

WALK-A-THON UPDATE

We would like recognize and Thank the following businesses for donating items to our walk-a-thon.

Americian Girl	Fabiano's Karate	Menards
Beechwood Inn	Friends Salon and Spa	On Silver Shores
Borr's Shoes and Accessories	Holland Aquatic Center	Red Robin
Brann's Steakhouse	Holland DoubleTree	RIT Music/Randy Perkins
Butch's	Holland Fairfield Inn	Southside Swim Club
Camp Geneva	Hope College	Tulip City Detail Plus
Crazy Horse	James Street Inn	Van Wieren Hardware
Consumers Credit Union	Mary Westenbroek	West Ottawa Sprinkling
Dykstra Drug Store	Meijer	West Shore Mall

We would also like to thank all of the parent volunteers who helped on the day of the event, whether to work or bring in needed items. A special thank you to all the brave dunk tank volunteers: Sara Highstreet, Tavan Hendrick, Ken Arthurs, Dan Bentz, Doug Schonauer, Hannah Cremin, Nancy Kleinheksel, Lee Karner and Randy Verhasselt. We know how busy everyone is so we really appreciate your time and willingness to volunteer.

THANK YOU!

Note from PTA

Last year during conferences parents were asked to fill out a survey regarding PTA activities. One of the questions asked was, "What kind of fundraising do you prefer, an event or sale?" The consensus was event over sale (44 to 0).

Because of that feedback, the PTA decided to have the walk-a-thon as the fall fundraiser for a second year. The goal of the walk-a-thon has been to raise enough money to cover expenses for the entire year. The goal of this year's walk-a-thon was \$16,000.00, which breaks down to \$40.00/student. **For the second year in a row, we did not meet our goal.**

Here is the breakdown from this year's walk-a-thon:

- 163 students participated in the event
- 175 students turned in pledges
- \$9,529.50 was raised in pledges
- \$1,290.70 was raised in raffle, dunk tank, and popcorn donations
- \$250.00 was raised through food sales (James Street donation)



The PTA has a budget, just like businesses and families have a budget. The budget is reviewed, adjustments are made, and it is discussed and approved at the first PTA meeting every year. This past year, the budget was reworked and cut in order to respond to the economic climate. Because, as a school we did not meet our goal, we may have to make additional budget cuts as well as have a spring fundraiser. **If you would like to voice your opinion regarding the spring fundraiser, please come to the PTA meeting on November 19th at 6:30 pm. Just as a reminder, in order to vote, you do need to be a registered PTA Member.**

November 2009

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				Operation Pillow Talk 4-7 p.m. Multi-purpose room	No School 	
8	Patriotic Pride Day Veterans Day Assembly 3:00	10	11	12	13 Popcorn Day 	14
15	16 Keppel Park Clean-up thru Nov 20 	17	18	19 PTA Meeting Internet Safety Presentation 6:30 p.m.	20 Lakewood/WO Spirit Day 	21
22 D&W School Days Nov 22-28	23	24 “-er Day” Dress up like anything that ends in “er” Example: drummer	25 Thanksgiving Break Nov 25-29	26 	27	28
29 Family Fare Cash for Class Nov 29-Dec 5	30		<u>Upcoming Dates:</u> Book Fair- Dec 7-11 Barnes & Noble Book Fair-Dec 15 Holiday Recess- Dec 21-Jan 1		Student Council “Giving” Focus for November: Non-perishable food drive	