

PTO NEWS---August and September 2014

As we enter a new year at Valley, we would like to welcome everyone back and say hello to all the newcomers. Good luck! The PTO is always looking for volunteers to help make the year a success. PTO funds sponsor field trips (\$986.08 last year), the Reading is Fundamental book program, the Christmas Market, the Bi-annual Spring Carnival, parties for the Box Tops winners, teacher/staff appreciation week plus teacher requests throughout the year.

OPEN HOUSE: Elementary Open House was held August 18th from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. The PTO held a raffle that evening for a Spirit Basket. Everyone was able to meet and greet their teacher and enjoyed an ice cream social. This was also an opportunity to bring student's school supplies, which gained positive feedback. Students participated in a game where we later drew participant's names for door prizes. .

Fall Fundraiser: We sold PAPA John's Pizza Cards at Registration, Open House, and the first week of school. The total profit for this fundraiser is \$232.00, as of 8/27/14. Thanks to those of you who purchased cards.

Bake Sales: Bake Sale Dates and donating classes are as follows, with all items priced a quarter:

↓ 9/05/14 6th grade ↓ 11/07/14 4th grade ↓ 1/16/15 2nd grade ↓ 3/13/15 Kindergarten
↓ 10/03/14 5th grade ↓ 12/12/14 3rd grade ↓ 2/13/15 1st grade ↓ 4/17/15 Staff and PTO

Please send items already individually bagged. It would be a great help since volunteers sometimes arrive when the students are already at lunch. The price is 25 cents per item. Also, many students want something just to take home. Dawn Cadwell is in charge of the Bake Sales this year. Thanks!

Box Tops and Soup Labels: Annette Stucky will coordinate these programs. Please put your box tops in a baggie with your teacher's name and grade level on it. Any class that brings in 1200 box tops or more will receive an ice cream reward party, at the end of the year. The class that brings in the **most** box tops will also receive a pizza party in May.

Room Parents: If you didn't sign up for Room Parents and volunteer programs, at Registration or Open House and you are interested, please contact Lora Schleich at 224-2207. She is charge of this program.

Christmas Market: Karla Schleich and Lora Schleich will be coordinating the Christmas Market. It will run December 1st thru 4th. We are looking for donated items which include new and unwrapped gifts or homemade items. Please plan on volunteering to help work the Christmas Market, if possible.

Movie Night: In place of the Carnival we will have Movie Night on March 21, 2015. Details will be sent home at a later date.

Bi-annual Carnival: The next Carnival will be held, March, 2016.

Halloween Party: There will not be a Halloween Activity Night. It has been canceled due to a lack of participation.

Financial Report: For a complete 2013-2014 financial report please contact Lora Schleich.

Recycling Service Project: We are continuing a used/unusable electronics recycling program in conjunction with Ecobuddies-Funding Factory. We are collecting inkjet and laser printer cartridges, cell phones, laptops, MP3 players, iPods, digital cameras, GPS systems and headphones (no ear buds). This program will also be active in the High School. All these **LISTED** items can be dropped off at the Elementary or High School Office. The Funding Factory is paying for the shipping of these electronic items, so we can help save our planet by recycling. The PTO will receive a minimum of 10 cents per item that qualifies. This it is not a big fundraiser but a service to promote recycling in our community.

Coats for Valley Students: We are collecting jackets and winter coats for Valley Students. If you have a gently used or new coat, that you would like to donate, you may drop it off at school or contact a PTO member. Mrs. Collier is in charge of all the donations and distribution. The PTO will not be involved in who receives coats. We are here to help spread the word!

The PTO has a tab, on the Spoon River Valley website. Just go to <http://www.spoon-river.k12.il.us/> and under the Elementary heading click on PTO. The e-mail address is, pto@spoon-river.k12.il.us. Feel free to contact us with your constructive ideas. Thank you and have a great school year!

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