



# Talons & Tracks

September 2011

# PTA News

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## Welcome Back!



### Dates to Remember

#### Your 2011-2012 PTA Executive Board

President, Brenda Foster

Co VP Events, Anne Marie Schmid & Rebecca Gerspacher

Co VP Fundraising, Julie Watson & Tina Andre

VP Programs, Lisa Mitchell

Treasurer, Kristy Nowels

Secretary, Amalea Maxfield

*They are here to make it an awesome school year!*

- **Everyone is invited to the General PTA Meeting** September 13th 6p @ DHES. We have lots of activities planned for the 2011-2012 school year. Come and hear from the Principals and Committee Chairs about the upcoming school & PTA events that you can be a part of. You won't want to miss it. There will be treats, childcare, and door prize drawings!
- **Our new Spirit Wear for the upcoming school year has arrived!** We are super excited to debut our new, fun and exciting colors and designs. We are planning two opportunities to order this year. The first order is due on September 27th and will take approximately 2 weeks to process. Don't miss out on this school year's Spirit Wear!
- **The PTA Hospitality Committee** provided first day of school "survival bags" to the staff. This is an example of the fun things this committee gets to do. We would love your help! If you can lend a helping hand or are willing to donate for potlucks to support our staff, please contact: Tabitha Farley (tfarley516@msn.com), Debi Perovich (vindee07@gmail.com), or Jen Shears (shearscj@comcast.net).
- **RAH (Reading At Home)** - Start tracking those minutes! The top 4 readers each month in each grade get lunch with their Principal. Students K2 - 3rd grade will be awarded certificates & prizes for each 500 minutes, 4th & 5th graders will be awarded certificates & prizes for each 1000 minutes. Remember to print legibly and turn them in by the 1st of the month. *Happy reading!*

#### September

- 9/13 General PTA Meeting 6p @ DHES
- 9/14 Fall Fundraiser Kickoff
- 9/20 Taproot Theatre Assembly @ LTES
- 9/21 Skate Night 6-8p @ Auburn Skate Connection
- 9/27 Spirit Wear Orders Due
- 9/30 PTA Membership Payment Due (to be included in the drawing)

- **Fall Fundraiser: It's not just cookie dough this year!** Gourmet treats, gifts and wrap will jump start your holiday shopping and fill your freezer with goodies. With friends, family and your support we can continue providing fun programs such as: Art Docent, Jr. Achievement, field trips, RAH, Fall Carnival, specialty assemblies and so much more. *September 14th kicks off the fun which continues through October 3rd.*
- **Volunteer to be an Art Docent!** The art docent program is looking for volunteers who love doing art with the kids! No experience is necessary. All supplies are provided and training will be available. To sign up or learn more, please email [kimm@ctelogistics.com](mailto:kimm@ctelogistics.com). We will be having an orientation meeting the first week of October – date and location TBD.
- **Save those Box Tops!** We will be having another drawing this year for an *iPod Nano* at each school! Forms and further details will be distributed soon!



## Allies from Outer Space

### Coming to LTES and DHES!

One of the ways your PTA supports the elementary students in the Dieringer School District is by bringing great assemblies and authors to the schools. With the money you have helped to raise in the past, LTES and DHES students have been able to see animals from Australia, learn about the magic of science, hear how to become a writer from award winning authors, participate in science activities with the Pacific Science Center programs, and much more.

**The first assembly of the year will be presented by the Taproot Theatre, a student favorite.** This year's program is *Allies from Outer Space*. Students will learn about bullying prevention, accepting differences and diversity, and using technology responsibly. The program will be at LTES on September 20th and at DHES on October 24th. Parents and guardians are always welcome to attend, just be sure to sign in at the office.

Watch the PTA newsletter for more information about future assemblies and authors. And remember, when it's time to participate in fundraising activities, a large portion of the money goes to providing quality assemblies for all of our students. Thank you for your help in making that happen!

### September is PTA Membership Month - Ever wonder . . . "Why should I join PTA?"

Joining LTES PTA is supporting LTES PTA. **NO strings attached.** Your membership won't commit you to volunteer time, numerous committees or meeting attendance requirements. It simply states that you support our children in the journey through their elementary education. The great thing about LTES PTA is YOU choose how YOU are involved. Join, volunteer or do both. We welcome your involvement.

To show our appreciation for your commitment to PTA, **EVERYONE who submits their PTA membership form with payment by September 30 will be entered into a drawing for 1 of 5 tote bags filled with misc. goodies!** Membership forms can be found in your "Back To School" packet or online at [LTESPTA.org](http://LTESPTA.org) Thanks in advance for supporting our children!

### We Can't Do It Without You!

Volunteers are the heart of PTA. Without volunteers many of our programs and events would not happen. If you are looking for a way to be involved in your child's school year experience we have a wide range of volunteer opportunities. **Please contact Trista Sutherland [trista@mysutherland.com](mailto:trista@mysutherland.com) if any of the following areas interest you.**

Art Docent	Book Fair Volunteer	Box Tops Counter	Carnival Chair or Co-Chairs	Carnival Day of Event Volunteer
Classroom Art Docents	Cookie Dough Distribution Day Volunteer	Family Activities Volunteer	Families in Need Chair	
Father/Daughter Dance Volunteer	Father/Son Night Volunteer	Hospitality - Provide Treats/Volunteer	RAH Minutes Counter	
Membership Chair - Promotion & Publicity and Data Entry	On Call Volunteer - "I can help where needed"	Parent Education Chair		
Science Fair LTES Chair	Shamrock Fun Run Sponsor Coordinator	Shamrock Fun Run Day of Event Volunteer	Yearbook Photographer	
Silent Fundraisers - Publicity & Promotion				

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