

# Moog PTO

## *Schedule of Events*

### *October*

#### **October 3, 2008**

*PTO Meeting.* 9:15—10:45 am in the Kid's Cafe.

#### **October 3, 2008**

*Fall Picnic!* 5-7 p.m. Sports Theme Fliers will be sent home!

#### **October 10, 2008**

*Scholastic Book Orders are due October 10, 2008.*

#### **October 10, 2008**

*Breakfast Morning.* Parents are welcome to join us at First Watch on Manchester next to Trader Joe's from 9:15—10:45 a.m.

#### **October 10, 2008**

*Special Meal Day!* Instead of Pizza Day we will be serving Chik-Fil-A for lunch.

#### **October 13, 2008**

*No school.* Columbus Day!

#### **October 23, 2008**

*Support Group Meeting.* 8:45-10:30 a.m. in the Professional Education Room with Mary.

#### **October 24, 2008**

*Pizza Day!*

#### **October 31, 2008**

*Halloween Party.* 2 p.m.—3 p.m. Please see sign up sheet on the PTO bulletin board!

## Notes from the PTO

Happy Halloween!

September started off great with our PTO Welcome Breakfast, our first PTO meeting, GNO, and our first month of fundraising. We were given the opportunity to meet the new Moog families and catch up with returning ones. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the breakfast as well as the meeting.

October will be filled with many different activities. There will be our monthly meeting, fall picnic, a breakfast morning, and the Halloween party. Our fall picnic will be held on Friday, October 3, 2008 this year. This year it is a sports theme, so come dressed as your favorite athlete, team, or

sport. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help and a special thank you to Mary Ethier and Karin Kuropas for organizing the event.

We are still in need of volunteers for the Castle. I am looking for 3 parents who would be able to help run games or the craft during the party. If you are interested please let me know. A volunteer list will be sent home with your child in the next couple of weeks.

I wish everyone a safe and happy Halloween. I encourage all parents to join us in our many wonderful activities this month. These activities, I feel, are very important in creating a relationship with families going



through the same emotions and situations as other families.

I look forward to working with all of you over the next month. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. You can also leave any suggestions in the PTO folder located in the front office.

Sincerely,

Tracie Hood

PTO President

## Labels Contest Winner

Congratulations to Jay! Jay is our September Contest Winner. The total amount of labels from Box Tops, Campbell's, and Tyson that were collected was 107. Jay was the winner of a \$10 gift card to Toys R Us. Thank you Jay for

your hard work and participation.

Remember if you would like to be involved 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.

Keep clippin'!

*Submitted by Eileen Kal-*

# Top Ten Lists for Halloween

You ever wonder what the top 10 costumes, candies, or movies are for Halloween? Well after some re-researching I found some of your favorite top ten lists.

## Top 10 Suggested Kid Costumes Ideas ([http://](http://fun.familyeducation.com)

### [fun.familyeducation.com](http://fun.familyeducation.com)

1. Peter Pan
2. 2. Bag of Jelly Beans
3. Tube of Toothpaste
4. Christmas Present
5. Baked Potato
6. Glow-in-the-dark Star
7. Harry Potter
8. King of Hearts
9. Scarecrow
10. Speed Bump

### Top 5 Halloween Costumes for Boys

## and Girls ([www.extremehalloween.com](http://www.extremehalloween.com))

Boys:

1. Indiana Jones
2. Batman Dark Knight
3. Anakin Skywalker
4. Deluxe Clone Trooper
5. Power Rangers

Girls:

1. Hannah Montana
2. Disney Princess
3. Dorothy
4. Minnie Mouse
5. Indian Princess

## Top 10 Haunting Halloween Movies for Kids (<http://kidstvmovies.about.com>)

1. Casper
2. The Worst Witch
3. Hocus Pocus
4. It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown
5. The Little Vampire
6. Garfield Holiday Celebrations

7. Pooh's Heffalump Halloween Movie
8. Nightmare Before Christmas
9. The Adventures of Ichabod and Mr. Toad
10. Monster House

## Top 10 Halloween Traditions ([www.associatedcontent.com](http://www.associatedcontent.com))

1. Trick-or-Treating
2. Making Your Own Costume
3. Halloween Party
4. Decorate House
5. Haunted Houses
6. "Dumb Supper"
7. Picking Apples and Pumpkins
8. Making Jack-O-Lanterns
9. Making Candy Apples
10. Making Pumpkin Pie

## Top 7 Halloween Candy ([www.imperialsugar.com](http://www.imperialsugar.com))

1. Anything Sour
2. Anything Gummy
3. Cotton Candy
4. Mini Candy Bars



## Scholastic Book Clubs

Scholastic Book Orders for September totaled \$596, which earned us 8,420 points giving us a total of 13,717 points. Thanks to all of the parents and teachers who participated. Our teachers redeemed 835 points of free books. We qualified for \$40 of free



books from Firefly and Seesaw Catalogs, which I had the Discovery and Castle Room teachers choose books from each catalog.

You can place your orders online beginning in October and pay by credit card or you can continue to use

the forms that are sent home from school. Instructions to place online orders will be included with October's order forms which will be sent home the first week of October. If you have any questions please contact me.

*Submitted by Teresa Ball*

# Macy's Escrip Program Discontinued

Deb McDonough received this letter from Macy's and would like to share it with everyone.

Dear Deb,

I'd like to thank you for taking part in the Macy's St. Louis eScrip pilot program. Over the past 12 months your families' shopping has provided funding for schools and non-profit organizations in the St. Louis area on behalf of Macy's.



The Macy's eScrip pilot program in St. Louis will be ending as of September 30, 2008. Your organization will continue to earn from your families' shopping thru this date.

Macy's continues to lead the way in charitable giving and community programs throughout the communities we serve. Exclusive Macy's programs such as "Thanks for Sharing" and "Shop for a Cause" raise millions of dollars each year that benefit local communities across the country. We will continue to evaluate additional opportunities, such as eScrip to do even more.

Thank you again for your continued patronage. If you would like to find out how your local St. Louis organization can raise funds through Macy's Shop for a Cause, please contact your local Macy's.

Sincerely,

Steven Weinbaum

DBP, Loyalty Marketing

P.S. The termination of the Macy's eScrip program in no way effects any of the other participating eScrip merchants.

## Ongoing Fundraisers

We have six ongoing fundraisers:

**Box Tops for Education:** There are 3 easy ways to make a difference for our school. 1)Clip—The PTO earns cash for every Box Top collected! Each Box Top is worth \$.10. Recruit family, friends, and neighbors to clip Box Tops for our school. Box Tops submissions are turned in twice a year to receive a check for our school. The first deadline is October 22nd. Keep those Box Tops coming. 2)Marketplace—Do you like to shop online? Shop at [btfe.com](http://btfe.com) and find out how to support our school. Eight percent of the purchases are donated back to our school. 3)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](http://btfe.com)/readingroom and click on the 'Shop New' button.

**Tyson Project A+:** The PTO earns cash from participating Tyson Product labels. Each label is worth \$.24. We currently have 94 labels! We need 6 more to earn a check for our school. Eat more chicken.

**Campbell's Labels for Education:** Cooler weather is among us and there is no better time to enjoy soup. Stock up on your favorite Campbell's soups and save the UPC labels on the cans. Points from the labels earn materials for our school. *By Eileen Kalschultz*



**Schnucks Community Card:** Don't forget to use your com-

munity card every time you shop at Schnuck's. The Moog PTO has been earning an average of \$250 a quarter, with the use of these cards.

**Great Lakes Scrips:** Thanks to everyone who participated in the first round of the scrips fundraiser. We earned \$211.09 for the Moog PTO. Our next sale will be held in November in time for the holidays. *By Deb McDonough*

**[moog.useyourphoto.com](http://moog.useyourphoto.com):** If you use this Web site for your photo needs you can earn the school up to 30% of your purchase. This site offers photo memory products such as calendars and announcements to prints, banners, cards, and invitations. A new promotional discount will be arriving home soon in your child's backpack. *By Tracie Hood*

### Interesting Web Sites

[www.research.va.gov/programs/JRRD/45\\_5.cfm](http://www.research.va.gov/programs/JRRD/45_5.cfm)

*Journal of Rehabilitation Research & Development from the US Department of Veterans Affairs*

[www.bernafon.com](http://www.bernafon.com)

*This site provides an online hearing test.*

[www.tedpa.org/interiorPage.php?pageID=111](http://www.tedpa.org/interiorPage.php?pageID=111)

*Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program Association*

[www.gotomeeting.com/register/745170191](http://www.gotomeeting.com/register/745170191)

*Developing Listening and Language in the Home Live eSeminar. In partnership with AG Bell, Advanced Bionics presents.*



September was a great month with several activities taking place. We were able to meet our new families during the Welcome Breakfast and share some wonderful ideas during the PTO meeting. Then we enjoyed a little relaxation time during our GNO. We were able to meet at Bella Vita Wines and had a great time. Our next GNO will be held sometime in November (to be determined) so if you have any suggestions for a location please contact Ruth Sorrell.

WOW! Our first eScrips fundraiser went well. We earned a total of \$211.09. Thanks for purchasing those cards. Our next one will be held in November in time for the holidays.



### Recipe of the Month

*Quick Pumpkin Bread*  
*Submitted by Janine Schilders*



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| 1 3/4 c. flour                                | 2 eggs               |
| 1/4 tsp. Baking powder                        | 1/3 c. water or milk |
| 1 tsp. Baking soda                            | 1/3 c. raisins       |
| 1/2 tsp. Cinnamon                             | 1/2 c. chopped nuts  |
| 1/4 tsp. Ground cloves                        | 1 1/3 c. sugar       |
| 1/3 c. soft shortening                        |                      |
| 1 c. canned pumpkin (not pumpkin pie filling) |                      |

Sift together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, and cloves. Beat sugar, shortening and eggs until fluffy in large bowl. Add pumpkin to sugar mix and beat. Add flour mixture in 3 additions alternately with water or milk. Do not over beat between each addition. Fold in raisins and nuts. Pour batter into a greased 9 x 5 inch loaf pan and bake at 350 degrees for about 1 hour or until knife stuck in the middle comes out clean.



### Little Facts

Did you know:

- About 99% of pumpkins marketed domestically are used as Jack-O-Lanterns at Halloween.
- In the US, 86% of Americans decorate their homes for Halloween.
- Legendary magician Harry Houdini died in Detroit of gangrene and peritonitis resulting from a ruptured appendix on Halloween in 1926.
- It is believed that the Irish began the tradition of Trick or Treating. In preparation for All Hallow's Eve, Irish townsfolk would visit neighbors and ask for contributions of food for a feast in town.
- The record for the fastest pumpkin carver in the world is Jerry Ayers of Baltimore, OH. He carved a pumpkin in 37 seconds.



References: [www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk)

