at [hubscuba@msn.com](mailto:hubscuba@msn.com) or any PTO officer. Check out Tyson's website at <http://www.tyson.com/projectaplus/> to see which products qualify and how to cut the label.



## **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**

THURSDAY, MAY 8th at 7:00pm – Taft Cafeteria. Help decide how to spend the funds we raise! Projects include Literacy, Library 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



## **ABC FAIR PLANNING MEETING**

It's not too early to start thinking about the ABC Fair. Our first planning meeting will be held May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm In the Taft cafeteria. This is one our biggest events of the upcoming school year and everyone is welcome to attend. If you have questions please call Lisa Ahern at [Hazel\\_263@yahoo.com](mailto:Hazel_263@yahoo.com)

## **HELP WANTED!!**

Pre-K & Kindergarten Entertainment Chairperson(s) needed for 2008-2009. This position will help plan the Pre-K & K back to school event, free family fun nights for Pre-K & K students, and the end of the year in classroom entertainment days. If you're interested in helping with this task, please contact Lisa Devane or Kim DeMers.

## **UPCOMING PTO EVENTS**

- 5/06 PTO TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON
- 5/06 SPECIAL ED PAC MEETING 7pm Whitin Library
- 5/08 EB MEETING 6pm TAFT LIBRARY
- 5/08 PTO MEETING TAFT CAFÉ 7PM- Elections
- 5/16 FAMILY FUN NIGHT BINGO 6:30 Taft Cafe
- 5/19 ABC FAIR PLANNING MEETING 7pm TAFT
- 5/31 PTO CARNIVAL 11am- 2pm
- 6/3-6/6 TAFT FIELD DAYS



## **FREE FAMILY FUN NIGHT- BINGO!!**

Uxbridge Elementary PTO will be sponsoring a Free Family Fun Night featuring Bingo at the Taft Café, Friday May 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8pm. Every child wins a prize! Open to all Taft and ELC families. Questions? Please call **Beth Rancourt 508-278-5356**

## **BASKET RAFFLE AND SILENT AUCTION WINNERS**

Winners form the Baskets Galore Raffle and the Silent Auction are posted on the PTO Website. To get to our site, go to [www.uxbridgeschools.com](http://www.uxbridgeschools.com) , click Taft School and follow the PTO links. Thank you to those who participated and Congratulations to the winners!