



# McMahon School PTA Quarterly Newsletter



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## **Please Help Our Children Be Safe!!!**

A couple of weeks ago our Principal, Mrs. Walker, sent home a note to all the parents asking for your assistance when picking up your children after school. The safety of our children must come first and foremost, so please help us by remembering these rules:



### **PERMITTED Parking Areas:**

- Cars are permitted to park along the OUTER circle only in front of the main entrance. Please keep the inner circle open so cars may continue to move as children are picked up!
- The Grade 5-6 Parking Lot is available to wait for students.
- Parents may also continue to park on North Temple Street.

### **RESTRICTED Areas:**

- The Grade 1-2 Lot is NOT available for parking! It is unsafe because the busses are entering and exiting to and from the back of the building.
- No Double Parking in the circle! Students need to be able to access your car from the sidewalk. We cannot have them crossing into the circle to get into your car. Also, in case of an emergency, rescue vehicles must be able to get around the circle.

*Thank you for your Cooperation!*

## **Volunteers!**



Did you offer to help but haven't gotten a call? Our list of school volunteers was overwhelming this year!!! We want to involve everyone. We have several events coming up for the last part of the school year. If you really want to help out and haven't yet been called, please give Lisa Bussiere a call at 777-7167.

Here are some upcoming events you will want to know about.



March 2	PTA Meeting
March 11	Lasagna Dinner
April 6	PTA Meeting
April 19-23	Spring Recess – No School
April 27-28	Roller Skating Party
May 4	PTA Meeting
May 3-7	Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
May 10-14	Volunteer Appreciation Week
May 13	Talent Show
May 14	In-Service Day – No School
May 20	Block Party
May 31	Memorial Day – No School

### **Plan to Come to our Lasagna Dinner!**

On Thursday, March 11 we will be having our lasagna dinner in the cafeteria. Watch your child's backpack for the invitations. Since we will be having raffles, bring your pre-printed address labels from home to easily fill out the raffle tickets! Bring along your family and friends for a great time!



### **Roller skating Party**

On April 27 and 28 from 6-8 pm we will be having our annual Roller Skating Party for the entire family!! Notes will be sent home in March asking you to select which night you will attend. Make sure to return your forms. This is a great opportunity to get a little exercise and get ready for spring!!! Roller Skating is FREE for the whole family. Skate Rentals are \$1 and Blade Rentals are \$2.



### ***Are you Saving your Labels and Boxtops ??***

Recently we submitted the labels we collected through October. We will be getting a check for over \$500 for just cutting out labels! This continues to be an easy source of income that doesn't cost anyone anything! Collection Boxes are located in the school lobby to the right of the Main Office reception window. For any of you that have relatives that work at St. Mary's, there are collection boxes there as well, since they are our Adopt-a-School. Please help us by continuing to cut out these labels and drop them in our boxes throughout the year.

Register online and get Bonus Box Tops for McMahan. Just go to [www.boxtops4education.com](http://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!!!

### ***Interested in being a Foster Parent?***

Smart Child and Family Services, a treatment foster care agency, provides in-home services to young people who have behavioral, emotional, educational, or developmental needs that cannot be effectively met in the traditional foster care system. Often these conditions are the result of abuse or neglect the young person suffered when they were younger.

Treatment foster care agencies provide extensive training to foster parents to enable them to work both individually and collaboratively with the young person's teachers, therapist, physicians, and other professionals. The goal of treatment foster care is to address the young person's issues and challenges, work with him/her in developing the skills that will, someday, enable him/her to live independently, and ideally, to find a supportive, loving adoptive home for the young person. Treatment foster care is not considered a "permanent" placement, but instead, is a place where a boy or girl can learn to live a healthy, productive life through addressing the trauma they may have suffered in their earlier years.

If you are interested in learning more about this program, please call Donald Hallcom, the Executive Director of SMART Child and Family Services at 207-893-0386 or email him at [dkhsmart@aol.com](mailto:dkhsmart@aol.com).

*Make a difference in a child's life!*



### ***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](http://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 # \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Wanted: New PTA Members!!!***



Being a member of the McMahan School PTA is rewarding in so many ways. Some of you may feel that it's not your thing, while others may feel that you wouldn't be welcomed. Some people just feel like they don't have the time. It's only 2 hours per month. The PTA welcomes anyone! By being a member of the PTA, you have a voice. Come see all of the exciting things that we bring to your children. We are here to expand the learning experiences as well as add a little fun to the school day. All that we do benefits your children. We need more members. Please consider volunteering a little bit of your time to this worthwhile association. You'll be so glad that you did. For more information, please feel free to contact Lisa Bussiere at 777-7167 or Lyse Roy at 786-0103.

### ***PTA Officers***

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. The next meeting for 2004 will be held on **March 2**.