

# Meridian PTO News

December 2009

Thank you to all our wonderful & generous staff and families at Meridian. You have once again made our Thanksgiving Food Drive for Federal Heights a huge success. I cannot thank you enough for the donations of food, baskets, gift cards, and help you have given to make this possible as well as successful.

We donated a total of 216 Thanksgiving dinners, 209 to Federal Heights and 7 to Meridian.

I would like to send out a big THANK YOU to Student Council for gathering and counting classroom donations each day and helping us make baskets. I also want to thank those Student Council members and their parents for joining in and helping with delivery to Federal Heights. What a great bunch of kids and so very helpful!

Thank you to Jillian Bishop, Noah Shauf, Avery Corcoran, Ashley Thibeault, Alexis Stepp, Jake Thiret, Emma Hamilton, Samuel Hempelmann, Andrew Baxter, Danielle Wagner, Connor Corcoran, Kaylee Stout, McKena Ray, Sarita Maharajh, Payton Corah, Reece Visser, Kaylee Brock, Hunter Brown, Sidney Organ, Jack Rockeman, Shelby Grebenc, Carter Tjornehoj, Jake Coogan, Molly Vogt, Clarissa Shelley, Owen Zukowski, Katherine Poole, Matt Strong and of course, Shelly DeRock and Jenn Weese.

I would also like to send out a big thank you to all of my WONDERFUL volunteers who signed up for various duties including shopping, basket making, turkey pick up, & delivery day. You're the best!!

THANK YOU, Michelle Allen, Heather Armon, Becky Breaux; Ben & Jenny Cooper, Karen Enney, Traci Haake, Pat Hagara, Amy Helmick, Wendy Highfield, Tonia Johnston, Stacey Mari, Kim Merrill, Ralph & Tawyna Mitchell, Cathy Painter, Chris & Jennifer Raskey, Teri Romero, and all of your wonderful children!

THANK YOU to Frank and Teri Romero for arranging 200 turkeys from King Soopers at an awesome price and donating 200 re-usable King's shopping bags for our baskets.

Finally, thank you to Heather Armon for stepping up and taking this project over next year!

Hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Toni Masters, PTO CO-President



**NO** PTO Meeting  
in December

## Next PTO Meeting:

Thursday, January 14th  
6:30pm-7:30pm  
Meridian Cafeteria

**FREE CHILD CARE  
PROVIDED!!**

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## THE RESULTS ARE IN...



Funding requests were voted on at November's PTO Meeting. PTO will contribute \$650 in order to cover all of the following requests: Star Carts, Reading Libraries, Calendar Math Game, Die Cuts, Everyday Math Game, and 2 Lunchroom Tables.

A HUGE  
THANK YOU TO  
TONI MASTERS  
FOR ORGANIZING  
THE FEDERAL  
HEIGHTS FOOD  
DRIVE!

## Parent~Child Events...

### We Need Your Help!

The Parent~Child Events (Delightful Daughter and Spectacular Son) Committee is in Desperate Need of Volunteers. In order for these events to take place, we **MUST** have volunteers. The Delightful Daughter Event, in particular, is in need of Decorators, Clean-Up People, and a few parents to be present to oversee the event (serve cake, etc). Donating your time will allow this event to occur. Please contact Kim Merrill at [kim-merrill@qwest.net](mailto:kim-merrill@qwest.net) or Cosey Stones at [cosey1832@yahoo.com](mailto:cosey1832@yahoo.com). We know this event is very important to many little girls at our school. The event is on February 19th. Please help us make it happen. Once again, we thank Cosey Stones for organizing these events, yet another year.



### Calendar...

Please review the updated calendar on the PTO Website. Please note, there is **NO PTO Meeting in December.**



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

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Don't forget to check out our awesome web site (we have the **BEST** webmaster- Jennifer Bragg)!! [www.meridianpto.org](http://www.meridianpto.org)

# Staff Appreciation

## Happy Birthday

*Chris Bisgaard (Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>)*

*Andy Caravas (Dec 5<sup>th</sup>)*

*Kim Jackson (Dec 6<sup>th</sup>)*

*Alana Burrow (Dec 8<sup>th</sup>)*

*Barbara Collins (Dec 12<sup>th</sup>)*

*Janice Frazier (Dec 18<sup>th</sup>)*

*Jessica Clark (Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>)*

*Jennifer Weese (Dec 24<sup>th</sup>)*

*Katelyn Leighton (Dec 28<sup>th</sup>)*



## Happy Half Birthday

*Brandon Leyte (June 4<sup>th</sup>)*

*Lynda Dowd (June 9<sup>th</sup>)*

*Mary Salter (June 15<sup>th</sup>)*

*Shelly DeRock (June 17<sup>th</sup>)*

*Ashley Ruby (June 20<sup>th</sup>)*

*Leslye Charlesworth (June 24<sup>th</sup>)*

*Charlotte Knight (June 24<sup>th</sup>)*

*Piper Pedersen (June 27<sup>th</sup>)*

*Nora Duncan (June 29<sup>th</sup>)*

## And The Winner Is...

The PTO hosted a “GIVE THANKS FOR OUR STAFF” contest the week prior to Thanksgiving. Each day had something fun in store for all the staff to participate in, and they competed with each other to earn winner (and loser) prizes. They ended up having a lot of fun throughout the week and were very grateful for all the super prizes.

MONDAY started with TRIVIA... The staff had to guess the total weight of the Denver Broncos Football Team. **Mrs. Joanna Schott** was our winner as she guessed 13,092... just 101 lbs. off from the correct 13,193 total lbs. Joanna won a *massage* for her great guess!

TUESDAY'S contest was a SNOWFLAKE SCAVENGER HUNT. We hid 96 snowflakes all over the school for the staff to find throughout the day. Our winner was **Mrs. Kristin Raney**, who took home a *Crate and Barrel Thanksgiving gift basket*.

WEDNESDAY'S contest was GUESS HOW MANY PENNIES are in the jar. Our winner, **Mrs. Lisa Meier**, took home *4,671 in pennies*.

THURSDAY was our DESSERT BAKE-OFF. We had so many fabulous homemade desserts (made by the staff) to sample throughout the day. **There was a tie between Mrs. Rose Benedetto's Sweet Potato Roll and Mrs. Carol Martin's Apple Crisp.** Rose went home with a *Honey Baked Ham* for the holidays after her name was drawn from a hat!

On FRIDAY, we ended our week with a Hula Hoop Contest. **Mrs. Sue Fernau and Mrs. Caitlin Bird hula-hooped for over 6 long minutes with Mrs. Bird finally taking home the prize.** She won an *Orchards Mall gift card* to start her holiday shopping!