

# Daybreak PTA Monthly Minute

## Welcome to Daybreak 2008-2009!

The Daybreak PTA would like to welcome all of you to our second school year at Daybreak! We learned a lot in our first year, and we're ready to kick it into high gear this time around! To start, we'd like to let you know who we are, why we're here, what we're planning, and how you can join us in making extraordinary things happen for the students, staff, and families in the Daybreak community. Together we work to make it a fantastic year!

### About the Daybreak PTA

Founded in July 2007, the Daybreak PTA was started by a handful of parents whose primary goal was to have a positive impact on the educational well-being of the children attending the Daybreak Schools. In our first year, the Daybreak PTA met this goal by:

Raising \$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.

Raising \$8000 by organizing several school fundraisers.

Raising \$2100 for the arts and music programs through the Run for the Arts program.

Raising over \$520 in Box Tops for Education funds.

Bringing Steve's Creature Feature to Daybreak as a free, fun, and educational family-oriented event.

Holding Daybreak's first annual Holiday Craft Workshop and had way too much fun!

Providing grants that assisted Daybreak teachers and students.

Contributing over 250 pounds of food to the Daybreak Schools Food Drive.

Providing snacks to ESL students during testing.

Providing calculators and rulers to the students of Daybreak for use during WASL testing.

Providing snacks and water for a mother/daughter health education event.

Taking the opportunity to show our thanks and support to all that work for the Daybreak Schools during Staff Appreciation Week.

This year, we want to invite you to join us in helping us to surpass last year's accomplishments and provide our students, families, and staff even more tools and opportunities to succeed at school.

### Communications

The Daybreak PTA provides several means of communications to our community:

Five bi-monthly newsletters will be sent home with Daybreak students through their homeroom teacher.

Membership forms, current newsletters, a calendar of events, and other PTA-related announcements are now available in the Daybreak Commons building.

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](http://www.daybreakpta.org). Information regarding upcoming events, current fundraising opportunities, and other announcements are available to everyone, but there are few extra 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@daybreakpta.org).

### 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.

Membership dues for 2008-2009 are:

**\$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.



## 2008-2009 PTA Events

### Active Fundraisers

Active fundraisers raise a majority of Daybreak PTA funds and have a direct impact on what the PTA can provide for the Daybreak Schools community. While we understand that active fundraising can be a time-consuming and daunting chore, every single cent of the funds raised through our active fundraisers goes directly to improving the educational experiences of all students attending the Daybreak Schools. You and your family are under no obligation to participate, however, our only two active fundraisers next year will take place in the Fall and will dictate what kinds of services, assistance, materials and programs we are able to provide throughout the year. Our active fundraisers include:

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	Tyson's A+ Labels
eScrip (Safeway)	Target Red Card
General Mills Box Tops	Search and Give
Campbell's Soup Labels	Kiggins Family Theatre
Ink Cartridge Recycling	

For more information regarding these fundraising programs, visit us at [www.daybreakpta.org](http://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: Buy One, Get One Free Book Fair Early Bird Shopping, 4-6 PM (Daybreak Staff Members, Volunteers, and 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](http://www.daybreakpta.org).

Again, you do not have to be a member in order to attend and join in the discussions, but you must have a current membership in order to vote on PTA-related issues.

### 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. Afterward, enjoy some time at Family Night at the Book Fair!

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 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 24
November 18	May 5
December 16	June 9
January 20	

### Announcements

2008-2009 PTA board positions are up for nomination. If you are interested in learning more about these positions, send an email to [info@daybreakpta.org](mailto:info@daybreakpta.org), or plan to attend the General Meeting on September 18.

We're looking for a PTA/Staff Liaison to help keep the communications flowing between the Daybreak PTA and members of the Daybreak staff. If you are interested in learning more about this position, send an email to [info@daybreakpta.org](mailto:info@daybreakpta.org), or plan to attend the General Meeting on September 18.

We're in need of a Box Tops Coordinator. Duties include: collecting box tops and soup labels, trimming, sorting, and submitting for payment. If interested, please send an email to [info@daybreakpta.org](mailto:info@daybreakpta.org), or plan to attend the general meeting on September 18.