

Meridian PTO News

January, 2009

Thank YOU.....

Students presenting at November PTO Meeting:

Special thanks to the following 5th grade students and their families for attending the November PTO meeting to share a special piece of their creative work:

Hayley Burckley (Voll)- read a descriptive paragraph
Monica Lewton (Basile)- read an original poem
Madison Hill-Christiansen (Schott)- read a "color" poem. All 3 young ladies did an outstanding job and it was a pleasure to have them in attendance!

Restaurant Night: Thanks to Kristine Rosen for facilitating an awesome restaurant night at Red Robin in November! What a HUGE success! **We earned \$305.19 that night!** Thanks to everyone who attended and dined for supporting your school! Future restaurant nights are:

Feb 10: Chick-fil-A; March 10: Which Wich; April 14: Cold Stone; May 12: Famous Dave's.
Mark your calendars now!!

Staff Appreciation: Thanks go out to the following individuals that helped bring drinks (mostly caffeinated!) to staff after daylight savings time change early November:

Kelly Fukunaga, Lisa Wagner, Kristi Ross, Meggan Corcoran, Susan Wehrly, Christy Bligh, Becky Breaux, Lana Barrett, Julie Solomon, Kelly Humphrys, and Kristine Rosen.

Parent Teacher conferences are coming up Feb 5. **Help is needed that day.** If you can provide assistance, please contact Kelly at: kellyfukunaga@aol.com

Clipboard presentation: The staff appreciation team coordinated the preparation of hand made clipboards for each staff member as a holiday gift. Clipboards were assembled by volunteers who individualized the clipboard for each staff member based on the survey they completed at the beginning of the year about their favorite foods, books, music, and other various interests. Volunteers who assembled clipboards included: Amy Helmick, Cathy Painter, Leslie Maegley, Toni Masters, Rachael Rome, Susan Herrmann, Kris Rimbos, Kelly Fukunaga, Trista Pitre, Heather Brown, Kristi Ross, and Lisa Wagner.

The clipboards were a unique and beautiful way to say thanks to our outstanding staff!

PTO Community Votes to Fund Top Priorities.....

Thanks to the 79 staff, teachers and parents who came to the PTO meeting on November 20, 2008 to vote on **how to spend the available proceeds of \$13,800 from the Cookie Dough fundraiser** (The remainder of the profit funded the already approved budget **of which \$11,400 went directly back to Meridian teachers and staff!**). Thanks also to the 9 groups and individuals who presented their funding requests to the attendees. The top 4 vote receivers were approved for funding and these included: Security Radios for each grade level (\$2805), 5 replacement computers (\$5,000), Die Cuts (\$500) and funding to secure the GT Coordinator / Differentiation Coach position for the 2009/2010 school year (\$5,000). The full results may be viewed on the PTO website (www.meridianpto.org).



PTO Board Members

If you have a question, a comment, or a concern.....

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PTO

Meeting:

Thursday,
January 15
from 6:30pm-
7:30pm in the
cafeteria.

FREE
CHILDCARE
PROVIDED!!

Watch for
the agenda
to be sent
home in
folders!

Jute Bag Fundraiser

Jute bags are still available for purchase! Go green by purchasing designer decorated jute bags! If you were unable to purchase just prior to the holidays, orders can still be placed by downloading the order form from the PTO website: www.meridianpto.org. Simply return your form to your child's teacher and the bag(s) will be sent home with your child. Cost is \$12 per bag. Bags will also be sold at the January PTO meeting.

Meridian gives back....

Thanks to the generosity of Meridian families and staff, Thanksgiving and Christmas were brighter for some families in need at Federal Heights Elementary.

217 turkey dinners were assembled and delivered to families, (212 to Federal Heights families and 5 to Meridian families).

Those assisting this project included: Toni Masters, Ben Cooper, Jenn Weese, Sarah Bender, Jennifer & Chris Raskay, Kim Merrill, Becky Beraux, Theresa Vogt, Heather Armon, Terri Romero, Kristi Ross, Alyson Duchak, Kristine Rosen, Stacy and Rob Young, Amy Helmick, Nathan Helmick, Claire Masters, Cole Ross, Christopher Duchak, Joe Zimmerman and his mother Sherry, Maycee Quintana and her father Stephen.

A toy drive was also held for Federal Heights and again, as a result of the generosity of Meridian families and staff, 270 gifts were delivered to children. Thanks go out to those who facilitated this project: Toni Masters, Ben Cooper, Kristine Rosen, Jennifer Raskay, Sarah Bender, Linda Dowd, Sara Harp, Jenn Weese, Hailey Masters, Claire Masters, & Anna Hostetter.

Thanks go out to all of our families in the community for your donations of time and items to help make both of these inaugural efforts such a huge success and for putting some great smiles on the faces of families.

Qwest's 1% Back to Schools Program:

Qwest has begun a unique and innovative program that will mean additional funding for our schools! It's called the Qwest "1% Back to Schools" program, and it's an easy way for Qwest customers to help make a positive difference in education. Simply put – when Qwest's residential customers sign up for Paperless Billing and AutoPay Electronic Funds Transfer, they can direct an amount equivalent to one percent of their monthly bill to any school district within Qwest's 14-state residential-service territory. All a customer has to do is go to www.qwest.com/onepercent to enroll. It's that simple!



Upcoming Events.....

February 10: Restaurant Night 5pm-8pm at Chick Fil A

February 15, 3:05pm: Meridian Son Sport Day with the Rage at the Broomfield Event Center;

Checks payable to: Broomfield Ice

February 20, 6:30-8:30pm: Delightful Daughter Dance

Mark your calendars and watch for more details!

Buy Scrip and Win!



CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. Schriener and her kindergarten class!!!

They had the highest Scrip sales for November and December and they chose a \$25 Toys R Us gift card for use in the classroom!

Weekly drawings also took place in November and December for those families ordering through Scrip! Congratulations to: Ann Johnnides, David Zeng, Heather Armon and Leslie Maegley whose names were drawn. All were able to choose a \$10 gift card, FREE, just for purchasing gift cards through Scrip!

Volunteer Opportunities:

There are lots of ways to help your school! We will match your time and talents with our needs! Contact Ann Ryan at ann.ryan@meridianpto.org to learn more!

Special thanks go out to Alyson Duchak for coordinating Scrip this year! She is in the process of relocating, so a new coordinator is needed. Please contact a board member to learn more!

As a result of the opening of our scrip position, orders will no longer be placed weekly. Instead, scrip cards will be sold at PTO meetings, while supplies last. Once a new coordinator is in place, additional communication about the process will be shared.

