



Eagleswood PTA *News*

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Help Us Help Our Kids!

Even before you packed your child's backpack and whipped up the first lunchbox of the 2011-2012 school year, members of the Eagleswood PTA were already planning programs, activities and fundraisers to make this a fun and memorable year for the children of our district.

School assemblies, class trips, parties, supplies and equipment that make learning fun are just some of the ways that the PTA works for your kids. At least every month your children enjoy some type of enriching, fun school experience thanks to your PTA.



But this year, the need for new active members is more important than ever before. Volunteers are needed to head a number of standard PTA activities and yearlong fundraisers. The work is simple, and the payback for your children is tremendous.

Right now, volunteers are needed to chair the monthly Market Day sale; Campbell's Soup label collections, and the Membership Committee, itself.

So far about 15 parents, guardians and teachers have filled out their PTA membership forms, but according to Board President Stacy Medford, the success of the PTA depends on the involvement of everyone.

"We hope to see new faces, with fresh idea and a true desire to think outside the box and find exciting new ways to help our kids and our school," Stacy said. "We'd hate to have to give up our longstanding programs or even cut some of the special school programs and activities that we sponsor because we don't have enough active volunteers to help out."

Parents, teachers...if you haven't become a member, please do. Membership fees are only \$7, and that money goes a long way to help our kids. And, of course you're more than welcome to volunteer to help at any of the fund-

raisers and special activities the PTA has planned for the year.

There's plenty for everyone to do, and volunteers don't have to attend PTA meetings or even go to the school to volunteer. Although we'd love to see you all at PTA meetings and school functions, there are lots of activities — from baking, making flyers or preparing materials for a special PTA event that can be done at home on your own time. For more information on ways to volunteer, contact Stacy Medford at eagleswoodPTA@comcast.net.

The first PTA meeting of the year is 7 p.m., Wednesday, September 14, in the school library. Please come out and support YOUR PTA.

Don't Let these Programs Go Away...How to Help...

These PTA activities need chairpersons and volunteers. Without volunteers, these activities are in danger of being eliminated! Most work can be done from your own home! If you'd like to help out, drop us an email at eagleswoodpta@comcast.net

MARKET DAY: This monthly fundraiser is always one of our most popular. Families buy some of the good food that's in the Market Day flyer and our school receives a profit. It's easy to chair... you send out flyers and emails, place all handwritten orders and later in the month, oversee the delivery at school between 3-5:30 p.m. Monthly reports to the PTA president are handed in and shared with the general PTA at meetings.

MEMBERSHIP: Beginning at the start of the school year application flyers are sent out requesting families to join the PTA. Membership applications are collected, lists are made of families & their PTA interests, dues are paid to the state & national PTA, membership cards & PTA protocol letters are given out to members. Membership drive is busiest at the beginning of the school year, at back to school night, and again in January. A report to the PTA president is handed in to share with the general PTA at meetings.

CAMPBELL SOUP LABEL COLLECTION: Collected and submitted two or three times a year. Labels are collected from school, counted and submitted to the Campbell Soup company. We have an existing account with our points that are banked there until used. Account is accessible via internet. At the time that the PTA chooses to redeem points then a small amount of paper work will be done. Quarterly reports to the PTA president are handed in to share with the general PTA at meetings.

FALL FUNDRAISER: This fundraiser has been set up for the beginning of the school year. Order forms supplied by the company will be given out to each family. Orders and money are collected and orders are placed. Once the shipment comes into the school, orders need to be organized by families and a pick-up date needs to be announced to families so they pick up their orders. A report to the PTA is given that includes the number of items and the total PTA profit.

Help Wanted: Chinese Auction Volunteers

The Eagleswood Elementary PTA Annual Chinese Auction & Luncheon, an annual tradition and the organization's best fundraiser is right around the corner, but more volunteers are needed to make the event a success.

The auction will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 19, at the Eagleswood Firehouse, Railroad Avenue. Admission is \$25, which includes lunch and 20 tickets.

Tickets will go on sale in early October.

We're hoping to make this the biggest and best auction, with more gifts and prizes than ever. But we need your help. If you have any new gifts, household items, toys or merchandise that you would like to donate, or perhaps you work for or even own a business that can donate a service or gift certificate, please contact Auction Chair Kim Pharo at 609-709-9407 or 296-4152. Or if you'd like to help us solicit other businesses for donations, please call Kim. And, of course, we'd love to have you help out on the day of the event, too. We can really use your help!

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