



Happy Holidays

It is hard to believe that the first semester of the school year is coming to an end. I, personally, have had a great time planning the semester and am very pleased with the outcomes. I hope everyone else had the same experiences.

Our Scrip fundraisers brought in over \$800 all together this semester, Schnuck's community card was about \$200, and our Box Tops was almost \$150. This gives us a total so far of over \$1,100. However, our first semester of fundraising isn't over just yet. We will be wrapping presents for donations on December 13th and 20th at the West County Mall's Barnes N Nobles from 12 to 5 p.m.

Moog PTO's 2nd Annual Trivia Night will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2009 starting at 6 p.m. Reservations can be made beginning in January for \$20 per person or \$160 per table. Darin Sorrell will again be the Emcee for the event with a silent auction. This is our biggest fundraiser

of the school year and I hope that we will be able to raise more money than our previous Trivia Night.

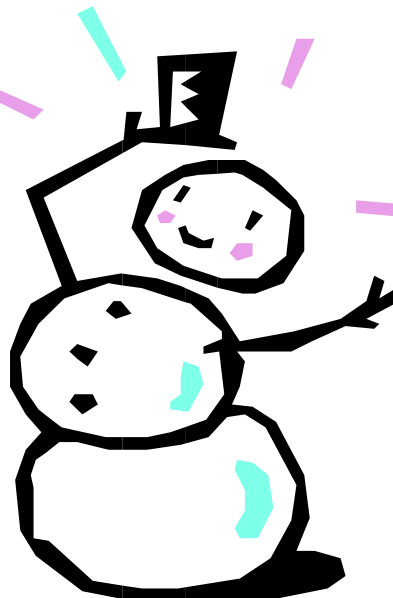
We have also shared some great times at our parent's night out, the Fall Picnic, and our breakfast mornings. It has been so much fun getting to know our new parents and reacquainting ourselves with the veteran parents. I want to take this opportunity to thank Ruth Sorrell for helping coordinate our Parent's Night Out events and making them such a success.

As we close for the semester, I realize that the second half of the year will bring many more activities. We have the Valentine's Day Party, Teacher Appreciation Day, and the Spring Picnic just to name a few.

It will be a busy second semester but it will be a successful one. Thank you for a great first half and I look forward to another fantastic semester.

I hope all of you have a safe and wonderful holiday break. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to drop it off in the PTO box located in the front office.

Sincerely,
Tracie Hood
Moog PTO President



Schedule of Events December

December 3, 2008 Informational Meeting. Understanding the Mainstream Challenges. This meeting will be held from 9-10:30 a.m. in the Professional Education Room.

December 5, 2008 Breakfast Morning. Join us at The Original Pancake House from 9:00-10:30 a.m. in Boone's Crossing.

December 5, 2008 Pizza Day

December 9, 2008 Informational Meeting. Public School Services. This meeting will be held from 9-10:30 a.m. in the Professional Education Room.

December 11, 2008 Support Group Meeting. Parents will meet in the Professional Education Room from 8:45-10:00 a.m.

December 13 & 20, 2008 Gift Wrapping Fundraiser. The PTO will be gift wrapping at the Barnes N Nobles at the West County Mall from 12-5 p.m. for donations.

December 19, 2008 Winter Program. Last Day of School for the semester.

December 22, 2008—January 5, 2009 No School, Winter Break!

March 7, 2009 Trivia Night. Reservations can be made beginning in January.

Scholastic Book Club

Thank you to everyone who placed an order last month. Scholastic orders for November totaled \$255.00. We earned 709 points, and we have a total of 13, 831 points. The next order forms will go out in January. Our teachers redeemed 1,000

points to get free books for their classrooms. Hope everyone has a great holiday!

Submitted by Teresa Ball

?????? Trivia Question ??????

Q: In what classic holiday special does a character complain "My name is all wrong. No child wants to play with a Charlie-In-The-Box?"

Please respond by Tuesday, December 16, 2008 by writing your name and answer on a sheet of folded paper and drop it off in the PTO box located in the front office. All correct answers will be placed in the drawing to win a prize. This month's winner will receive a gift card to Panera Bread.



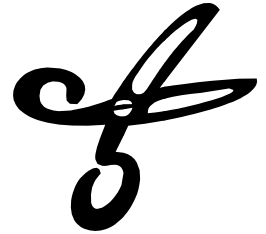
Box Tops Label Contest

Congratulations to Zenon! Zenon is our November Contest Winner. The total amount of labels from Box Tops, Campbell's, and Tyson that were collected was 292. Zenon was the winner of \$10 worth of free books or materials from Scholastic Book Clubs. Thank you Zenon for your hard work and participation.

For the month of December, entries for the contest are due **December 17th**. The December prize will be a **Webkinz!** Simply collect Box Tops, Campbell's, and Tyson labels in a sandwich bag or envelope with your child's name on it. Deposit them in the soup can in the office or in the designated box in the lobby. Prize

will be awarded after Winter Break.

*Submitted by
Eileen Kalschultz.*



Ongoing Fundraisers

Box Tops for Education:

The PTO earns cash for every BoxTop you save! Box Tops are worth \$.10 and can be found on many participating products from General Mills, Pillsbury, Betty Crocker, Hefty, Ziploc, and much, much more! Twice a year Box Tops for Education sends our school a check. In our submission for this school year in October, we earned \$148.60! Don't forget there are other ways to earn money from Box Tops! Shop online at btfe.com and visit Marketplace and the Reading Room where a percentage of your purchase goes towards our school.

Shop at moog.useyourphoto.com and earn our school 25% of your purchase. This site makes great holiday gifts!!!

Campbell's Labels for Education:

With all the holiday baking, you are bound to run into a label! You can help our school earn points to redeem for free merchandise!! Simply save UPC's and beverage caps on participating Campbell's products.

Tyson A+ Labels: Last month we earned \$24 from the Tyson Project A+ program! Now begins another round of saving those Tyson labels to reach our

goal of 100. Looking for a new recipe? Check out delicious recipes from Tyson online at <http://www.tyson.com/Recipes/>.

-submitted by Eileen Kalschultz.

Great Lakes Scrips: Our second round of gift cards was a great success. We pulled in more earnings this time than any other previous sale. With everyone's help, we earned over \$500. Cards will be sent out on December 5th just in time for the holidays! Thanks to everyone who purchased a gift card!

Schnucks Community Card: For the month of October we earned almost \$33 just from purchasing our weekly groceries. With the holidays fast approaching just remember to use your community card every time you shop at Schnucks. If you have any questions about Scrips or Schnucks please contact Deb McDonough.

-submitted by Deb McDonough

moog.useyourphoto.com: The latest Click and Give promotional flyer for the winter season is ready for Moog

PTO. To get started go to moog.useyourphoto.com and Moog PTO will earn 25% of your purchase. You can purchase custom cards for 20% off for every occasion. For a set of 20 Flat Panel Cards use the promo code and receive them for just \$15.96. Another great gift for the holidays is a personal calendar filled with your favorite pictures. Create 2 of your own 13 month calendars beginning on whatever month you desire for just \$19.99. You can also buy one 5x7 print or larger and get the second one free! That's not all, you can get 20 FREE 4 x 6 prints just by using the right promo code. So make this year memorable for everyone while earning your school money!

-submitted by Tracie Hood

**Get MORE
FREE Stuff
for your school!**

Interesting Web Sites



<http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/em/fr/-/2/hi/health/7737307.stm>

A BBC News story about an implant which works by firing infrared light into the inner ear and is being investigated by US researchers.

<http://www.cochlearamericas.com/Support/2367.asp>

Free online learning sessions that present information on a variety of topics.

www.stlouistrackclub.com,

www.stlbikefed.org,

www.bigshark.com

Activities that will be held on the new section of I-64 before opening it to traffic.

This semester has proven to be a successful one. We have had a lot of fun getting to know and supporting each other. This month everyone is invited to the Breakfast Morning on December 5th at The Original Pancake House in Boone's Crossing. A fundraiser is scheduled for December 13th and 20th at the Barnes N Nobles in the West County Mall. Volunteers are still needed for this fundraiser if anyone is available to help. The second round of the Escarp fundraiser brought in over \$500. There will be 2 more rounds held after the holiday break.

The 2nd Annual Trivia Night is scheduled for Saturday, March 7, 2009 and is emceed by Darin Sorrell. Reservations can be made beginning in January for Moog families, staff, and alumni. The public will then have the opportunity to make reservations in February. Other upcoming events for next semester are our Valentine's Day, Teacher Appreciation Day, and the Spring Picnic. More information will be sent home with your child closer to that time.

Recipe of the Month Potato back casserole

*Submitted by
Eileen Kalschultz*

- 2 16 oz packages of hash browns
- 1 tsp. Salt
- 1 pt. Sour cream
- 1/2 c. chopped onion
- 1 (10 3/4 oz) can of cream of chicken soup
- 2 c. shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 c. butter
- 2 c. crushed corn flakes

Mix hash browns, salt, sour cream, chopped onion, cream of chicken soup, and cheese together. Spread into a greased 9 x 13 casserole dish. Blend the butter and corn flakes for topping. Spread mixture evenly on top of the potato mixture. Bake in preheated oven at 350° for 1 hour.

Little Facts

Did you know:

- Almost 187-inches of snow fell in 7 days on Thompson Pass, AK in February 1953.
- Buffalo, NY had a 39-inch snowfall in 24 hours in early December 1995 that cost the city nearly \$5 million for snow removal.
- Practically every location in the US has seen snowfall. Even most portions of southern Florida have seen a few snow flurries.
- The greatest snowfall officially reported in Phoenix, AZ was 1-inch. This occurred twice once on January 20, 1933 and again 4 years later on the same date.
- Nationwide, the average snowfall amount per day when snow falls is about 2-inches, but in some mountain areas of the West, an average of 7-inches per snow day is observed.