

Rennell RedHawks PTO

Ready to Rock



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Friday, January 27, 2012

President's Note

Dear Redhawk Families:

First, I would like to say a huge thank you to our co-Vice Presidents of Homeroom Activities, Lisa Shaw and Melissa Rogers, for the wonderful job they did with holiday parties. After walking around the school that day, it was clear that our RedHawks were having a great time! Thank you to all of the parents who helped make the day run so smoothly. It takes many volunteers to make such an event run smoothly, and YOU make that happen each time we ask for help!

The PTO has recently made some purchases that our RedHawks will soon be using in the classroom and outside at recess.

First, 3 sets of QWIZDOM were purchased for classroom use. These interactive response units will be used both in the classrooms and during Science/Math bowl each week. This purchase was made because the teachers helped the PTO so much during our Boosterthon Fun Run.



The next purchase was requested due to the new timed aspect of the STARR test. These clocks will be used in the classroom to help students understand elapsed time as they work on their test.



The last purchase we have recently made will be used by all of our students during recess. We have purchased two large assortments of balls and outdoor games for them!



THANK YOU for your support of the PTO and the fundraisers- they make purchases like these possible! And these purchases will help to make our RedHawks the best they can be.

Spring Fling is around the corner. This year, the date of the carnival will be Saturday, March 31. Planning is already underway and there will be a planning meeting on Thursday, February 9 at 7 pm in the Rennell Elementary Library. Come and find out how you can help make this event be spectacular. This year, we would like to dedicate all funds earned to the purchase of new playground equipment! If you want more information on how you can be involved, please email our Spring Fling Chairman, Nina Moore at ninamo94@att.net.

Nominations for our 2011/2012 Executive Board and Committee chairs is around the corner. We will be sending forms home in late February for your nominations. If you would like to know anything more about the board and the positions, please feel free to contact any board member. And all board meetings are open to the public. Our next two meetings are January 30 and February 27 at 9:30 in the Rennell Kiva (inside the library). Come and find out how you can be an important part in your child's education!

RedHawks Rising High!
Molly Speciale
PTO President

Yearbooks

Yearbooks are on Sale Now! Order yours today online at ybpay.lifetouch.com or send in your order form. Either way, the price is just \$16. **The order deadline is Friday, February 17!**

Remember to share your RedHawk Photos!
The Community Upload website is www.community.lifetouch.com. The access code for Rennell is ULBCLA.

Minor Fundraising

We are half way through the year and it is going by fast. I wanted to take a minute to thank Alejandra Morton for taking charge of the Holiday Shop this year. She did a great job and the kids had a great time shopping. I also want to thank Liz Fennell and Jennifer Laughlin for running the Spirit Shop for the spring.

The long sleeve shirts, hoodies, visors and caps have all been passed out. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Please like the Rennell PTO on Facebook to keep updated on new spirit night dates, spirit shop info and other information.

Thank you, Mary Skirm

Spirit Nights Coming Up:
Qdoba: Feb. 21

Junior Achievement

We are getting ready to start the Junior Achievement Program at Rennell this spring for Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades. The Junior Achievement program helps students learn the basic concepts of business and economics and how education is relevant to the workplace. We need volunteers to teach the JA classes and share their work experiences. There are 5 lessons that are 30 minutes in length. You will be trained and supported throughout the whole process, as well as provided with all materials, lesson plans, and activities. We extend a special invitation to any Fathers that have flexible work schedules to present for their child's class. Check with your company they may allow time off to volunteer for JA. Please contact me for more information Veronique Lamarche-Samson etiennevero@gmail.com. Volunteers are still needed for the following classes:

Kinder: Mrs. Getschmann, Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Qualls, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Smith

1st: Mrs. Yang, Mrs. Hartzler, Mrs. Gabriel

2nd: Mrs. Nelius, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Cheadle

5th Grade Activities

Memory Book:

Remember to upload pictures of 5th grade activities to the yearbook through Lifetouch, and to the 5th Grade Memory Book at rennell5thgrade.shutterfly.com. You may also send a disc through school, attn: Jenny Orwin/PTO.

Hospitality

On Dec. 19th we hosted a Christmas luncheon for the teachers and staff. Thanks to the many volunteers that made yummy soups and baked great cookies for this event. We were able to give teachers and staff a homemade lunch. They appreciated it all. I had many requests for recipes. So if you were one of those who baked or cooked, please send me your recipes at jamieperk@yahoo.com.

Thanks, Jamie Campillo-Perkins and Kelli Stracener

Box Tops & Tyson Labels

Box Tops for Education -Contest Time!

It is that time again for another Box Top contest. The class that turns in the most Box Tops in by February 24th will win a prize. Please remember to continue to also turn in your Tyson labels and Labels for Education as we are still collecting those. Also don't forget if you are going to be doing some online shopping to check out boxtops4education.com to see the different places that you can earn points for shopping online.

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