



CASSOPOLIS PTO

NOVEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

The November PTO meeting will be Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at Frank Squires Elementary. A small play area in the meeting room will be available for children. All parents/guardians of students who are currently enrolled in Cassopolis Elementary Schools and teachers, staff and administrators currently employed by the Cassopolis Elementary Schools are automatically a member of the PTO. There are no fees, attendance requirements or demands - only opportunities to help your children!

Walk-a-Thon

The Walk-a-Thon was held on Friday, October 9, 2009. Despite the very cold and rainy weather, the kids had a great time walking in the gymnasiums. It was a fun time for the kids, teachers and volunteers. The money raised will be used for field trips, open house, Grandparents/Special Friends Day, staff appreciation luncheon, citizen of the month, field day and other events. The Squires individual and class winners are as follows:

Individual winners:

Kindergarten: Kendon Williams

1st grade: Jimmy Strukel

2nd grade: Katelyn Waldschmidt

Class winners:

Kindergarten: Mrs. Warren

1st grade: Mrs. Sobecki

2nd grade: Mrs. Graham

The SAES individual and class winners are as follows:

Individual winners:

3rd grade: Cassidy McGill

4th grade: Danny Young

5th grade: Richard Jackson

6th grade: Austin Voss

Class winners:

3rd grade: Mrs. Potter

4th grade: Mr. Bradke

5th grade: Mrs. Carlisle

6th grade: Mrs. Ward

The individual winners will receive a \$50.00 savings bond. The class winners will receive a pizza party. Congratulations to all of the winners and thank you for your support!

Market Day

Every month, a Market Day flier will be sent home with your child. This is a wonderful fundraiser program that not only benefits the school, but also benefits you with quality food products. To place an order, complete the order form and return it by the due date listed on the back of the flier. You can pay when you place your order or when you pick up your order. Don't forget that you can pay with cash, check, VISA, MasterCard and Michigan Bridge Card. Only cash, check and Michigan Bridge Card will be accepted at the time of pick-up. If you want to use your VISA or MasterCard, you can place your order online at www.marketday.com. If you order online, you will need to set up a username and password and register our school. You can also have your family and friends participate in this program. You simply place your order and pick it up at the SAES cafeteria on the 4th Thursday of each month.

In November, Market Day is offering their delicious pies as the monthly special. We are eligible to receive a bonus check which will be used for field trip expenses depending on the number of pies sold. Our goal is to sell 500 pies which would equal \$1,875.00 as our bonus check! This is a great opportunity for you

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to save time in the kitchen, have delicious pie(s), and help raise money for field trips. **If you are going to order a pie/pies, please make sure that your order is submitted to the office no later than Friday, November 13th. Online orders for pies will not count toward the bonus check!**

Please note that pick-up for all Market Day orders will be on Thursday, November 19th from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Field Trips

The 1st grade class took their first field trip on October 28th to Nottawa Fruit Farm. The kids had a great time taking a hayride, going through straw tunnels and feeding animals. Each child also received a pumpkin.

Be Green, Earn Green with Drink Pouches

In the lunchrooms at Squires and SAES, you will now find collection containers to recycle drink pouches (like Capri Sun and **all** other drink pouch brands). The drink pouches are recycled by TerraCycle and made into cool bags and pencil cases for kids and adults.

We receive \$0.02 for each drink pouch collected!

This is a win-win situation as a fundraiser and to teach our kids about recycling. So, what do the kids have to do? Simply finish the drink, remove the straw and place the drink pouch in the collection container. No washing or rinsing necessary! Don't forget to save your drink pouches at home and have your child deposit them into the collection containers.

PTO T-shirts

We are still accepting orders for t-shirts. For the safety of our children, it is very important to be able to recognize PTO volunteers. T-shirts are available for volunteers and school staff. All volunteers that plan on attending events at Squires or SAES are highly encouraged to purchase a t-shirt - not just teachers. If you are interested in ordering a t-shirt, please contact Tina Reick (269-445-8822). To place an order, we need a minimum order of 12 t-shirts.

The t-shirt is not only a way to ensure the safety of our children, but is also a way to display your PTO pride!

GoodSearch Correction

In the October newsletter, information was provided about GoodSearch. Squires and SAES will be using the money raised for different things. Squires will use the money for the Silent Christmas Angels Program at Squires. If you have questions about this program, please contact Mr. Hertsel at Squires. SAES will use the money for writing and reading workshop books. If you have questions about this program, please contact Mrs. Voss.

Spread the Word

Don't forget about the following fundraising programs that we are participating in:

- GoodSearch
- Campbell's Soup Labels for Education
- Box Tops for Education
- Martin's Supermarkets Advantages for Education
- Market Day

These fundraising programs offer tons of opportunities for our school. Please take the time to participate in these programs and encourage your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to participate too. If you need information on any of these programs, please contact one of the board members listed below.

Upcoming Events

- 11/03/09 - PTO meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 11/13/09 - Deadline to place Market Day pie order
- 11/19/09 - Market Day pick-up at SAES from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- 12/01/09 - PTO meeting at 6:00 p.m.

PTO Board

- Tina Reick, President (269-445-8822)
- Lizzie Strukel, Vice President (269-445-6052)
- Jenny Brunner, Treasurer (269-782-2737)
- Darla Ward, Secretary (269-699-5351)

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