

# Daybreak PTA Monthly Minute

## Introducing Your 2008-2009 PTA Executive Board

At the general meeting on September 18, 2008, the Daybreak PTA elected the following persons to serve on the 2008-2009 Daybreak PTA Executive Board:

### **Co-President: Dixie Fisher**

Dixie is a stay at home mom of five children—four of them go to Daybreak Primary. She wants to see her children succeed, and feels that in order for them to succeed, she needs to be involved in their lives at school. She wants to see the PTA be a success this year as they were last year, and are sure to be in years to come. Dixie feels that the PTA is a wonderful organization, she hopes to be a part of that success and bring some fun and exciting ideas to the group.

### **Acting Co-President: Melissa Lindberg**

Melissa lives with her husband and their three sons: one junior at Battle Ground High School, one second grader at Daybreak Primary; and an active four year old. Their oldest son has moved out on his own, is working in construction and taking business courses at a community college. Melissa has lived in Battle Ground for over 11 years and works out of her home as a freelance writer and occasionally as a substitute teacher. Melissa also served as the President for the 2007-2008 Daybreak PTA, and Vice President for the Chief/Captain Strong PTA in 2006-2007. She enjoys reading, playing board games and Legos with her kids, scrapbooking and spending time at the beach with her family and friends.

### **Co-Vice President: Tina Holliday**

Tina moved to Battle Ground from Spokane last year. She has two children, one in the third grade and a very lively boy in Kindergarten. In Spokane, at Mullen Road Elementary, she was involved in the Literacy program, classroom volunteering, and active participating as a PTA member. She has really enjoyed getting to know and working with staff, students and parents within our Daybreak community.

### **Co-Vice President: Wendy McKinney**

Wendy has two daughters, one in the third grade and one in the sixth grade. Wendy served as the Secretary for the 2007-2008 Daybreak PTA, and was elected this year as Co-VP by a unanimous vote. She is looking forward to another exciting year working with the students, parents, & staff at Daybreak.

### **Secretary: Shelly McKee**

Shelly has a 2nd grader at Daybreak Primary this year, and has lived in the Battle Ground area all of her life. She is currently staying at home to offer support to her son, and enjoys being able to volunteer her time at Daybreak. Two years ago, prior to staying at home, Shelly worked at Clark County Community Services in the Developmental Disabilities Department. She was there for five years and very much misses the people and the work, but she loves being around her son and the kids at Daybreak more. Shelly is recently engaged to a wonderful man and is planning a wedding for June. Next year she hopes to return to work while still being involved in the PTA and offering as much time as she can to support her son at school.

### **Treasurer: Bryn Dickson**

Bryn and her husband have lived in Battle Ground since 2005; their son is a second grader at Daybreak Primary this year. She is a Technical Communications Specialist and works from home writing and designing user guides, help systems, marketing collateral, web sites, and other technical materials. Bryn served as the Treasurer for the 2007-2008 Daybreak PTA, and was re-elected to the role in September. She enjoys listening to music and singing along, attending concerts, reading books, working in the yard, water-skiing, and spending time with her family.

If you have questions regarding any of the board positions, or want to contact a board member directly, please email us at [info@daybreakpta.org](mailto:info@daybreakpta.org).

## Fall Fundraising Results

With the support, cooperation, and efforts of Daybreak students and staff, our gracious volunteers, and members of the Daybreak community, the Daybreak PTA is happy to announce some results from our fundraising projects so far this year:

Our Fall Book Fair raised over \$4300 in materials for our libraries.

Our Payback Book fundraiser raised over \$6500 for our schools.

Our Kiggins Family Theater tickets program raised over \$200 for our schools.

The Box Tops for Education program has raised over \$250 for our schools.

We have earned over 14000 points towards supplies for our schools through the Campbell's Soup Labels program.

Final results from the Silver Cup Coffee Fundraiser will be announced as soon as they become available.

Thanks again to all of you for hard work, participation, and continued support!

## Fundraising FAQs

The following are a few common questions regarding the PTA and fundraising dollars. If you have other questions or concerns, please plan to attend one of our meetings or contact us at [info@daybreakpta.org](mailto:info@daybreakpta.org). We want to do everything we can to be a positive resource for the Daybreak community, and welcome your participation and input.

### Why are all Daybreak PTA fundraisers held in the Fall?

We understand that fundraisers can be a daunting task for our staff, students, parents, and volunteers, and having them all run in the Fall is a known issue. The problem is that funds raised in the Spring may not be available to the school until the following Fall, and that means that many of our students (the entire 8th grade included), staff, and parents would not benefit from the funds that they helped raise. In addition, we want to encourage the community to join us for the General Meeting on November 13 at 7:00 PM, where we will meet to discuss our goals for the year and decide how to best spend our fundraising dollars.

### Is my child/family obligated to participate in Daybreak PTA fundraisers?

No, no one is obligated to participate in our fundraising efforts. However, the greater the participation, the greater the benefits to our children and their educational experience at Daybreak.

## Upcoming Events (Nov 08-Jan 09)

### 11/6: Holiday Craft Workshop Meeting, 3:30 pm

Join us in the Daybreak Media Center to help us plan and coordinate this year's Holiday Craft Workshop. Don't forget to bring your ideas!

### 11/8: Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa, 9:30 am

Grab your family and a PTA membership and join us at Battle Ground Cinemas for a discounted and private showing of a great new family film! Tickets are just \$4.00 a person with a PTA membership, and popcorn and sodas are available at discounted prices too! For more information, grab a flyer from the PTA bulletin board in the Commons building, or email us at [info@daybreakpta.org](mailto:info@daybreakpta.org).

### 11/11: Veteran's Day—No School

### 11/13: General PTA Meeting, *Setting Goals*, 7:00 pm

The fundraisers are over, so let's talk about our goals for this year and how best to use our hard-earned funds.

### 11/18: PTA Board Meeting, 3:30 pm

### 11/27-30: Thanksgiving Break—No School

### 12/9: Holiday Craft Workshop, 6:00-8:00 pm

Bring your family and join us for an evening of fun-filled crafts and quality time together! Several craft choices will be offered at prices ranging from \$1-\$3, and we'll have free cookies, coffee, and cocoa, auction baskets, and lots of fun. Hope to see you there!

### 12/16: PTA Board Meeting, 3:30 pm

### 12/22-1/2: Winter Break—No School

### 1/20: PTA Board Meeting, 3:30 pm



### How are fundraising funds spent?

Funds raised through PTA fundraisers are used for many different things throughout the year. In addition to paying for business-type expenses such as printing, web site hosting, insurance, and storage costs, the PTA distributes funds to Daybreak Primary and Middle Schools in the form of grants. Funding requests are submitted by members of the Daybreak Staff, and the Daybreak PTA Executive Board, along with one or both principals, meet to discuss and approve or deny these requests. Some examples of things the PTA have funded in the past include:

- Middle School classroom book sets
- Insect Lady visit to 2nd Grade
- Steve's Creature Feature
- WASL testing supplies
- Snacks and water for Health Class events
- Field Day prizes
- Snacks for ESL students during testing

Once again, our next General Meeting is scheduled for November 13 at 7:00 PM in the Media Center. We encourage anyone interested in learning more about the PTA and how fundraising dollars are spent to attend. We hope to see you then!