



PTA Pulse

Volume 2 Issue 2

October 2010

Upcoming Dates:

Oct. 6- Walking School Bus
Oct. 11- Fundraiser Ends
Oct. 17-23 Spartan Shopping Days
Oct. 18 - 1/2 Day School
Oct. 22 - No School
Oct. 27 - Fundraiser Delivery
Oct. 28 - Halloween Parade
Oct. 29 - Popcorn Day
Oct. 29 - Harvest Hike

PTA Board 2010-2011

President, Shannon Erickson

1st Vice President, Wendy Biedenbach

2nd Vice President, Denise Radakovitz

Secretary, Kimberley Mitchell

Treasurer, Matt Metcalf

Assistant Treasurer, Julie Riordan

Volunteering

Please fill out your Volunteer Profile form and turn it into the office. This needs to be done before you can volunteer in the classroom. Volunteering is a very important part of the success of Lakewood school. Please stop by the office and sign in and out each time you volunteer here. Thank you for all you do!!

A thank you to all the parents who attended the PTA meeting on Monday, Sept. 27th. It was great to see everyone!

The next PTA meeting will be **Monday, November 22 at 6:30 P.M.** in the school library. We have a speaker presenting ideas for helping to prevent and deal with bullying. We will also be voting on a nominating committee. Childcare available.

Are You "In-the-know?"

Stay up-to-date, find important information, get the scoop at Lakewood's website:

www.westottawa.k12.mi.us/schools/lakewoodelementary/pta/

Spartan Community Shopping Days are Here Again!!

Please mark your calendar for the following days:

September 26 – October 2

October 17 – 23

Please shop at **D&W** and **Family Fare** during the above dates and ask that your purchase be credited to Lakewood Elementary so we can earn **EASY CASH** for our school to support all the great programs that the PTA provides to our kids.

Spartan is giving away a total of \$60,000 to local schools this year. The percentage we receive is determined by how much we spend during these time frames.

Lakewood's School Code is 87938

Thank you for your support!!

Fall Fundraiser

The Fall Fundraiser is in full swing. All orders with payment must be returned to school no later than October 11. Products will be delivered to school on October 27.

Depending on the number of items each child sells, they can have their name entered into a raffle for a chance to win a Fusion Scooter, Night Out at the Movies gift card, Digital Camera or a custom Fathead. The top seller in the school will win a 20" bike!

Please remember that your participation in the fundraiser helps support all of the wonderful programs the PTA is able to offer at Lakewood.

Join the PTA ~ Everyone is Welcome!

Memberships for Lakewood Elementary PTA are available for \$5. Being a member allows you to vote on important topics, helps support the PTA and gives you access to a National Network that offers advice, resources and benefits. Membership forms available in the front office.

SQUARE ONE ART

"Be on the lookout for YOUR CHILD'S ART...
It's on 20 LARGE STICKERS, now isn't that smart?
Our kids are excited, they're one of a kind!
But products this special are such a rare find!
Stationery, ornaments, puzzles and more...
Shirts, aprons, tiles, TOO GOOD to ignore!
We always need gifts for family and friends...
Square 1 Art is where your shopping can end!"

- Catalogs with order forms for products featuring your child's art work will be sent home the week of November 8th.
- Orders must be returned to school by November 17th.
- Products will be delivered to Lakewood by December 13th.

Questions? Contact Carrie Dummer
at dummer@hope.edu



~Reminder~

HIKING CLUB

~Reminder~

Tuesdays and Fridays

Sept 21 - Nov 5

During Lunch Recess

Kids, grab your shoes and friends and join us out on the soccer field to earn those toe tokens! We're doing something new this year. Every mileage card completed will be placed into a drawing that will be held at the end of *Spring Hiking Club*. The prize will be a 25.00 gift certificate to a shoe store for a new pair of shoes! The more cards completed, the more chances to win. Encourage your parents, grandparents, or family member to join you and you get double punches!

Parents, if you have questions regarding Hiking Club or are interested in volunteering, please contact Yvonne Johnson at yrjohnson@att.net or 399-5026.



Halloween Family Fun Night Thursday, October 28th at 7:00 p.m.



Mark your calendars for Thursday, October 28th at 7:00 p.m. for this fun family night. If you are interested in helping out the night of the event please sign up by filling out a volunteer form and checking the Halloween box. If you have already done so, Thanks! We will be contacting you soon.

To make this evening a "trick or treat" success, we will need your help with donations. If you can donate candy, popcorn, pencils, erasers etc. we would *ghouly* appreciate it! Look for bins outside the office starting the week of September 27th. If you have decorations that we can borrow for the night, please put your name on the items and drop them off in the cave by Monday, Oct. 25th.

More information will come home as the event *creeps* closer. If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Erickson at shannon@singingsand.com.

HAVE A SPOOKTACULAR OCTOBER!



Operation Pillow Talk

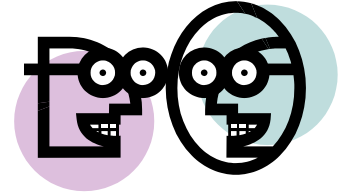


During the day of November 2nd, students will be decorating pillows for soldiers in Afghanistan, including a few young men from Holland. The cost to decorate a pillow is \$3. If you would like to donate additional money to help sponsor a child who may not be able to afford the \$3, we would appreciate it. The students can also decorate cards for free.

Why pillows? Because troops are not issued pillows when they are deployed because they are considered a nonessential item. We will be shipping these pillows out in time for our troops to receive them by the holiday season. The soldiers really appreciate having something soft to rest their head on while they rest and it is extra special to have a message or picture from "home".

Look for more information to come home as the day gets closer. Thank you for supporting our troops!

WANTED: SMILING FACES



More than 30 years of research shows that children do better when their parents and families are involved both at home and at school. Grades are higher. Test scores rise. Self-esteem grows. Schools improve. You can make these outcomes a reality for your child, your school, and your community by being involved in PTA.

Don't know where to start or how to get involved? Come to a PTA meeting and hear what is happening at Lakewood. You will also meet fellow parents who can help you with your questions.

Don't like meetings or can't make the date? Contact one of the PTA Board Members. We would be more than happy to work with you and get you involved with whatever interests you the most.

Not sure how much time you can commit? That's okay. If you have an hour a year, a month, a week, a day – we'll take it – you decide.

Already volunteer and want to do more? Great! Contact one of the Board Members. We currently need chairs or co-chairs for some committees. We will also be needing committee chairs/co-chairs for next year as well.

Our parent volunteers are what make our PTA work and everyone benefits. Lakewood is a great community where the students learn to be good stewards; in the classroom and by the examples they see with parent volunteers. ***So don't delay, volunteer today!***

PTA Board Members:

Shannon Erickson, President: shannon@singingsand.com
Wendy Biedenbach, 1st Vice President: millerbach@juno.com
Denise Radakovitz, 2nd Vice President: dradakovitz@gmail.com
Kimberley Mitchell, Secretary: kimberleymitchell@charter.net
Matt Metcalf, Treasurer: Mmattcalf6003@charter.net
Julie Riordan, Assistant Treasurer: jeriordan@charter.net

“Rewards for Re-using” School Fundraiser!

Lakewood Elementary has partnered with Cartridge World to help save the environment, save our parents money, and raise funds for the school!

Your child will be getting a special coupon that can be redeemed at either the Holland Cartridge World on Riley and US 31, or the Jenison Cartridge World in the Cottonwood Center. If you have a printer at home and that printer runs out of ink, bring your empty cartridge and your special coupon to Cartridge World. You will be able to purchase the ink cartridge that you need, and when you redeem the coupon, you will receive an extra \$1.00 off your purchase for each cartridge you buy. Cartridge World will then donate \$1.00 per cartridge you purchase back to our school!



Save Your Money, Save Your Environment, and
Support Your School with Cartridge World!

Questions? Call: 616.928.0966
or email: sales@cwwestmichigan.com



Dear Lakewood Parents and Students,

Welcome to a new school year at Lakewood! As we begin this year, our PTA is focused on offering as many opportunities to our students as possible. We will support field trips, student assemblies, swimming lessons, care of Keppel Park, Project Charlie and much, much more!

As always, we need your help. The easiest way for us to raise funds to support our PTA programs is to ask you to **clip your Box Tops** and send them to school with your child. **Each Box Top submitted earns 10 cents for Lakewood PTA – at absolutely no cost to you!!** Let's take advantage of this SIMPLE opportunity to earn money to enrich the lives of Lakewood students.

Last year we earned a little over \$3,000 through this program! We believe that we can easily top that amount with a little effort. Please ask your neighbors, family, friends and co-workers to clip their Box Tops for us. **If each Lakewood family collects 75 Box Tops we will earn about \$2,500...**we know that this is a goal we can achieve if we all try. We have attached collection sheets for the Kindergarten and 1st grade classrooms and collection bags for 2nd-5th to help with this effort.

Back by popular demand are the classroom competitions. In January and May we will total the submitted Box Tops and the winning classrooms will be treated to a Pizza Party – YUM!! New this year, we will also be giving away a treat every month to the top classrooms. So start clipping, send the Box Tops to school with your child, and let's make this a year like never before!

Products that are eligible include:

- GM cereal ▪ Pillsbury ▪ Yoplait ▪ Hamburger Helper ▪ Betty Crocker ▪ Nature Valley ▪ Chex ▪ Bisquick ▪ Ziploc
- Saran ▪ Cottonelle ▪ Huggies ▪ Kleenex ▪ Scott ▪ Hefty

See General Mills website for a complete list as well as other great ways to earn money for Lakewood at www.boxtops4education.com

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR HELP...and your continued support of our PTA.

Sincerely,

Brenda Marzynski

Mary Anne Unglenieks

Dawn Mazeikis

Lakewood PTA Big Business Committee, 2010-2011

CashBack 4KIDS

Lakewood Elementary PTA



Lakewood Elementary PTA is excited to announce a new way for you to support us while reaping substantial benefits for your family.

Support us by visiting
www.CashBack4Kids.com

Sign in to CashBack4Kids.com
using our Organization ID:
LakewoodPTA

CashBack4Kids.com is an unique fund raising web site that makes it easy to shop at over 600 of your favorite online stores - all while enjoying special online pricing, valuable coupons, and deals that save you money.

The best part is that as you enjoy the convenience and savings of shopping through our **CashBack4Kids.com** portal, your purchases will earn us significant donations from the vendors supporting this site.

LINENS-N-THINGS
Your Home Super Store

TOYS R US

★ macy's way to shop!

at&t

overstock.com

KOHL'S.com
expect great things™

COMPUSA

PETSMART

1-800-flowers.com
Your florist of choice®

BARNES & NOBLE.com
www.bn.com

WAL*MART

ZALES
THE DIAMOND STORE™

THE CHILDREN'S
PLACE

Office DEPOT.
Taking Care of Business

travelocity

RadioShack.

Budget

THE HOME
DEPOT














BLOCKBUSTER

TARGET



October 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5 <i>Hiking Club</i> 	6 <i>Walking School Bus</i> 	7	8 <i>Hiking Club</i> 	9
10	11 <i>Fundraiser Orders & Payment Due</i>	12 <i>Hiking Club</i> 	13	14	15 <i>Hiking Club</i> 	16
17 <i>Spartan Shopping Days 17th-23rd</i> 	18 1/2 Day School <i>Conferences 1-4</i>	19 <i>Hiking Club</i>  <i>Conferences 5-8</i>	20 <i>Conferences 5-8</i>	21	22 No School 	23
24	25	26 <i>Hiking Club</i> 	27 <i>Fundraiser Pick up</i> 	28 <i>Halloween Family Fun Night 7:00 PM</i> 	29  <i>Popcorn Day</i> <i>Harvest Hike, Keppel Forest</i> <i>Hiking Club</i> 	30
31						