

Moog PTO

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Notes from the PTO

Happy Thanksgiving!

As November unfolds, we are faced with making national decisions as a new president is chosen and creating plans for the holiday season. This month is filled with so much to do and I hope that the PTO does not add too much to the plate.

We will be holding our last PTO meeting of the semester on Friday, November 14, 2008 in the Kid's Café. We will also be conducting a Special Meal Day (Hot Dog Day) on Friday, November 21, 2008. Our second round of Scrips fundraiser will begin the week before Thanksgiving, so don't buy those Holiday gifts just yet! Finally, the beginning talks of the upcoming Trivia Night fundraiser that will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2009 will be occurring over the next several months.

A special thanks goes out to Mary Ethier and Karin Kurapos for their planning of



the fall picnic and to those who helped set up, clean up, and serve during the activity. It was so much fun! I also wanted to send a special thanks to those parents who volunteered their time with the Halloween Party and donated items for the party. I feel the party was a great success and the children seemed to really enjoy themselves. We couldn't have done it without all of your contributions.

Have a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving! If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me or drop them off in the front office in the PTO box.

Sincerely,

Tracie Hood

Moog PTO President

Labels Contest Winner

Congratulations to Nicolas! Nicolas is our October Contest Winner. The total amount of labels from Box Tops, Campbell's, and Tyson that were collected was 69. Nicolas was the winner of \$10 worth of free books or materials from Scholastic Book Clubs. Thank you Nicolas for your hard work and participation.

Remember if you would like to be in-

cluded in the monthly contest, make sure you send in all of your labels by the 20th of every month in a bag with your name on it. This will give you a chance to win great gifts. Also, don't forget, it was agreed that bonus certificates count towards the total amount of labels.

Submitted by Eileen Kalschultz.

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Schedule of Events November

November 5, 2008 Informational Meeting. Understanding all those forms. Bring copies of the forms if you have them. 9-10:30 in the Professional Education Room.

November 7, 2008. Pizza Day!

November 12, 2008. Informational Meeting. Game, toys, and book ideas for the holidays. 9—10:30 a.m. in the Professional Education Room.

November 14, 2008 PTO Meeting. November/December activities will be discussed in the Kid's Café from 8:45-10:00 a.m.

November 18, 2008 Support Group Meeting. 8:45—10:00 in the Professional Education Room.

November 21, 2008 Decorating the Lobby! Join us in the lobby for warm beverages and snacks while we decorate the tree from 8:45-10:45 a.m.

November 21, 2008 Hot Dog Day! We will be serving hot-dogs for our Special Meal Day!

November 22, 2008 Parent's Night Out. More information to be sent home.

November 26-28, 2008 No School! Thanksgiving Break!

Gearing up for the staticy season!

It is static season! I am sure by now every CI user has gotten out their spray bottles ready to go to work. Although with the ever changing technology, improvements have been made on the CI, which reduces the number of static related incidents dramatically. We should still take the necessary precautions to minimize static situations.

Therefore, I would like to review what last year's newsletter discussion included on the topic.

Static electricity occurs when a "positive" charge on a material sheds electrons by rubbing a "negative" material that attracts them. Good static-producing combinations include hair and rubber or skin and polyester. The resulting charge on both objects can dissipate slowly in humid air, or cause a shock if it touches something that is grounded such as metal. Humidity also plays an important role in static electricity. In the cold, dry air of winter there is an increase in the ability of producing static electricity.

(www.esdjournal.com)

There are many things in our environment that are potential static electrical producing objects. These objects include clothes made from wools, synthetic fibers, acrylics, nylons, polyesters, and rayon, synthetic materials such as nylon carpets, vinyl flooring, trampolines, gymnastic mats, scarves, and car upholstery, playground equipment (i.e. plastic slides, ball pits, tunnels, or anything that is made from plastic), motor vehicles, computer or TV screens, and even varnished or finished surfaces. (www.twu.edu/inspire/Fact_Sheets/cochlea.htm).

Static electricity can potentially damage the electrical components of the implant system or erase the current MAP settings. This happens when there is direct contact between the charged person or object and any of the implant parts. The static electricity is then discharged to the ground through the implant, which causes inconvenient trips to audiologists to restore programming.

Some things you can do to protect your CI user from the annoyance of static electricity (www.tainroyaclacademy.org.uk):

- Reduce static build-up by using a fabric softener or anti-static spray on clothes, carpet, and car upholstery regularly.
- Look into car products like the ones on www.stopzap.com. They sell a metal strip that hangs down from the car's frame and grounds the car and they also sell an antennae-similar to what is used on airplanes.

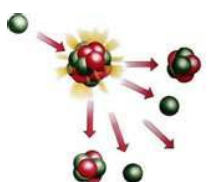


It's that time of year again!

I have personally never used one but I have been told that it works and is available. They aren't too expensive, only around \$20.

- Goodie now makes Antistatic hairbrushes and are sold inexpensively at department stores. Also, to cut down on static in your child's hair, use leave-in-conditioner. This will help reduce the amount of static carried and created in the hair.
- Use ant-static screens to shield computer monitors, an anti-static mat under computer chairs, keyboards, and the mouse. Last year, I contacted the hearing exchange for some help on the matter and was given two great sites to check out for antistatic mats. They are <http://www.smarter.com/~se-qq-anti-static+computer+mats.html> and <http://www.mypencil.com/mall/page28RegularFilters.asp>. You can also check out www.ultrastatinc.com/consumer_tvs_clearview.html, although I have no personal experience with the product.
- Use anti-static wipes on computer and TV screens regularly.
- Use a humidifier to keep the air moist (some can be connected to your furnace to automatically control the humidity in your home during the winter, ask a technician).
- Teach your child to ground him/herself by touching something metal. Get yourself in the habit, especially when taking the child in/out of the car.
- Remove external parts of the CI when static electricity is prominent.
- Choose clothes that are made of cotton and natural fibers and leather soled shoes. Fabric conditioner also reduces the problem. Put implant on last when dressing and take it off first when undressing. For example, in the wintery season you could find someone to knit a hat for you, with 100% cotton material. That way you have a better chance of your hat producing less static than a fleece lined hat.
- Avoid all activities that may produce static electricity such as plastic slides, ball pits, and the electrostatic ball found at science centers, schools, and museums.

While searching the internet for information on the topic, I found a site that has a wide range of antistatic products that I have never heard of before. Go to www.ultrastatinc.com/consumer_tvs_clearview.html.

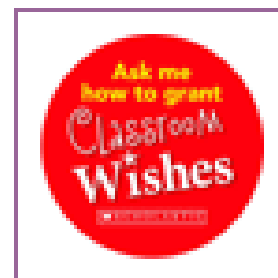


Scholastic Book Clubs

Christmas will be here soon, and books are a great gift or stocking stuffer. The scholastic order forms for Christmas will be sent out the first week of November and due November 12th. If your order is a gift for your child, please write gift on the order form so that we will not put the books in their backpack. You can pick up the books in the office. Also look for the gift certificates in the order forms, this makes a great gift to give to your child's teacher. Each certificate is worth \$4 and the teachers can redeem them for books for the classroom.

This will be our last Scholastic order for 2008. The next forms will be sent out in January 2009, so if you need something before then, try shopping online through Moog's Scholastic site. Orders for October totaled \$198. Our current point balance is 14,157. The teachers redeemed 700 points for free books for their classrooms. Thanks to all who ordered.

Submitted by Teresa Ball



Ongoing fundraiser activities

Box Tops for Education:

- **Clip:** The PTO earns cash for every Box Top collected! Each Box Top is worth \$0.10. Box Tops submissions are turned in twice a year to receive a check for our school. The first deadline was October 31 and we earned \$148.60 from clipping alone. Thanks for everyone's participation.
- **Marketplace:** The holidays are coming! Sign up at btfe.com and find out where to shop to earn money to support our school. Eight percent of purchases are donated back to our school.
- **Reading Room:** Purchase books online at Barnes and Noble and earn cash for our school. Our school earns 6% on new books and 3% on all other online purchases. Simply log on to btfe.com/reading_room and click on the 'Shop Now' button.

Campbell's Labels for Education: There is a new collection bin in the school in the form of a giant soup can. Have you seen it? It's located in the school office. Please insert box tops/labels contest entries in this bin.

Tyson A+ Labels: WE DID IT! With your efforts and contributions we have reached our goal of 100 Tyson labels! The PTO receives \$0.24 for every Tyson label we collect! Moog PTO will be receiving a check from Tyson in the amount of \$24. Keep saving those Tyson labels as we begin collecting for another goal of 100!

submitted by Eileen Kalschultz.

Great Lakes Scrips: Gift giving is just around the corner and we have just the fundraiser to meet your needs. We will



begin our second round of Scrip fundraising the week before Thanksgiving, allowing the cards to be delivered the week following Thanksgiving. This gives everyone plenty of time for the holiday season. Be looking for more information to be sent home.

"Box Tops earned us \$148 this semester!"

Schnucks Community Card: In September alone we earned almost \$40 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: Currently, the fundraising site is in the final stages of creating their latest promotional piece. When it is finished it will be sent out to everyone. However, just as reminder this site is GREAT for holiday gift ideas, from personal Holiday cards (20 5x7 flat panel cards with envelopes only \$19.95) to photo calendars (\$19.99 each). You can create fun personalized photo products as well as purchase prints (\$.14) online. Every time you make a purchase, Moog PTO receives up to 30% of the purchase price. It's easy just log on, create your account, upload your favorite photos to create, and then place your order. The donated amount is automatically sent back to the school.

submitted by Tracie Hood

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Interesting Web Sites

www.mensa.org/workout2.php

A workout for your brain!

CI-MedEI@yahoogroup.s.com

Yahoo chat group discusses revolutionary ideas for CI users.

www.hearindiana.org

Hear Indiana Educational Conference, IN. November 14, 2008.

www.ultrastatinc.com/

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Antistatic products available online.



October seemed to go by so quickly! Thank you to those of you who participated or contributed to the Fall Picnic and Halloween party in October. Both activities were a huge success and I appreciate everyone's effort in making it memorable for the students. We will hold our last PTO meeting of the semester on Friday, November 14, 2008. Please come prepared to discuss events and activities that will wrap up the semester.

Thanks to everyone who purchased products, clipped, and saved Box Tops and Tyson A+ labels. We were able to collect almost \$175 total from both label fundraisers. This month we will be conducting our second round of Scrip fundraising. Be looking for more information to be sent home November 18, 2008.

Recipe of the Month

Italian Egg Bake

Submitted by Tracie Hood

- 8 slices white bread, cubed
 - 1 pack of bacon, browned and crumbled
 - 2 c. (8oz.) shredded sharp cheddar cheese
 - 2 c. (8oz.) shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
 - 9 eggs
 - 1 tsp. Dried basil
 - 3 c. milk
 - 1 tsp. Dried oregano
 - 1 c. red pepper
 - 1 c. sautéed onion
- Place bread cubes in greased 13x9 baking dish; set aside. Spoon bacon, on-

Little Facts

Did you know:

- Around 280 million turkeys are sold for Thanksgiving.
- Thanksgiving was first declared a National Holiday in 1789 by George Washington.
- Thomas Jefferson mocked the idea of having Thanksgiving.
- Sarah Joseph Hale helped the cause for Thanksgiving by championing her ideas through magazines. Forty years later her idea became a reality when President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November as a national day of Thanksgiving in 1863.



Reference: http://poetryandmore.freepgs.com/thanksgiving_facts.php