

Daybreak PTA Monthly Minute

We Hear You! Upcoming Changes for 2008-2009

We would like to thank all of you who took the time to respond through our questionnaire in March. We have received a tremendous amount of constructive feedback, and we'd like to use the last PTA newsletter of the year to let you know that we hear you! If you have not already filled out and returned a questionnaire, you can still print a copy of the questionnaire at: www.daybreakpta.org/Questionnaire.pdf and return it to your child's teacher or to your school's main office.

Memberships and Dues

While there are many important reasons why you should become a member of your PTA, **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER TO VOLUNTEER.**

In addition, **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO VOLUNTEER TO BE A MEMBER.**

Anyone can participate in PTA-sponsored events, attend meetings, and volunteer to any degree, but your votes on any PTA-related issues cannot be counted without a valid membership.

Reasons to Join PTA

- PTA is the only group whose exclusive interest is the health, welfare, safety and education of your children.
- By addressing the needs of our individual schools, PTA has the ability, more than any other organization, to make a school a better place for your children to learn. By becoming a PTA member, you can help identify those needs and develop solutions that will directly impact on the educational experiences of our children.
- When parents are involved in education, student academic performance improves.
- Membership in PTA has a direct impact on your children and the quality of their school.

2008-2009 Dues

Effective July 1, 2008, memberships to the Daybreak PTA will be as follows:

- **\$10.00 an individual membership**
- **\$15.00 for a family membership (2 adults in the same household)**

While we understand that many of you have been members to organizations that do not implement a membership fee, the Daybreak PTA requires some kind of membership fee for the following PTA costs:

- \$6.50 of every person's membership is immediately paid to the Washington State PTA. The WSPTA then sends \$2.00 from each person's membership to the National PTA.
- The PTA is a corporation, and as a corporation is required to pay state filings and other fees such as insurance. Other costs include printing things like newsletters, flyers, and forms, web site hosting fees, storage, and book fair and fundraising supplies. In addition, there are required costs to the PTA in order to meet requirements set by the National PTA and WSPTA. Without charging a membership fee, there would not funds available to pay for these types of things.

Communications

This year being our first, the Daybreak PTA has worked very hard to keep you informed of happenings in and around the Daybreak Schools. While we strive to get important information to you in a timely fashion, PTA newsletters are distributed to our students through their classrooms, and can sometimes get lost in the shuffle.

One way you can always be sure to have the latest Daybreak school and PTA information is to visit our website at www.daybreakpta.org. Information regarding upcoming events, current fundraising opportunities, and other

announcements are available to everyone, but there are few extra special goodies made available only to PTA members.

If you'd like to receive PTA news by email, please send a request to info@daybreakpta.org. In addition, if you have something you'd like to communicate to the PTA, you can do so directly through the web site, or by sending an email to info@daybreakpta.org.

Upcoming Events

- May 2: Early Release, Staff Development
- May 15: 4th grade music program, 6:30 PM
- May 20: PTA General Meeting, 7:00 PM, Media Center
- May 23: No School, Snow Make Up Day
- May 26: No School, Memorial Day
- May 27-June 6: Weigh in for Change at the Library!
- May 30: Book Fair—Early Bird Shopping, 4-6:00 PM
- June 2-6: Book Fair, 8-4:00 PM
- June 5: Book Fair—Family Night, 6:30-8:30 PM
- June 12: 1st grade music program, 6:30 PM
- June 13: Field Day
- June 16: Early Release
- June 17: Early Release/Last Day of School

Announcements

- 2008-2009 PTA board positions are up for nomination, and we're looking for a PTA/Staff Liaison and a Box Tops Coordinator for next year. If you are interested in one of these positions, please plan to attend the general meeting on May 20.
- *The Weigh in for Change at the Library* program encourages students to participate by class in donating loose change to raise money for the library. The classroom from each school with the heaviest jar of change on June 6 wins a pizza party!
- We would like to extend our gratitude to all of you who have volunteered your time and effort to PTA-related events this year. We cannot function without you, so THANKS!

2008-2009 PTA Events

Active Fundraisers

Our only active fundraisers next year will take place in the Fall:

- September 2-12: Payback Book Fundraiser
- October 24-November 7: Silver Cup Coffee Fundraiser

Passive Fundraisers

We are implementing several new year-long programs in which you can passively participate to help raise funds for our schools:

Albertson's Community Partners	Ink Cartridge Recycling
eScrip (Safeway)	Tyson's A+ Labels
General Mills Box Tops	Target Red Card
Campbell's Soup Labels	Search and Give
Kroger/Fred Meyer Gift Cards	Kiggins Family Theatre

For more information regarding these fundraising programs, visit us at www.daybreakpta.org.

Scholastic Book Fairs

Fall 2008

September 12: Book Fair Early Bird Shopping, 4-6 PM
(Staff, Volunteers, PTA Members only)

September 15-19: Book Fair, 8-4 PM

September 18: Family Night at the Book Fair, 7:00 PM

Spring 2009

May 29: Book Fair Early Bird Shopping, 4-6 PM
(Staff, Volunteers, PTA Members only)

June 1-5: Book Fair, 8-4 PM

June 4: Family Night at the Book Fair, 7:00 PM

Family Events

- Safety Event, Fall 2008
- Holiday Craft Workshop, December 2008
- Steve's Creature Feature, Spring 2009

PTA Meetings

All PTA meetings will be held in the Daybreak Media Center. If a meeting's location changes, it will be communicated in a PTA or school newsletter, or online at www.daybreakpta.org.

General Meetings

September 18, 2008:

The Year Ahead, 6:30 PM, Media Center

Join us as we take a look at the year and what the PTA is planning to do to make it a great one. Volunteer your ideas or time and make an impact on the educational experiences of your children.

November 13, 2008:

Setting Goals, 7:00 PM, Media Center

The fundraisers are over, so let's talk about our goals and how best to use our funds.

April 16, 2009:

Rewind to Look Forward, 7:00 PM, Media Center

We'll discuss the events of the past year and use what was good and what was not so good in order to prepare for the upcoming school year.

Board Meetings

PTA board meetings typically consist of the PTA President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, as well as the school principals or other staff members. As with the PTA general meetings, anyone is welcome to attend PTA board meetings. Meetings will be held every 6th Tuesday at 3:45 PM in the Media Center:

September 9	February 24
October 14	March 31
November 18	May 5
December 16	June 9
January 20	

What do you think the goals of the Daybreak PTA should be in 2008-2009? Send us an email at info@daybreakpta.org and let us know!

2007-2008 Accomplishments

It has been a big first year for the Daybreak PTA, and we'd like to take a moment to recognize all that we have accomplished together in just the last 10 months:

- Established the Daybreak PTA as an official organization.
- Raised \$5000+ in books and materials for the Daybreak Media Center and helped to put books in the hands of every student of the Daybreak schools.
- Raised \$8000 by organizing several school fundraisers.
- Raised \$2100 for the arts and music programs.
- Raised over \$520 in Box Tops for Education funds.
- Brought Steve's Creature Feature to Daybreak as a free family-oriented event.
- Held Daybreak's first annual Holiday Craft Workshop and had way too much fun!
- Provided grants that assisted Daybreak teachers and students.
- Contributed over 250 pounds of food to the Daybreak schools Food Drive.
- Provided snacks to ESL students during testing.
- Provided calculators and rulers for use during WASL testing.
- Provided snacks and water for a mother/daughter health education event.
- Took the opportunity to show our thanks and support to all that work for the Daybreak schools during Staff Appreciation Week.