



McMahon School PTA Quarterly Newsletter



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Welcome Back!

As the PTA President, I want to welcome you back to another school year with the children of McMahon School. In today's day and age, computers and websites are where you will find an abundance of information. The McMahon School PTA website is no exception. Pam Beaulé, our PTA Treasurer has seen to it personally, that this website contains as much information as possible, for you to find out what's going on in your child's school.

Friends and family ask, "How do you find the time to be involved?" I just wanted to reflect on that just a bit. When I had children, I vowed to myself to be an involved parent. I always thought it was for the sake of my child, little did I know it would be three fold. I quickly found that my efforts were not for one child, but for many children, and also myself. Since becoming the PTA President, I have developed leadership skills that I thought I never had. Becoming a member of the PTA has been a very rewarding experience. As a matter of fact, I kidded with my son the other day and told him that I wasn't going to volunteer at the school any more. A small part of me was thinking, with his 8 year old wisdom, that he was going to say something like "good, no more Mom to watch over me". But, instead, he said "yes! Mom you have to!!"

I welcome all of you to get involved. You might only be able to give your time a couple times a year with a school function, or for your child's teacher, but know that every little bit helps, and your child will love you for it. If you can't volunteer during the day, you might consider becoming a member of the PTA. Our meetings are in the evening, just once a month. We are looking to grow our membership and we personally invite you to become a member.

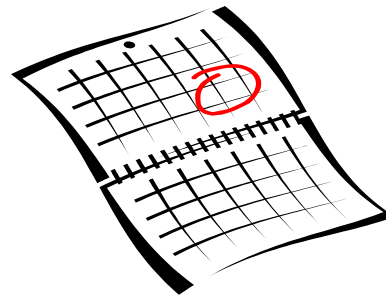
Please check our website often for updates on school functions, and to see what's new with the PTA. I wish you and your child a successful 2004-2005 school year.

Your PTA President, Lisa Bussiere

2004/2005 PTA Meeting Dates

All are welcome to attend our PTA Meetings. They are held in the School Library and run from 6pm – 8pm. Here are the dates for the coming school year.

September 7, 2004	October 12, 2004
November 16, 2004	December 14, 2004
January 11, 2005	February 15, 2005
March 15, 2005	April 12, 2005
May 10, 2005	June 7, 2005



PTA Meeting	6-8 pm	Sept. 7, 2004
Book Fair	8:30am-3:30pm	Sept. 8 - 13
Family Book Fair	6-8pm	Sept. 9, 2004
Open House	6-7:30 pm	Sept. 9, 2004
Welcome Back BBQ	Rain or Shine!	Sept. 16, 2004
Fundraiser Kickoff		Sept. 17, 2004
Firefighter Phil	Grades 1-4	Sept. 27, 2004
Progress Cards		Oct. 1, 2004
PTA Convention	Portland	Oct. 2, 2004
Last day to turn in Fundraiser Orders		Oct. 4, 2004
Columbus Day	No School	Oct. 11, 2004
PTA Meeting	6-8 pm	Oct. 12, 2004
School Pictures		Oct. 15, 2004
Veteran's Day	No School	Nov. 11, 2004
PTA Meeting	6-8pm	Nov. 16, 2004
Thanksgiving Recess	No School	Nov. 24-26, 2004

No Cost Ways to Contribute to PTA!

Here are several programs that will give money to our PTA that don't cost you a dime!!! Remember that every dollar earned goes right back towards enriching your child's education at McMahan School! If you are new to McMahan, all the collection boxes are located in front of the Office.

Labels and Boxtops for Education

For the past several years, the McMahan School PTA has collected Campbells Labels for Education and Boxtops for Education to raise money for our school. Last year we brought in over \$1,000 from this source alone! Watch for the GOLD Bonus boxtops on select products!

Besides the collection box in front of the Office, there is also another box at our Adopt-a-School Partner, St. Mary's Regional Medical Center. It's located in the Dunkin Donuts just off the main lobby.

Register online and get Bonus Box Tops for McMahan! Just go to www.boxtops4education.com and sign up for the Booster Club. Not only will you earn bonus box tops for McMahan, but you will also receive newsletters with money-saving coupons!!!

Welcome to New Teachers and Staff

McMahan is excited to welcome two new teachers this fall.

Kathryn Gayton (Katy) comes to us from her position as a Title I Ed Tech, so she is a familiar face to all of us. Katy attended St. Joseph's College and UMF, where she earned a degree in Learning Disabilities in 2003. Katy is our Resource Room teacher and in her spare time she likes to garden, hike and bike.

Amanda Ray comes to us from her position as a Title I Ed Tech at Longley. Amanda earned her BS in elementary education with a concentration in mathematics from UMF in 2003. Amanda recently chaperoned 60 5th and 6th graders on a trip to Washington, DC.

We have several new staff members to also welcome. **Donna Brooks** and **Redemptus Malyata** were recently hired as Ed Techs in our English Language Learners program. Donna is joining us after taking five courses at UMLA this summer and Redemptus is joining us from Namibia, Africa. **Ginny Card** will be a new face in the Title I room. Ginny is joining us from Leavitt Area High School.

Do you Shop at Shaws?

If so, did you know that Shaws would make contributions equal to up to 3% of your grocery purchase to the McMahan School PTA? Signing up is easy!

If you have access to the Internet, go to www.escrip.com and click on "Sign Up". Our group name is "McMahan Elementary School". While you're there, register not only YOUR Shaws Rewards Card, but how about. . . Your Mother's? Your Sister's? Your Neighbor's?

If you don't have Internet access, just fill out this short form and return it to your child's teacher. We'll enroll you!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Shaws Reward Card # _____

Hannaford Helps Schools Program

Once again this year, Hannaford is supporting local schools with a fund-raising program called Hannaford Helps Schools. Customers will receive school dollar certificates at the register with the purchase of select products. Just look for the Hannaford Helps Schools sign.

But you never thought that the Cheerios you eat for breakfast could help purchase things for your child's school! Each purchase of 4 participating products is equal to 3 school dollars (that's REAL dollars to go towards activities funded by the McMahan School PTA!). In addition, each Hannaford store grants an additional \$1,000 to the school that raises the most funds. McMahan School has been the recipient of that for two years running! Let's make it three!

Please save all your school dollar certificates (and those of family and friends!) and turn them into the box in front of the office no later than December 20, 2004. We must turn all our slips by December 31, 2004 in order to receive any money. Thank you for your support!

