

Daybreak PTA Monthly Minute

The Daybreak PTA Holiday Craft Workshop

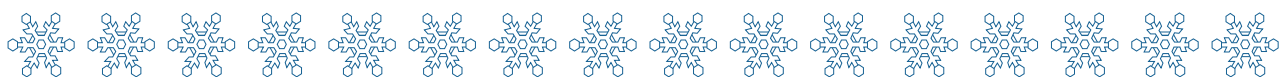
We would like to invite you to join us for our first ever Holiday Craft Workshop! We know that many of you enjoy the holiday gift shops from years past at other area schools, but rather than set up a store of inexpensive items from which to shop, we invite you to bring the family for an evening of fun and quality time together. Shop for your craft projects, grab some hot cocoa and a cookie, then sit and get busy having fun creating gifts, decorations, gift wrap, and fond family memories--all hand made by you!

Crafts range between \$1.00 and \$4.00 each, but the experience is sure to be priceless. We will also be holding several drawings throughout the event. For \$1.00 or 2 cans of food per ticket, you'll have a chance to win one of three gift baskets, full of fun family-oriented items that will please the whole gang! In addition, you can help us make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate this season by donating any non-perishable food items to the cause. We hope to see you there!

Date and Time:
Thursday, December 13
6:30-8:30 PM

Location:
Daybreak Commons
Cafeteria

Cost:
\$1.00-\$4.00 per craft
(cash & checks only,
please)



Upcoming Events



• Early Release
December 6 and 7

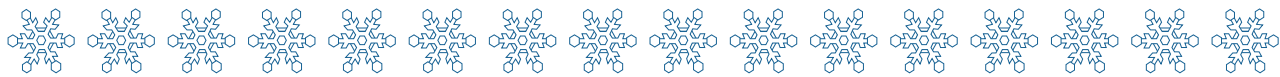
• PTA General Meeting
December 10 at 7:00 PM

• Holiday Craft Workshop
December 13 at 6:30 PM

• Winter Break
December 24-January 4

• First Day Back to School
January 7

• Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 21, No School



Announcements

—We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest member, *Paula Young*. Thank you so much for your ongoing support!

If you would like to become a member of the Daybreak PTA and help support the staff and students at the Daybreak Primary and Middle schools, membership forms are available at your school office, or online at www.daybreakpta.org/membership.

—Our October *Run for the Arts* event raised just shy of \$2600.00 for the arts and music programs at the Daybreak schools. Thank you to all of you who worked so hard organizing, participating in, and sponsoring this event—it would not have happened without you! If you are interested in helping to organize this event next year, please contact Melissa Lindberg at 687-1426 or Melissa986@att.net for details.

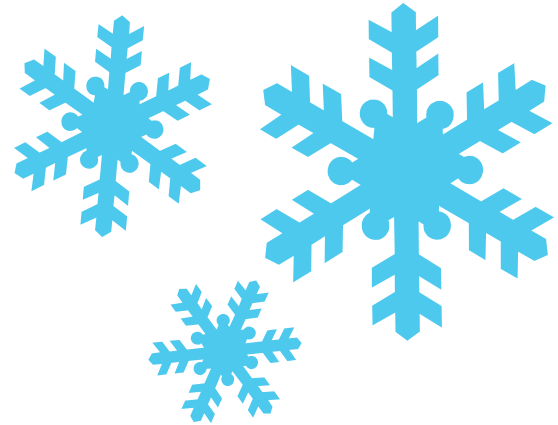
—As of today, we have collected \$275.80 in General Mills Box Tops, and 3255 points in Campbell's soup labels. We're off to a great start! To all of you who have been clipping and participating in the program—your efforts really do make a tremendous impact, and your support is greatly appreciated, so THANK YOU! And please, keep clipping!

Books for Teachers

Not sure how to thank your teacher this holiday season? Say it with a book! Our Books for Teachers program is an easy way to say thanks, as well as contribute to a classroom long after your child moves on. Teacher wish lists are available on our web site at www.daybreakpta.org/Books4Teachers.htm.

To donate a book, simply refer to the list, shop for a teacher or two, then deliver your gifts in person, or drop them off in the PTA mailbox in your school office—we would be happy to deliver them for you! If you'd like the PTA to deliver your books, please make sure that each book or bundle of books is tagged with the teacher name and room number. Feel free to attach a note, or remain a mystery by making an anonymous donation.

Teachers: To add to, modify, or remove your online wish list, please leave a note or list of updates in the school office PTA mailbox, or email your requested changes to webmaster@daybreakpta.org.



Library Corner: The 2007 Caldecott Award

Each year the Newbery Medal is awarded by the American Library Association for the most distinguished American children's books published the previous year. However, as many persons became concerned that the artists creating picture books for children were as deserving of honor and encouragement as were the authors of children's books, Frederic G. Melcher suggested in 1937 the establishment of a second annual medal. This medal is to be given to the artist who had created the most distinguished picture book of the year and named in honor of the nineteenth-century English illustrator Randolph J. Caldecott. The idea for this medal was also accepted enthusiastically by the Section for Library Work with Children of ALA and was approved by the ALA Executive Board.

From the beginning of the awarding of the Newbery and Caldecott Medals, committees could, and usually did, cite other books as worthy of attention. Such books were referred to as Newbery or Caldecott "runners-up." In 1971 the term "runners-up" was changed to "Honor Books." The new terminology was made retroactive so that all former runners-up are now referred to as Newbery or Caldecott Honor Books.

2007 Caldecott Medal Winner:

Flotsam, by David Wiesner (Clarion)

2007 Honor Books:

Gone Wild: An Endangered Animal Alphabet, by David McLimans (Walker)

Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom, illustrated by Kadir Nelson, written by Carole Boston Weatherford (Hyperion/Jump at the Sun)