

Meridian PTO News

March, 2009

Thank YOU.....

Students presenting at January and February PTO Meetings:
Special thanks to the following students and their families for attending our PTO meetings to share a special piece of their creative work:

January: 4th graders: Landon Ford (Dennard), Sophie Kelly (Weiher), Matt Strong (Dupper), Stephanie Molitor (Koppenhaver), and McKenna Highfield (Hoban)

February: 3rd graders: Chris Muller (DeRock), Alexa Dang (Duncan), Avery Sandstrum (Ellison), and Sarita Maharajh (Hardon).

All of the students did an outstanding job and we thank them for sharing their work with us!

Stamp Camps: Thanks to Wendy Highfield of Stampin' Up for offering two great events for Meridian! The first was a Holiday Stamp camp for the kids that raised \$240 for Meridian and the second was a fun filled Valentine's card workshop for the kids. In addition, Wendy spent time with Meridian staff helping them assemble some real cute Valentine's for friends and families!

Staff Appreciation: Thanks go out to those who helped with Parent Teacher Conferences on February 5. First, a special thanks to Kelly Fukunaga who spent countless hours organizing and running the event. Kelly stayed at parent teacher conferences ALL day and it was her *birthday*! THAT is dedication!!

Thanks also to those who assisted Kelly: Rachel Rome, Susy Gloor, Mary Tucker, Phyllis Takeuchi, Amy Helmick, Cathy Painter, Susan Herrmann, Leslie Maegley, and Brownie Troop 3454.

Thanks to the approximately 80 families who donated items for the meals that day.

Special thanks to: Chipotle for donating burritos for the BASE staff lunch, and Mimi's Cafe for donating muffins for the staff breakfast.

Parent Child Events: Thanks go out to those who facilitated this year's parent child events in February:

Son Sport Day event co-chairs and committee: Dani Thiret and Cosey Stones.

Delightful Daughter Ball: This returning event had 179 attendees and closed with a donation to PTO of \$274. Thanks go out to event co-chairs: Dani Thiret, Kara Elkins, Cosey Stones, and Tracy Adams; and event volunteers: Trish Malmstrom, Jordyn Malmstrom, Dawn Smith, Lisa Wagner, Kristin Raney, Lana Barrett, Lori Valdez, Sherry Carlo, Nancy Andzulis, Jen Gero, Terri Romero, John Elkins, Phil Mostajo, Eric Stones, Tony Thiret, Meridian custodial staff Chris, Cheryl, and Lorenzo, and Assistant Principal Sara Harp.

PTO Board Positions Available.....

It's that time of year to start thinking about....next year! Yes, spring in the air brings thoughts of PTO Board Elections. Currently, all board positions are open with the exception of Treasurer (as the Asst. Treasurer will be moving into that position), and possibly President (as the bylaws allow for any current board member to accept the President position).

The board positions are listed below. If you are interested in a position, please feel free to contact the current board member in that position to learn more. Please also visit our website at: www.meridianpto.org and read the bylaws for more information on the positions and their responsibilities. Each position is a one year commitment with the exception of Asst Treasurer (as that position becomes Treasurer after one year). Nominations will be taken at the April PTO meeting with voting at the May PTO meeting.



PTO Board Members

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

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PTO

Meeting:

Thursday,
March 19
from 6:30pm-
7:30pm in the
cafeteria.

FREE
CHILDCARE
PROVIDED!!

Watch for
the agenda
to be sent
home in
folders!