



# PTO News

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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We hope your holidays were enjoyable and relaxing. Now that 2009 is here, the PTO Board is already planning some fun family events. The biggest event will be the Spring Carnival scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup>. We have an overall chairperson, but as in past carnivals, we need several volunteers to plan and coordinate specific parts. You may chair a spot or be a co-chair with a friend. We need volunteers to plan food, games, raffle and silent auction, ticket sales, prizes, cake walk and clothing sales. We also need volunteers to work in these areas during the carnival; those volunteers will work in shifts, so you'll still have plenty of time to enjoy the day with your kids. Please send a note in to your child's teacher or call Kendra Landers at 231-798-8420 stating your area of interest. Thank you for your support! Without your help, this event will not be fun and successful.

## Donations Needed

Once again we will be holding a Silent Auction at our Spring Carnival and are looking for donations. If you own your own business or know of anyone interested in donating any items or services, please contact any board member. At the last carnival we had many wonderful items for auction ranging from candles, Pampered Chef items, hair cuts and tanning to camping gear, charter fishing trips and hotel stays. It's a good way to support Ross Park and to advertise your business.

## Pizza & A Movie Night

Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting a Family Night. For \$1.00 per person, you may come and have some pizza, a beverage and a cookie. We will be showing the movie "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" -- the classic version from 1971. Pizza and beverages will be served in the cafeteria starting at 5:30 p.m., and the movie will start at 6:00 pm.

Students must be accompanied by an adult 18 or older. Attached you will find a form to order your tickets, which will be due by Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Please come! It's a great chance to meet other parents and have some fun!

## Popcorn Sales

This month the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade sponsored Popcorn Sales Day. Next month the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will sponsor Popcorn Sales Day on February 27<sup>th</sup> so parents, if you have a child in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and are able to help with making and distributing popcorn on this day, please contact your child's teacher or a PTO Board member. All help is appreciated. Thank you.

## We Need Your Ideas!

The PTO needs your ideas on how to make your child's experience at Ross Park even better! No idea is too big or too small. Come to a PTO meeting and share your ideas! We promise we won't make you "volunteer" for anything you don't have time for, and it only

takes an hour a month to attend PTO meetings. All PTO meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month unless otherwise noted due to holidays, from 7pm – 8pm. Free daycare is provided. Please mark your calendars and join us.

February 23    March 16    April 20

The PTO voted on helping the teachers purchase a new refrigerator for the teacher's lounge. For all the teachers do for our students and school, there was no question they deserve this gift.

### March Is Reading Month

The theme this year for March is Reading Month will be 'We Are Michigan Kids'. To kick off this event we are having an assembly on Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> featuring Gary D. Bower, author of "I'm A Michigan Kid!" and other popular books. For one of our incentive prizes for the students, after they reach our goal of hours of reading, we have Johnathan Rand, author of the Michigan and American Chillers books scheduled to give a presentation on April 14<sup>th</sup>. We are very excited about these great authors coming to our school. Watch for more information coming home regarding March Is Reading Month.

### Box Tops for Education

### And Nestle Pure Life Labels

We still collect Box Tops for Education labels and Nestle Pure Life water labels. You can send them in with your child or drop them

off at the office. Thank you for your support with these programs.

### Ross Park Merchandise

Get your Ross Park merchandise! Go to [www.cafepress.com/rossparkpto](http://www.cafepress.com/rossparkpto) to pick from a wide variety of T-shirts, sweatshirts and other stuff; \$5 from every item purchased will go to the PTO to benefit the entire school.

### February 24 Bond Proposal

On Tuesday, Feb. 24, voters in the Mona Shores district will be asked to approve an extension of the current school millage. The extension will not raise your taxes; it simply extends the current millage rate for two more years, to 2019. It will raise about \$13 million for important improvements in our schools starting as soon as this summer. You can learn more at [www.monashores.net](http://www.monashores.net).

If you need to contact the Ross Park PTO Board, you may email us at [board@rossparkpto.org](mailto:board@rossparkpto.org)

The following advertisements help us with printing costs. If you would like to place an ad in our newsletter, contact Terri Whiteman at 231-740-1701 or [secretary@rossparkpto.org](mailto:secretary@rossparkpto.org)



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