

Rennell RedHawks PTO

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Friday, September 30, 2011

President's Note

Dear RedHawk Families-

School is in full swing! Hard to believe we are finishing our first full month of school. Our RedHawks are off and flying!

Thank you to all the families who participated in our First Boosterthon Fun Run. Even with weather and smoke concerns, we were able to have a successful event and I think the kids LOVED running through the halls! We appreciate the support you gave the fundraiser, both in pledges and in volunteer hours the day of the event- we couldn't have done it without all of your help! We have collected 85% of the pledges to date, but we are still trying to collect the remaining 15%. If you have pledges outstanding, please turn them into the school by Monday, October 3 so they can be counted and we can begin using the funds to provide additional activities for our students!

The PTO has been busy the first month of school - we have had our first general meeting, where membership voted and approved the 2011-2012 Budget. These meetings are important ways for the PTO board to communicate with parents all of the activities we support and provide our RedHawks! If you ever have questions about PTO, please don't hesitate to contact us at rennellpto@gmail.com or come to our monthly board meetings on the last Monday of the month at 1:30 in the Kiva. We would love your input! Our VIPS team also conducted a volunteer orientation and has begun utilizing our database to recruit volunteers for various events!

Spirit shop is underway! On September 22, students were able to shop and purchase new spirit items. We will continue to have these spirit shops on the third Thursday of the month. We hope your RedHawk enjoys this as much as we do! If you are interested in helping out monthly during lunches, please email rennellpto@gmail.com.

Molly Speciale, President, PTO

Dates to Remember

Oct. 4 - Nature Trails Volunteer Training
Oct. 10 - Parent Teacher Conferences
Oct. 14 - VIPS Conference
Oct. 14-21 - Book Fair
Oct. 20 - Spirit Shop during all lunches
Oct. 26 - Rennell PTO Spirit Night at Chili's

Nov. 2 & 3 - Nature Trails 3rd & 5th Grades
Nov. 11 - Veterans' Day Program
Nov. 18 - Field Day

Homeroom Activities

We are pleased to announce we have had a tremendous amount of volunteers sign-up to help out in their child's class. Thank you to those volunteers who have offered to commit some time in order to make their child's year a success! The following are classes that still need a homeroom parent and/or volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering in your child's class or have any questions please contact

Lisa Shaw - lisarshaw@comcast.net or
Melissa Rogers -
Melissa_d_Rogers@sbcglobal.net

PreK

Homeroom parent for both morning and afternoon

Kindergarten

Harper - Homeroom parent and volunteers

2nd grade

Cheadle - Homeroom parent and volunteers
J. Johnson - Volunteers

3rd grade

Barger - Volunteers
Hollins - Homeroom parent

4th grade

Lochandwala - Homeroom parent
New - Homeroom parent

Science Resource Center

We are ready to start planning for the SRC demos for the year. We also have Nature Trails coming up in November for 3rd and 5th grade. We will need volunteers to go help the teachers and students. Here are some trainings that are coming up. Please let me know if you are interested in attending any of them.

Nature Trails Training: October 4

3rd: 10:00-11:30

5th: 12:30-2:00

Demo Trainings:

September 30: 1st grade Eggs & Nests –
9:30-11:30 or 12:30-2:30

October 12: Kindergarten Guinea Pigs –
9:30-11:30 or 12:30-2:30

October 19: 3rd Grade Snakes – 9:30-12:00

October 27: 2nd Grade Reptiles –
9:30-12:30

November 1: 1st Grade Chinchilla/Small
Mammal – 9:30-11:30 or
12:30-2:30

November 10: Kindergarten Hedgehogs –
9:30-11:30 or 12:30-2:30

November 17: 1st Grade Eggs and Nests –
9:30-11:30

December 2: 5th Grade Cy-Fair CSI –
9:30-11:30

Thank you for helping our little RedHawks have a great learning experience,

Mary Skirm

marye@skirm.com

Boosterthon Reminder

We are still seeking some outstanding pledges for the Boosterthon Fun Run. We are still accepting payments at the school, as well as online at www.funrun.com. Please help us achieve our goal of collecting 100%, by checking to see if your child has any outstanding pledges to collect and send them as soon as possible. We appreciate your time and support.

Minor Fundraising

The Spirit shirts have come in and we are in the process of getting them all delivered. If you have any questions or concerns, please send an email to Mary at rennellfundraising@gmail.com.

Box Tops for Education

We are so excited this year to try to smash our goals for Box Tops for Education! We are asking that you send in your Box Tops either on the attached sheet or in a zip lock bag with your child's name and teachers name on the bag. There are also lots of other ways that you can earn extra Box Tops for our school. Please go to www.boxtops4education.com and register for bonus Box Tops. Once you register, you will see all the different ways you can help our school earn. We will be running a contest for Box Tops. The class that has the most Box Tops turned in by October 21st will win a pop corn party!

This year we are also collecting Labels for Education. I recently found out that you can sign up at <http://www.elabelsforeducation.com> and earn bonus points while shopping at Kroger and Randalls. Please get signed up so we can earn these points faster.

Finally don't forget you also save you're A+ Project labels for Tyson Chicken. Those are each worth \$0.24.



VIPS

Happy Fall Rennell volunteers! We are less than two months into the school year, and the opportunities to volunteer have been enormous. We can always use more volunteers for different activities so make sure you register on the volunteer site so that you receive emails from us for upcoming activities.

Upcoming activities to participate in are Book fair, Field day, and VIPS Fall conference, where there are a number of classes that are offered to our volunteers thru the district. Please sign up if you can attend by responding to the request emails. As for Fall conference, please refer to the attached form or view it from the district website for further information.

Thanks,
Shon Knight and Tammy Willis, VIPS Coordinators

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