

Fitness for a Cause



As of April 1st, East Pike students have raised \$6,000 towards the annual Fitness for a Cause to be held on April 15 during the afternoon. The rain date is scheduled for April 23.

Fitness For A Cause is a jump rope and hop-a-thon event to raise money for the American Heart Association as well as for East Pike Elementary PTA underwriting of field trips this spring.

Fitness For A Cause helps to promote a healthy active lifestyle for our children while teaching them the importance of giving back. The students spend the entire afternoon participating in fitness activities such as a jump rope team competition, hopping competition and rotating through other fitness stations.

In addition to the students registration fees and pledges, the PTA was able to cover the cost of the event through sponsorships.

Special thanks to the following businesses who have sponsored the event. They will be featured on our 500 water bottles and our pledge t-shirts. Thanks for supporting healthy hearts at East Pike Elementary:

Platinum Sponsors: Cook Chiropractic and S & T Bank.

Gold Sponsors: Clymer Rentals, Dr. Frank E. Zbignewich, Evergreen Insurance, Giant Eagle, Grub's Sports Bar, Indiana County Camp Cadet, J & L Autosports, LLC, 9th Street Deli, Romeo's Pizzeria & Mediterranean Kitchen, Royal Oil & Gas Corp.

Silver Sponsors: Christine Marie Exploration, LP, First Commonwealth Bank, Mystic Brooke Development, L.P., Sue Hewitt Dance Studio, Whitey's Peetza & Eatery.

Bronze Sponsors: Budash & Welch, LLP—Attorneys At Law, Eagle Air Service, Fred D. Hummel, Attorney At Law, Helwig Insurance, Indiana County Head Start, Indiana Eye Care, Indiana Regional Medical Center, Maryland Energy Resources, LLC, See World Satellites, Thompson/McLay Insurance, The Teacher's Edge.

Parents are encouraged to come watch this fun activity on April 15th.

Science & Social Studies Fair

This annual tradition will be held on Thursday, April 22. This year the judging will be done throughout the day rather than in the evening. Students must bring their projects with them that morning.

Evening Schedule:

5:30-6:30 view projects

6:30-7:30 PTA meeting and awards assembly



Officer Elections

The annual election of PTA officers will be held that evening. If anyone is interested in serving on the board for the 2010-2011 school year, please contact any current member on page two of this PTA newsletter.

Upcoming Major Events to Mark on your Calendars:

April 15

Jump for A Cause. During PM Hours (Rain Date April 23).

April 20

Kindergarten Registration 1-3 pm. Parent volunteers needed.

April 21

Kindergarten Registration, 9 am– 3 pm. Parent Volunteers needed.

April 22

Science and Social Studies Fair/PTA Meeting, approx. 6 pm starting in multipurpose room.

April 28

Administrative Professionals Day. Make sure to thank Miss Angela Rummel today!

May 4

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, 10 am—2 pm

May 5

Next to last Market Day sale for school year—be sure to order for pick up that day.

May 7

All Sports Day, 1/2 day AM fitness activities school-wide.

May 12

National School Nurses Day. Make sure to thank Mrs. Mauk today!

Refunding Update

The refunding committee will be working on the March/April Collections in early April. Next deadline will be June 1. Giant Eagle program has ended for this school year, but will be back in September. Thanks to all who shop there.



Previous Periods

Period One Points: 88
 Period Two Points: 69
 Period Three Points: 70

Period Four Points: 63
 New Supporter Bonus: 10
 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR: 300

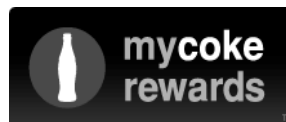
Coke Rewards Refunding Program Active

Sheri Bowersox, Coke Reward coordinator for our school, reports that we have completed our registration for Coke Rewards.

This program will replace our Nestles PureFit water program that provided the PTA with free fitness equipment to use for our annual Fitness For a Cause event.

Coke Rewards offers a diverse product line including Dasani water, Powerade, Minute Maid and of course, all of their soda offerings. They also offer fitness equipment in their rewards program. We ask that you spread the word to friends and family members to enter their codes online, select East Pike Elementary and donate their points. Please register today at www.mycokerewards.com.

Thank you in advance for your participation....every cap makes a difference.



Date	Event/Reminder	Time/Location	Information/Details
4/7-16/10	PSSA testing	During school hours	
4/12/10	School Board Meeting	7:30 pm/Administration	
4/12-16/10	National Library Week	During school hours	
4/15/10	Fitness for A Cause	All building grounds	12:30-2:30 p.m. All welcome
4/19-23	5th Grade PSSA writing	During school hours	
4/20/10	Kindergarten Registration	1-3 pm/Near office	Parent Volunteers Needed
4/21/10	Kindergarten Registration	9 am-3 pm/Near Office	Parent Volunteers Needed
4/22/10	PTA Meeting/Science & Social Studies Fair		5:30-7:30 pm
4/23/10	Fitness for A Cause <u>Rain Date</u>	All building grounds	12:30-2:30 p.m. All welcome
4/23-26/10	4th Grade PSSA Science	During school hours	
4/28/10	Administrative Professionals Day Kindergarten Orientation Meeting	(Miss Rummel's Day) 6:30 pm, Multi-Purpose Room	
4/29/10	Online Market Day Order Deadline		
5/4/10	Staff Appreciation Luncheon	10:30-2:45/ Faculty Room	
5/5/10	Market Day Delivery	Cafeteria/4-5 p.m. (sorting 3-4 p.m.)	Anyone welcome to volunteer
5/7/10	All Sports Day (1/2 Day of School)	All building grounds 9-11:30 a.m.	Anyone welcome to volunteer
5/10/10	School Board Meeting	7:30 pm/Administration	
5/11/10	Choral & Band Concert	7 p.m./Multi-Purpose Room	
5/12/10	National School Nurses Day PTA Meeting	(Mrs. Mauk's Day) 1:30-3:15 p.m./Cafeteria	
5/19/10	EP Vocal Ensemble/District String	7 pm/Multi-Purpose Room	
5/27/10	Online Market Day Order Deadline		
5/31/10	Memorial Day—No School		
6/2/10	Last Market Day Delivery—Stock up for summer	Multipurpose Room, 4-5 p.m. pickup (sorting 3-4 p.m.)	
6/7/10	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL: 1/2 DAY		

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Book Fair 2010: Huge Success



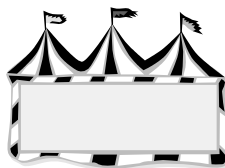
Andrea Neiderhiser, Book Fair Chairperson, reports that our total sales for this year (after the adjustment for tax) are \$6,465.50. Last year's total was \$5,010.76, Our invoice from Scholastic totaled \$4782.63.

Mrs. Nath has chosen the cash option which is 25% + 5% in Scholastic dollars (which we earned by having a show over \$5,000). The cash total is \$1,616.37 and the sales volume bonus is \$323.27 in Scholastic dollars. We also earned bonuses for setting a goal for the fair, decorating for the theme and having the teachers fill out wish lists totalling \$150.00 in Scholastic dollars. All told, the cash total is \$1,616.37 and the Scholastic dollars total is \$473.27....the grand total being \$2,089.64. Thanks to the many parents who purchased books for the teachers and staff members from their classroom wish lists.

Book Fair Volunteers:

Holly Ciocca
Laura McLaine
Tabitha Conrad
Lisa Mazey
Krista Grattan
Cindy Lee
Lisa Kiral
Juleen Kephart
Debbie Burkhart
Tamie Blank
Bridget Reilly
Stephanie Davis
Lisa Berezansky
Jenna Kensey
Barb Spohn
Melissa Boyer
Melissa Smathers
Michelle Brocius
Stacy Weaver
Marti Wunz
Janet Walker
Heidi Hilliard
Kim Forrester
Marcy Hinton

Banquets: 322 in attendance



Hallie Wachob, Banquet Chair for both Father/Daughter and Mother/Son Banquets reports that 322 parents and their children attended the banquets this winter. The theme for both banquets was a circus-theme, Under the Big Top. The atmosphere came alive through the decorations, food choices and entertainment.

SJK Magic out of Punxsutawney provided an interactive Magic Show as well as create balloon animals for the children in attendance.

Once again, Overdorff Photography took photo keepsakes. We appreciate our Minnick family helping us to borrow the Ben Franklin popcorn machine for both banquets. Special thanks to the East Pike Student Council who assisted us in serving the food with supervision by their advisors, Mrs. Nath and Mr. Geidel. We would also like to thank the East Pike custodial staff who assist us in set-up, tear-down and clean up with each event we host.

Thanks to the following parents who helped make the banquets such a success.

Father/ Daughter:

Leslie Fletcher
Lori Evans
Lisa Mazey
Crystal Beck
Karen Zbignewich
Denise Cunningham
Doug Berezansky
Lisa Kiral
Tabitha Conrad
Deb Burkhart

Mother/ Son:

Leslie Fletcher
Stacy Weaver
Crystal Beck
Karen Zbignewich
Denise Cunningham
Doug Burkhart
Tabitha Conrad
Barb Hauge

Garden/Pond Committee

Barb Hauge, Garden/Pond Committee chair, reports this year at the Science Fair the Student Council will be selling Philodendron plants. These plants were grown from cuttings of the Philodendron plants growing in East Pike's Garden/Pond area. The garden plants are growing so well that we decided to share some with our families. The cuttings were taken by the Student Council Members with the help of the Garden/Pond Committee after a brief lesson in plant propagation.

Be sure to stop by the Student Council Table to purchase a living souvenir from East Pike. The cost for the 4" plants will be \$1.00 each. All proceeds will benefit East Pike's Garden/Pond area.

The new signs are in the Garden and they look great. Special thanks to Krissi Kane for her lettering and artistic skills in making the terrific signs.

New Plants in the Garden - Special thanks to Wendy Moreau for donating 2 new foliage plants for the Garden/Pond area. She also donated the paperwhite bulbs that were used in the garden over the winter.

Plant Signs - Plant signs are scheduled to be placed in the garden soon. Special thanks to Deb Reilly whose plant book I used to identify many of the plants and to Landscape Architect Bill Paxton who helped with the identification of the orchid plant.

Some money has been donated for the Garden/Pond area from the All-Sports Day concession sales. We are looking at ways to enhance the gardens (outdoor or indoor) with these funds.



Market Day

According to Laura McLaine, we have raised \$1622.75 in Market Day sales thus far this school year.

Thank you to those who choose to support our school through Market Day. With East Pike's average of 38 customers, we have raised an average of \$228.67 each month. There are only two more Market Day sales left in the school year, so remember to stock up for the summer.

Now is a good time to get some items for on the grill. Our number one selling item last month was the Bosco breadsticks. If you haven't tried them yet, you may want to do so at our next sale. The order deadline is April 29th with the pick up date on May 5th from 4:00-5:00pm.

Thank you to the Market Day volunteers who give up one hour of their time every month to help inventory, sort, and fill Market Day customer orders. A special thank you to February, March, and April sales' volunteers:

Lisa Mazey
Beth Kobak
Melissa Boyer
Debbie Floyd
Hallie Wachob
Krista Grattan
Peggy Kane
Kalina Makara



Pepsi Grant



In addition to our Sprint grant application in February, the East Pike PTA with the help of Indiana Area School District's Amy O'Neal will be submitting a Pepsi Grant application on May 1st.

We are applying for a \$25,000 grant to fund the reinstallation of EPTV. With this grant we are hoping to be able to not only get EPTV up and running, but to also provide televisions to the 28 rooms that do not have EPTV access.

We will hopefully be adding an EPTV video to our grant submission to make our application stand out in comparison to the other applications. Thank you to Jonas Scanga for editing this video for us. Once our application is chosen for further review, it will be up to the public to vote online. The top ten applicants with the most votes will be awarded the grant money. Stay tuned for more info on the voting process.

In January, the Pepsi Refresh Project invited individuals and organizations to submit beneficial, achievable, constructive and "shovel-ready" ideas that would make a positive impact on communities.

In an effort to support those who generate innovative, optimistic ideas, the Pepsi Refresh Project (www.refresheverything.com) will award more than \$20 million in 2010 to move communities forward. Individuals can apply for grants to benefit a variety of projects and site visitors can vote for the best ideas for funding. The Pepsi Refresh Project is an evolution of the Refresh Everything initiative Pepsi launched in 2009, which showed the brand as an optimistic catalyst for idea creation, leading to an ever-refreshing world. Pepsi will fund projects that make a difference in six categories: Health, Arts & Culture, Food & Shelter, The Planet, Neighborhoods and Education.

Reflections: Entries moved onto State Level



Thank you to all the families who attended our Reflections ceremony at last month's PTA meeting. We appreciate your support of this arts program. Thank you to the Refreshment Committee and activity coordinator Carrie Semsick for providing baked goods for this celebration.

Region 5 Winners moving to State Level:

Visual Arts (Primary): 3rd place: Sarah Denver

Dance Choreography (Intermediate): 3rd place: Carrie Smith

Film Production (Intermediate):

2nd place: Darius Stormer

3rd place: Carrie Smith

Musical Composition (Primary): 2nd place: Alyssa McLaine

Musical Composition (Intermediate): 1st place: Carrie Smith

Photography (Intermediate): 2nd place: Rose Mazey