



# CASSOPOLIS PTO

## OCTOBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

The October PTO meeting will be Tuesday, October 6, 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!

### **Grandparents & Special Friends Day**

Grandparents and Special Friends Day will be held on Wednesday, September 30, 2009. Squires will host Grandparents and Special Friends Day in the morning, and SAMS will host Grandparents and Special Friends Day in the afternoon. We are looking forward to a fun-filled day!

### **Walk-a-Thon**

The Walk-a-Thon will be held on Friday, October 9, 2009, which is the PTO's annual fundraiser. This will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> year for the Walk-a-Thon, which was a huge success last year. The money that is 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. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Tina Reick (269-445-8822).

### **PTO T-shirts**

The first order of PTO volunteer t-shirts has been placed. These t-shirts will enable school staff and guests to recognize the volunteers. 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 SAMS 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 24 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**

Have you heard about GoodSearch? GoodSearch is a search engine that donates about one penny for each search you make. Use GoodSearch like any other search engine, and it's powered by Yahoo so you get proven results. GoodSearch also includes GoodShop, an online shopping mall that includes over 600 world-class merchants including Amazon, Best Buy, Toys R Us and many others that are dedicated to helping fund worthy causes. Each purchase made via the GoodShop mall results in a donation that averages approximately 3% to 20% of the purchase. To help raise money for our school, just go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com). In the "Who do you GoodSearch for" box, simply select "Frank Squires Early Elementary School (Cassopolis, MI)" or "Sam Adams Elementary School." Use GoodSearch.com and GoodShop.com to support our school and spread the word to your family, friends and co-workers!

### **Campbell's Soup Labels for Education**

Don't forget to clip and turn in your Campbell's Soup labels or beverage caps at SAMS or Squires. Just save UPCs and beverage caps from participating Campbell products. Make sure to save UPCs from Spaghettios, Prego, Swanson, Franco-American and

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Pepperidge Farm products. Save caps from V-8 juices too. The labels and caps are used to "purchase" items for our school. Categories to choose from include art supplies, computers and electronics, and school accessories just to name a few. Campbell's is offering more than 500 educational items this year! Your participation is appreciated and helps our schools!

### **Box Tops for Education**

Clip and turn in your Box Tops for Education coupons at SAMS or Squires. Our school earns \$0.10 for each Box Top redeemed. That may not sound like much, but if we all participate, it adds up quickly. You can find Box Tops coupons on 100s of participating products such as baking products, cereal, waste bags, personal care items, and baby and child care products just to name a few. You can also print money-saving coupons at the Box Tops for Education website. Just go to [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) and click on the "\$1 OFF COUPONS" at the bottom of the page. You will be able to save money while grocery shopping and help our school by clipping the Box Top coupon!

### **Martin's Supermarkets Advantages for Education**

When you use your Martin's Advantage Card from October 2009 through April 2010, you help our schools earn the equipment that we need most - anything from soccer balls to computer software. Everyone must re-register their card number each year or it won't count. In order to participate, simply complete the "Shopper Sign-Up Sheet" that was included in the 2009-2010 PTO Handbook (distributed in Monday Folders at open house); register your card at any Martin's Supermarket; or register online at [www.martins-supermarket.com](http://www.martins-supermarket.com) (just click on Advantage Card in the left column and follow the links for Advantage for Education). To register at the store, you will need to provide the school codes - Squires code is 4663 and SAES code is 4662. When you sign up, make sure to have your friends and family register too! When you shop at Martin's,

simply use your Advantage Card. Every dollar spent will be credited to our school. If you spend \$79.00 or more (at one time), our school will receive double credit.

### **Market Day**

Every month, a Market Day flier will be sent home with your child. This is a wonderful fundraising 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 also place your order online at [www.marketday.com](http://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 SAMS cafeteria on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month.

### **Spread the Word**

The fundraising programs listed above 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. Together we can make a difference!

### **Upcoming Events**

09/30/09 - Grandparents/Special Friends Day  
10/06/09 - PTO meeting 6:00 p.m.  
10/09/09 - Walk-a-Thon  
11/03/09 - PTO meeting at 6:00 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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