



TIMBER RIDGE PTO

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News from our Parent Teacher Organization ~ Winter 2013

Box Tops earn big bucks

Just a reminder that the last day to collect box tops for our winter drive is Friday, Feb. 8. You can send them in with your student. Classrooms who donate the most box tops will receive a PTO-sponsored pizza party in their classroom.

Thank you to all students, parents and staff who have participated in the fall Box Top Drive. We converted the box tops into \$1,950 to purchase equipment and supplies for Timber Ridge. Great job! These classrooms collected the most box tops:

- 4th grade Mrs. S. Fisher, \$351
- 3rd grade Mrs. Mitchell, \$267
- 5th grade Mrs. Gearhart, \$233
- 2nd grade Miss Lewis, \$138
- Kindergarten Mrs. Swift, \$74
- 1st grade Ms. McCoy, \$73

Thanks to PTO chair Renee Haugland who coordinates the Box Top collection effort.

Don't miss this special PTO meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 12



Guest speaker Superintendent Clay Guthmiller of the Johnston Community School District will talk with parents and staff who attend the PTO meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 12.

The February PTO meeting will be a joint elementary PTO meeting with all five elementaries meeting at

Timber Ridge. Mr. Guthmiller, will be speaking to PTOs from all five elementary schools. He will discuss current issues impacting the Johnston School District. After the presentation, PTO groups will conduct their own individual meetings in separate, designated areas at Timber Ridge.

Thanks TR families and staff for Purple Party support

Timber Ridge students, families and staff really came through with flying colors (mostly purple) with donations and support of the Purple Party.

Gift Basket Auction Report

With many donations of baskets and theme items, the Purple Party basket team was able to auction 23 fantastic baskets to auction at the Purple Party. Some of our baskets were valued at over \$100! It truly was an all-school effort and represented our school in a very bright light. Special thanks goes to ADARA Salon and Spa and J. Baubles as supportive business contributors to the baskets. In addition, thanks to Mary Skinner who coordinated the project; Robin Ehredt and Marcie Simons for help on assembly; Mrs. Debby Smith for printing and laminating; Steve Landwehr and the custodial staff; and Mrs. Henkenius.

Cake, Chips and Pop Donation Report

Thank you to all of the Timber Ridge families and staff who donated pop, cake, and chips for Purple Party games at Johnston High School. Also thanks to those who donated their time to the Purple Party. With nearly 200 bottles of pop donated, this may have been Timber Ridge's most productive year for Purple Party donations! Thanks to Tammy Dial who coordinated this effort on behalf of Timber Ridge.

Remember Trimmer's Team first Tuesdays

TR Trimmer's Team continues to meet the first Tuesday of each month. Plan to join us at 6:30 p.m. on March 5 in the Timber Ridge office work room. Club members spend about an hour cutting and assembling games and activities that correspond with classroom curriculum, including Everyday Math. We aim to make these materials available so that teachers and students may use them as soon as possible to help strengthen academic skills. Contact Robin Ehredt at rkehredt@msn.com.

Do you TR?

In the spirit of Valentine's Day, if you love Timber Ridge and if learning and social enhancement for our students is important to you, please consider becoming part of the Timber Ridge PTO.

In the next school year and the following year, many of our most active and dedicated parents will be moving on as their children move up to middle school. Our PTO has provided many of the extras (in technology, supplies, event and academic reward sponsorship) that make our school great. Starting next fall, we will have many opportunities for leadership, including board positions and committee chairs.

If you'd like to know more, please contact Michele Cardwell at iacardwells@yahoo.com, 401-4660; or Robin Ehredt, rkehredt@msn.com, 229-8172



Calling all photo submissions for the yearbook

Production for the 2012/2013 yearbook is underway! If you have photos you would like to submit you can email them direct to Robin Ehredt, rkehredt@msn.com, or make

other delivery arrangements. Please include your name and contact information, grade/teacher, and a brief description of the event. **Photos should be submitted no later than Feb. 23.** Please note that while we may not be able to use every photo that is submitted, we strive to use at least one from each person who contributes. Thanks for your help.

Skating set for February 21

The next skating party for Timber Ridge is set for 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21, at Skate North, 5621 Meredith Drive. Attendance at the skating party helps Timber Ridge to offset the cost of skate rental during the second through fifth grade learn to skate rotation in PE class. Plus, it's great fun for students, families, teachers and friends!

Teachers, staff will enjoy "Day of Chocolate"



Thanks to all of the families who are donating a chocolate item or baked good to the "Day of Chocolate" on Monday, Feb. 11. This event is a way to say "thanks" to our teachers and staff for the wonderful job they do.

Chocolate Delivery Note

If you are delivering your item on Monday morning at the start of school, please keep in mind that the new safety and security policies will be in effect, and there will be no access into the building until after 8:50 am. Before this time, please look for a cart in the area between the front double doors. You can leave your item on the cart and it will be transported to the staff break room for you. If you will be delivering your item before Monday morning, please note that it will be best to deliver your item between 8:50 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. You will need to enter the building through the main office where you can register and pick up a visitor badge.

Spiff-up for PTO office

The PTO office (room 246 in the TR building) has recently underwent a mini make-over. Thanks to Mary Skinner and Robin Ehredt, stored items have been reorganized and rearranged for easier access. It also makes it easier when items are returned to be put back in their right place. The make-over has also made it possible to recover some working space for those who are processing and completing projects. As you use the office and take and return supplies, please keep in mind the new arrangements and replace items where they were found. Thanks!

Do you have a newsletter item?

Please send your Timber Ridge PTO-related news and announcements to Robin Ehredt at rkehredt@msn.com.