

Garden/Pond Committee Update

We would like to extend PTA appreciation to Barb Hauge, second year chair of our beautiful garden and pond area. Just days before school opened, Barb was able to overhaul the garden area with new plant life, mulch and plant life even for our fish pond.

In the Spring, Barb had secured donations from Brenda Graham at Martin's for a gift card toward their floral department. With the gift card she was able to purchase two "patio" plants: variegated rubber plant and striped dracaena. From Musser Forests, she worked with Chris Ballas and he graciously donated philodendron plants, slow-release fertilizer, water hyacinth plants and the many bags of mulch. Not only did he help to donate, but he helped with shoveling and lifting the bags of mulch.



At East Pike we are all so proud of our garden pond area and hope if you have the chance to see Brenda or Chris, you'll extend your appreciation as well. All of this beatification was done at no cost to the PTA or the school. If you've got a green thumb or an interest in this committee, please consider signing up.

Back To School Picnic

Thanks to all the families who came to Blue Spruce Park on August 20th to attend our annual Back to School Picnic. In the past the picnic has been held at Mack Park and attended by about 150 people. This year broke all the records—325 family and staff members at East Pike attended. Thanks to our very own Akbay family and their Romeo's Pizza who delivered 60 pizzas to us at the park! Thanks to Sonya Arotin, Beth Kobak, Louise Meyers, Kathy Thompson and Tom Phillips who volunteered to help with the picnic.

School Mall

Thanks to the 57 families who took the time to fill out the yellow School Mall booklets with 11 addresses each. We did not reach our goal of 100 completed booklets to

receive the \$200 bonus, but we appreciate your participation. We will receive approximately \$125 from the company for our completed booklets. Each student should have received a rubber ring for participating. A drawing for a razor scooter and robot will take place soon for all of those students who participated.

No Aprons Required

A special thank you to the following Super Dads who volunteered to serve or work registration at Breakfast with Mom on September 20th: Bill Bennett, Greg Boyer, Doug Burkhart, Tom Conner, Chuck Conrad, Bill Irwin, Bill Kane, Greg Peles and Joe Snyder. We also appreciate Tom Conner shooting some fantastic pictures at the event. The event hosted 366 moms, students and siblings.

Fall Fitness Walk

Mrs. Jack will be encouraging all students and staff to participate in a school-wide fall walk on Friday, October 9th. The walk will depart from the school driveway, proceed to the S & T Arena area, around the ball fields and back to school. The PTA has purchased red rubber spirit bracelets for each student.

How you can be involved in PTA:

Committees/Events:

- Grandparent's Day/ Veteran's Day Event
- Garden/Pond Group
- Reflections Program
- Refunding
- Yearbook
- Banquets
- Refreshments/Baking
- Market Day Sorting
- Ad Hoc: Flu

Clipboards for Fall and Winter activities have been out at Breakfasts and Back to School Nights, if you missed signing up, please contact a board member listed on the back of this sheet.

Student Council's School Store: Spirit Sale

Under the direction of staff advisor, Mr. Geidel, the school store will be featuring ongoing Spirit Sale items. Look out for information on East Pike & Indiana gear including clothing to show off your pride in our school.

Market Day Update

Our first month of Market Day was a big success. We had 62 customers helping to bring our total profit to \$339.70. Next month's sale ends October 22nd with pickup on October 28th. Thank you to all who participated.



Date	Event/Reminder	Location/Time	Information/Details
Oct. 2	Fall Fundraising Booklets/\$\$ Due		
Oct. 7	Fall Party Planning/PTA Meeting	Cafeteria or Library @ 1:30-3:15 p.m.	Plan Halloween Classroom Parties
Oct. 6-8	Sixth Grade trip to Lutherlyn		
Oct. 9	Half Day	Dismissal @ 11:45 a.m.	
Oct. 9	Fall Walk	During School Hours	Entire student body outside for healthy walk
Oct. 13	Walk to School Day	Upon Bus Arrival	Buses take students to Ice Center
Oct. 15	State Reflections Program	TBA (6:30 or 7 p.m.)	State director explains program's nuts & bolts to parents
Oct. 21	Market Day Paper order forms deadline		
Oct. 22	Market Day Ordering Deadline online orders		
Oct. 28	Market Day Delivery Day	4-5 p.m.	School Cafeteria
Oct. 30	Fall Parties	2 p.m.	Classroom parties
Nov. 18	PTA Meeting & Speaker	Cafeteria/Library @ 6:30	Monthly meeting featuring speaker, Mrs. Lychalk, Guidance Counselor

Refunding Items:

Sign up at the stores' service desks or online for **Giant Eagle Apples for the Students** and **Martin's Advantages for Education**. You must sign up your card each year.



Nestles PureFit Water: We have been notified that Nestles is **no longer offering this refunding program**. Please do not send anymore water bottle labels in with your student as we investigate this new development.

Box Tops for Education: Clip on the dotted line and send to your child's homeroom. Please keep any bonus ones that printout at the register too. Sign up for online bonus box tops at www.boxtops4education.com



Campbell's Labels for Education: Clip out the UPC & Campbell's Labels for Education logo and send to your child's homeroom.



Tyson: Clip the entire label and send to your child's homeroom.

Cartridge World: Put ink or laser cartridges in a Ziploc/plastic bag and send to the school office.



Phoneraiser.

Clear out all the information from your old cell phones and send to the school office. Phone with batteries only.

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