



# McMahon School PTA Quarterly Newsletter



151 North Temple Street, Lewiston, Maine 04240  
PTA Website: WWW.MYSCHOOLONLINE.COM/ME/MCMAHONSCHOOLPTA

Issue Date: June/2003  
Issue Number 1  
Editors: Pamela Beaulé, Lisa Bussiere and Lyse Roy

## Welcome to the First Issue!

Welcome to the first issue of the McMahon School PTA Newsletter. The PTA at McMahon has been very busy this year. In January, we reorganized to become the McMahon School PTA, affiliating with both the National and Maine State PTA. Read more about what the PTA has been doing for our children this year!

### PTA Officers

By vote of the membership, we elected the following officers to the McMahon PTA.

#### Co-Presidents

Lisa Bussiere and Lyse Roy

#### Co-Vice Presidents

Nicole Boulet and Lisa Schulze

#### Treasurer

Ann Michaud

#### Secretary

Lisa Asselin



PTA Meetings are held in the school library on the first Tuesday of each month from 6pm - 8pm. Here are the dates for the remainder of 2003:

September 2	October 7
November 4	December 2

### Goals of Our PTA

During the coming year, we hope to accomplish the following goals:

1. Continue to sponsor the annual and traditional events and activities of McMahon School.
2. Increase our membership and reach out to the "Senior" family of McMahon.
3. Offer informational and educational programs for parents and teachers.
4. Raise funds to enhance the educational experiences of our children.
5. Continue to work towards the National PTA "Certification of Excellence" and/or "Recognition of Commitment" distinctions.

## The McMahon School PTA Makes A Difference!

Through the funds raised by the McMahon School PTA, our children are able to have access to programs and services they otherwise wouldn't be able to access. Let's face it – the school does the best it can with the funds it obtains through it's budget. However, it isn't enough to do some of the special programs that the PTA affords it. Here are some examples of how our money has been used this year.

- Guided Reading Videos for Grades 1 & 2
- Field Trips for each of the Grades
- Stipends for each of the teachers to help them pay for some of the many things they buy for their students with *their own money*
- Northern Sky Lab Planetarium *right here at McMahon!*
- McMahon T-Shirts for all students
- Wireless Center for the Grade 4-6 wing
- Student Assignment Notebooks
- Ice Cream Social
- Roller Skating Party
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Volunteer Appreciation Week



## How are we Able to Do These Things?

Parents, Grandparents, Teachers and Students have all been busy fundraising and volunteering their time. You may not have even realized it, but all these you do really add up! Here are some success stories that helped us reach our goals:

- Annual Triathlon Fundraiser
- Hannaford Dollars
- Boxtops for Education
- Campbells Labels for Education
- Lasagna Supper Event



This year has been a busy one for the PTA. Besides reorganizing, we have been hard at work fundraising so our children can have the benefit of programs and activities they wouldn't otherwise have. Many of these fundraising events don't cost you anything! It's just a matter of clipping labels or saving slips from the grocery store. Please help us by continuing to *save your labels over the summer!* Collection boxes are in front of the office.

## ***We're on the Web!***

After a lot of hard work from Lisa Bussiere, we now have a website for the McMahon PTA. Check it out at [WWW.MYSCHOOLONLINE.COM/ME/MCMAHONSCHOOLPTA](http://WWW.MYSCHOOLONLINE.COM/ME/MCMAHONSCHOOLPTA)

You'll find all sorts of things about what's going on at our school, like:

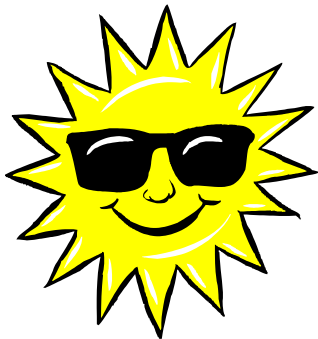
- Calendar of Upcoming Events
- Volunteering Opportunities
- Goals and Initiatives
- Membership
- PTA Members
- Fundraising Activities
- PTA Meeting Schedule
- Educational Activities
- Fund Games and Activities for Kids
- Links to other Great Websites



## ***Want to Join the PTA?***



Membership in the McMahon PTA is open to anyone who is concerned with the education, health and welfare of our children and youth. New members are always welcome! Can't make the meetings? Not a problem! There are lots of things you can do to help when it's convenient for you! For more information, please contact Lyse Roy at 786-0103.



## ***Last Day of School***

***Thursday, June 12, 2003***

***Enjoy your Summer!***

## ***Children's Book Lists for Summer Reading***



Each year, thousands of children, young adults, teachers, and librarians select their favorite recently published children's books for the International Reading Association (IRA)'s Choices annotated booklists. The latest Choices booklists of outstanding children's books for 2002 – Children's Choices, Teacher's Choices, and Young Adults' Choices – are now available, perfect for your child's summer reading.

Children's Choices presents 100 books picked by 10,000 children nationwide. Teacher's Choices presents 30 books selected by teachers, librarians, and reading specialists for their usefulness in the classroom. Young Adults' Choices presents 30 books chosen by teams of teenage reviewers. Each booklist summarizes the books presented and gives ordering information.

Access the Choices booklists from the IRA's website at [www.reading.org/choices](http://www.reading.org/choices).

## ***Back to School***

***Wednesday, August 27, 2003***



*Some people give time, some money, some their skills and connections; some literally give their blood . . . but everyone has something to give.*

Barbara Bush

