

A Note From the President

I would like to start my inaugural newsletter, by thanking the new board for meeting 10 times this summer. We have met to plan the calendar and the budget and set up events such as Back to School Picnic, Breakfast With Mom, Breakfast with Dad and our new Market Day fundraiser.

Special thanks to Sheri Bowersox, Christy Kimmel and Laura McLaine who agreed to attend to the PA PTA Summer Leadership Training with me on August 1-2, in Lewisburg.

We look forward to meeting all of you during our many events during August & September. We hope all of you will join the PTA this fall as well as renew your desire to help not only your child, but all children at East Pike. Our vision is to make every child's potential a reality. We are fortunate at East Pike to have Principal Springer and Miss Rummel, our school secretary, to help us work with **the** all of the wonderful staff and teachers as well as all of you to help us accomplish our vision.

As you read this the Back to School Picnic will be behind us, but we will have two Back to School Nights and two parent breakfasts in September!

We will also roll out several options for fundraising. First, you will have the opportunity to order high-quality/restaurant-quality frozen food from Market Day approximately once per month. We have done lots of research and we hope to join the successful ranks of Eisenhower, Ben Franklin and Penns Manor with this fundraising option. We will also ask you to complete 11 addresses in the School Mall Booklet so we can receive \$2.50 for simply **for** completing the addresses. We will also be selling our annual booklets from local vendor, 84 Fundraising, offering everything from coffee, beef jerky, flower bulbs, house flags, candles, etc. Of course, we don't expect everyone to do everything, so pick what your family is comfortable doing. You always have the option to make a flat donation.

This summer we launched our own website, www.eastpikepta.org. We hope you'll make this one of your "favorites" when you're online. It will hopefully be a resource for all of you. We will have calendar of events, forms, handbook with committee descriptions and re-funding information. We are looking into a National PTA program called Just Between Friends that would offer membership management as well as privacy communications for the board as well as committee chairs.

We will alternate PTA meetings from daytime to evening to accommodate parents schedules. Our October 7th meeting is during the day and will be our fall party planning meeting too. We are excited to offer some special programming this fall including a special presentation from our very own school guidance counselor, Mrs. Lychalk at our November 18th PTA meeting in the evening.

Please see our refunding report on the opposite side of this newsletter and see what products we collect on the attached sheet.

Sincerely,

Barb Peles

How you can be

involved in PTA:

Committees:

- Grandparent's Day/Veteran's Day Event
- Garden/Pond Group
- Fundraising
- Reflections Program
- Membership
- Book Fair
- Refunding
- Yearbook
- Santa's Workshop
- Father/Daughter Banquet
- Mother/Son Banquet
- All School Basketball Tournament
- Science & Social Studies Fair
- All Sports Day
- Staff Recognition Luncheon
- Refreshments/Baking Committee
- Sportswear/Spirit Sale

Calendar of Events/Deadlines: August– early October

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event/Reminder</u>	<u>Location/Time</u>	<u>Information/Details</u>
August 26	Kinder. Open House	2-3 p.m.	
August 27	First Day of School		
August 28	Receive School Mall Materials		Fill out 11 addresses and return to school. PTA receives \$2.50/booklet
	Receive Market Day Order Forms		Fill out online or paper order form. PTA receives 10% proceeds of order. Delivery Date: 9/30/09
Sept. 7	Labor Day (No School)		
Sept. 10	Deadline to register for Breakfast with Mom		
Sept. 11	Back to School Night K-3/PTA School Mall booklets Due	6:30 p.m.	Parents of K-3 students.
Sept. 14	Fall Fundraising Booklets sent home School Board Meeting	Admin Bldg. @ 7:30 p.m.	PTA receives 40-50% profit on items sold
Sept. 17	Breakfast With Mom Deadline to register for Breakfast with Dad	Cafeteria @ 8-9 a.m.	Mom's \$3/Students \$2. Must have registered to attend.
Sept. 21	School Picture Day Market Day Orders Due (on-line or paper order forms)		
Sept. 24	Breakfast With Dad	Cafeteria @ 8-9 a.m.	Dad's \$3/Students \$2. Must have registered to attend.
Sept. 28	Back to School Night 4-6/PTA	6:30 p.m.	Parents of Students in grades 4-6
Sept. 30	Refunding Labels due in classroom		Deadline for first Refunding Party (send all types of labels: Campbell's, Box Tops, Tyson A+, Nestle PureFit Water, ink cartridges, old cell phones.)
	Market Day Delivery	Cafeteria @ 4-5 p.m.	Parents must pick up their frozen Market Day orders
Oct. 2	Fall Fundraising Booklets/\$\$ Due		
Oct. 7	Fall Party Planning/PTA Meeting	Cafeteria @1:30-3:15 p.m.	Plan Halloween Classroom Parties

Refunding Update from 2008-2009 School Year:

Martin's Bonus Cards: \$436.26

Box Tops for Education: \$1,886 (we rank in the 90th percentile statewide) Sign up for online bonus box tops at www.boxtops4education.com

Giant Eagle: 312 points (used to purchase fitness equipment for 2010 Fitness for a Cause fundraiser prizes as well as two vulcanoes and a circuit board prize for the 2010 Science & Social Studies Fair)

Nestles PureFit Water: 27,900 labels (used to purchase fitness balls for 2010 Fitness for A Cause fundraiser prizes)

Campbell's Labels for Education: 10,500 labels (used to purchase 2009 Science and Social Studies Fair prizes)

Cartridge World: \$245.00

Target Credit Cards: \$51.45

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