



# MOOG PTO

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## Moog School PTO

### Schedule of Events September

**September 8, 2008** *Escrip fundraiser.* Our first round of 'gift card' fundraising begins!

**September 12, 2008** *PTO Meeting.* This is the first PTO meeting of the school year. 9:30—10:30 am in the Big Room.

**September 12, 2008** *Welcome Breakfast for Moog Parents.* 9—10:45 am in the Cafeteria.

**September 12, 2008** *Escrip fundraiser ends.* Cards should be delivered by September 15th.

**September 9 & 15, 2008** *School Picture Day & Retakes!*

**September 12 & 26, 2008** *Pizza Days!* Coordinators need a head count so don't forget to RSVP.

**September 20, 2008** *GNO!* We will be meeting at Bella Vita at 6:00 p.m.

**September 23, 2008** *Early Dismissal.* Classes end at 1:30 p.m. for Teacher/staff meeting.

## Welcome To Moog

School's in session!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of the returning families as well as the new ones to the Moog Center for Deaf Education! Your PTO has been busy getting the year started with some plans for great activities, fundraisers, and other events for the first semester. I am looking forward to a great year, filled with many memories and a whole lot of fun.



My goal for this school year is to continue the success from the previous year! I want to continue building strong parent relationships

between all of us because I believe that is what makes our school strong. I want to promote open communication and understanding among us all. Therefore, if you ever have a question about anything like where the closest Starbucks is or are wondering about an upcoming PTO event please contact me. The contact information is at the end of this newsletter.

Another goal of mine is to bring support to our teachers and staff at Moog. In order for me to do this I need your help. Throughout the year, I will be asking for not only your opinions and thoughts but for volunteers for the many activities. The input and

participation of everyone will make the Moog School PTO events a huge success for the school and our children.

If you have any ideas, thoughts, or comments that you want to share, please contact me or drop off any notes or messages in the PTO lock box located in the school's office next to the receptionist's desk.

The first PTO meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 12, 2008 at 8:45—10 a.m. in the Cafeteria. I hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Tracie Hood

Moog School PTO President

## PTO Expenses

Here is the PTO expenditures beginning in August 2008. The starting balance in August 2008 was almost \$7,000.



## Contact Information

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## What did you do this summer?

As I began this newsletter, I started thinking about how I should share my summer experience with everyone. Then I thought about what other families did this summer, thinking that maybe someone had a suggestion for what I can do for this coming summer, since the AG Bell Convention is only every two years. So I sent out an email to everyone at the beginning of the school year asking them what they did. This is what I received from the different families.

The Barry's enjoyed a full week on the beach in Hilton Head, SC with the Barry side of the family. Clare, Finn, and James loved playing on the beach with all of their cousins, aunts, uncles, and grandparents. We went on a dolphin adventure cruise, crabbing and to the famous Salty Dog for dinner. The highlight of the trip was that Clare and Finn learned to swim.—Megan Barry

The Sorrell family made "grass people." We took old knee high stockings and put grass seed in the toes, then put potting soil in on top, taking care to keep the seed at the very end of the stocking. Then we tied a knot so that the soil in the stocking resembled a head, upon which we painted eyes, nose, and mouth. Then we took yogurt cups and covered them with construction paper "clothes" and decorated them with markers. We then filled the yogurt cup with water, and set the head on top with the stocking tail hanging in the water to act as a wick. Within just a couple of days our "grass peo-



ple" sprouted hair! Every week or so we gave them haircuts and styled their hair. They were very low maintenance—they only needed water every 3 or 4 days and withstood scalplings by our overzealous preschooler and toddler.—Ruth Sorrell

The Pickerill's and Bellido's attend the CNI Cochlear Kids Camp in Estes Park, CO.

The camp is for kids with cochlear implants and their families. The camp offers a variety of activities and day camps for the kids, ages infant to 18 years, as well as workshops and activities for the parents. This was the Pickerill's second camp, and the Bellido's first. Both families went horseback riding, raced in the "Amazing Race," played mini-golf, and enjoyed an ice cream social together. Other activities available at camp were swimming, skating, archery, Blast Off rocket making, crafts, a climbing wall, animal tracking, etc. The parents enjoyed an after dinner social with open discussion on a number of topics. Workshops included an open discussion with a child psychologist; a workshop led by Dr. David Kelsall, Director of the Camp and CNI (Colorado Neurological Institute), in which he discussed new implant guidelines, new technology, benefits of bilateral and hybrid implants, new surgery procedures, etc. Shelby even got her artwork printed on the camp Tshirts this year! The camp was a fun and exciting place to meet other families with CI kids from around the US and other countries. This year Missouri

had the most families in attendance at the June 2008 camp, with 13 families, and 1 camp volunteer. For more information go to [www.thecni.org/hearing/kidscamp.htm](http://www.thecni.org/hearing/kidscamp.htm).—Lana Pickerill

I had the privilege of traveling to Milwaukee this summer to attend the AG Bell Convention. At the convention was all the Moog staff as well as two other families and a lot of great presenters, families going through our same dilemmas, and other fascinating people who used their hearing devices better than I could ever imagine. We had the greatest time learning, getting to know others, and introducing ourselves to realities, people, and information. We had the pleasure of watching a traveling art performance putting together skits of children who had turned in stories about their hearing loss, for which Drew was actually chosen. We also had the opportunity of watching proudly, Ms. Abby Baden win her Rookie of the Year Award, which was also important since Drew had her as a teacher all last year and up through this past summer. I even met one of my high school friends who now lives in Arizona with her family and young daughter with bilateral implants. However and probably most importantly, we walked away from the event with so much information it was difficult to sort out right away. The next convention will be held in Orlando, FL in 2010 and my family is already buzzing about our attendance.—Tracie Hood

### Scholastic Book Club

The Scholastic Book Club is an opportunity for parents to purchase books and educational items for their children at bargain prices, while helping their classrooms and school library. Each time you purchase a book, it increases our points. We begin the year with approximately 6,000 points. These points allow our teachers to get free books for their classrooms as well as educational materials.

Scholastic Book Order forms will be sent home in September and we will continue to send them out monthly. Please look for them in your child's folder. It is a great way to increase your library at home. If you have any questions please contact me at (636)327-0557.

*By Teresa Ball*



## Labels CONTEST!



Welcome to another great year at The Moog Center for Deaf Education! My name is Eileen Kalschultz and I'm the volunteer coordinator for Box Tops for Education, Tyson A+ and Campbell's Labels for Education Program.

This year we are introducing a new

monthly contest! It's a fun and easy way to get your kids involved in raising money for our school. Simply collect Box Tops, Tyson A+, and Campbell's Labels in an envelope or sandwich bag with your child's name and drop it into the yellow school bus in the lobby by the 20th of each month. The child with the

most combined total of labels and Box Tops will be announced in the newsletter and will receive a prize!

Watch for monthly collection worksheets to make collecting Box Tops fun for your child! If you have any questions please contact me at (636)978-5915.

## Pizza Day Rules & Policies

Pizza Day is a special event for our school aged children. It is important to keep this day fun and exciting for them. Therefore, I just wanted to remind everyone about the rules and policies established for pizza day.

- The pizza is called in on Thursday mornings, therefore, please have all money and forms in by the Monday before Pizza Day, unless you have made arrangements with Kristin previously.
- Pizza Day is for our school aged children who enjoy lunch everyday at school. However, if you or anyone

else special would like to eat pizza with your child please fill out the forms in the front lobby by Monday of Pizza Day week with \$4 attached to it and drop it in the lock box. Only those who have paid will be served.

- There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway and one being sent home, please sign it if you intend to help out. There are four slots open. Do not assume that we know you are coming, it is too difficult to keep track of it all.
- *If you are volunteering you must wait until all children have exited the cafeteria to enjoy the leftovers.* Please save the pizza for

teachers, parents, and students that hat have paid for it.

- Also there is a limit on the amount of pizza your child will be given. All students will receive 2 slices maximum. They will also be given a healthy side, desert, and juice.

If you have any questions or comments about pizza day, please, contact Kristin Dunn or Lana Pickerill. Thank you for your understanding.



### Ongoing Fundraiser Activities

We have six ongoing fundraisers:

**Box Tops for Education:** The PTO earns cash every time you shop for groceries! All you have to do is find Box Tops worth \$0.10 on hundreds of your favorite products, like Cereals, or even Pull Ups. Turn them into the School's office in the appropriate box labeled Box Tops. Twice a year, Box Tops will send our school a check! Our earnings since 2002 were \$1,148, including \$342 from last year.

**Tyson Project A+:** The PTO earns cash every time you buy participating Tyson Products marked with their Project A+ label, such as lunch meat and frozen chicken. Each label is

worth \$0.24. Turn them into the Box Tops location so that we can make sure we get credit.

**Campbell's Labels for Education:** Moog earns free educational equipment (i.e. computer software or craft supplies) when we redeem proofs of purchases from participating Campbell's products, such as Goldfish Crackers and soups. *By Eileen Kalschultz*

**Schnucks Community Card:** The PTO earns cash every time you shop at Schnucks. Present a registered community card to the cashier every time you shop and we automatically receive 1% to 3% of your monthly purchase amount, excluding lottery tickets, gift cards, and taxes. Our earnings from January to May 2007 were \$211 with only about 15 actively par-

ticipating school families.

**Great Lakes Scrips:** The PTO earns cash by families purchasing gift cards through Scrips from hundreds of different merchants. We automatically receive 1.5% to 21% of card purchase amounts. This year, we tentatively will be selling the cards during September, November, February, and April. *By Deb McDonough*

**moog.useyourphoto.com:** If you use this Web site for your photo needs you can earn the school up to 30% of your purchase. Currently, we have raised just over \$60. This site offers photo memory products such as calendars and announcements to prints, banners, cards, and invitations. Look for promotional discounts in your child's backpack. *By Tracie Hood*

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### Interesting Websites

[www.AmericanMedical-ID.com](http://www.AmericanMedical-ID.com)  
Affordable ID bracelets

[www.agbell.org](http://www.agbell.org)

<http://www.mtv.com/ontv/dn/truelife/episode/episode.jhtml?episodeID=138560> Recap of the MTV True Life episode about a teenage boy receiving an implant and a 21 year old woman who dreams of becoming a professional dancer.

[www.stlouisattractions.com](http://www.stlouisattractions.com)  
Wonderful ideas on what to do on the weekends.



Welcome new and returning Moog families! We are looking forward to a great year full of a variety of activities, fundraisers, and several other events! We encourage everyone to participate to help make this year memorable for our children, parents, and teachers!

Don't forget to keep those Box Tops, Campbell's Labels for Education, and Tyson Project A+ labels coming in and shopping at your local Schnucks. Please encourage relatives, neighbors, co-workers, etc. to support Moog by participating in these fundraisers too! The more money we raise, the more fun we can have! Thank you in advance for all of your participation.

## Little Facts

Did You Know:

- In the animated movie, Dumbo, Timothy Mouse's middle initial is Q. However, no one knows what the Q stands for.
- Legend has it that the idea for the story of Dumbo, which was released in 1941, came from a comic strip on a cereal box.
- Dumbo never says a single word in Disney's 4th animated feature film.
- To make sounds for Monstro the Whale in the animated film, Pinocchio, soundmen splashed paddles in a tank of soapy water.



- For the 1940 release of Disney's 2nd animated feature film, animators used actual puppets and took puppetry classes to capture Pinocchio's movements realistically.

## Recipe of the Month

### Cream Cheese Cake *Submitted by Iesha Ireland*

8 oz. Cream cheese      1 tsp. Vanilla extract  
1/4 c. lemon juice      1 egg  
1 can sweetened condensed milk  
1 prepared graham cracker crust

Combine cream cheese, lemon juice, vanilla extract, and sweetened condensed milk, mix in mixing bowl for 2 minutes and set aside. Beat an egg and coat the crust, throw the rest of the egg out. Bake in oven at 350° for 3 minutes. Empty cream cheese mixture into crust, cover and place in refrigerator for 4 hours.