



# McMahon School PTA Quarterly Newsletter



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## ***Innisbrook Fundraiser a Tremendous Success!***

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped with our Innisbrook Fundraiser this fall. Lyse Roy, one of last year's Co-Presidents, did an excellent job in leading the efforts for both the Innisbrooks Wraps and Helen Grace Gourmet Foods fundraising projects. Here's the results:

### Grades K through 3

55% of the students participated in the Innisbrook Wraps fundraiser raising \$7,648 in profit! Ms. Golding's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class was the top seller for these grades.

### Grades 4 through 6

51% of the students participated in the Helen Grace Gourmet Foods fundraiser raising \$5,765 in profit! Ms. Jones' 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class was the top seller for these grades!

Both of the top selling classrooms received a "Party in a Box".

Didn't get an opportunity to purchase some items? Really loved that wrapping paper and want more? It's not too late! Go to the Innisbrook Website and order online! Enter our school number (111981) on your order form and we will still get a percentage of the sales!



The PTA would like to thank all those who helped in making this fundraiser a success, especially Lyse Roy who spent countless hours making sure everything fell into place when and where it was supposed to. The monies made from this year's fundraiser will go to support all the various programs we do during the year. Read on to hear more about some of those programs!

Want to help plan next year's fundraiser? Please contact Lyse Roy at 786-0103 if you're interested. We're looking for someone to help lead that effort. Lyse will train!!

## ***Fundraiser Prize Winners Announced***

The PTA wants to thank all the children who worked hard to sell the Innisbrooks Wraps and Helen Grace Gourmet Foods. The prize winners were announced recently at a school event. The following prizes were awarded:

**Taylor Roy** – Top Seller and Winner of the \$100 Gift Certificate

**Hannah Coughlin** – Winner of the DVD Player

**Dylan Tanguay** – Winner of the Electric Scooter

Winners of the Stretch Limousine Ride to Park City Pizza were:

- Kindergarten – **Thorne Hutton**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – **Sylvia Schulze**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – **Kody Voisine**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – **Kaylyn Sampson**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – **Samantha Clark**
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – **Nick Gilbert**
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – **Jessica Lemay**



**Congratulations to all our Winners!**



## ***Upcoming Events***

Chewonki Program for K-1		January 28
PTA Meeting	6-8pm	February 15
Winter Recess (No School)		Week of Feb 21
MEA Testing Grade 4		Week of March 7
PTA Meeting	6-8pm	March 15
Inservice Days (No School)		March 17 & 18
NCLB Assessment Testing Grades 3, 5 and 6		March 24 & 25

## ***Join our Yahoo Newsgroup!***

Want to be reminded about the next PTA Meeting? Go to our website (noted at the top of this newsletter) and sign up for our group. Reminders are sent out prior to each meeting. We will also be using this group for sending out other information on things going on!

## **Scales and Tales!**

The Second Graders were treated to a special science presentation in December entitled "Scales and Tails." This educational program was brought to us by the Chewonki Foundation and sponsored by our PTA. The Chewonki Foundation is a non-profit educational institution that comes into the classroom to teach children about a variety of topics. Our focus was reptiles. In addition to learning about the various varieties and adaptations of reptiles, we were able to take a closer look at a live turtle, snake, iguana, and an alligator! The children (as well as the staff members) enjoyed this presentation. Thanks, PTA, for your continued support of education at McMahon.

*Joyce Usher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher*

## **More Chewonki Programs!**

In addition to the program noted above, the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders also had a program on Bats and the 4<sup>th</sup> graders got to learn about "From Mice to Moose".

On January 28th, the Kindergarten classes will be presented another Chewonki Program called "Fur, Feathers and Feet" while the 1<sup>st</sup> Graders learn about "Owls in Maine".

Finally, on April 29<sup>th</sup>, the 5<sup>th</sup> graders will see Skeleton (Black Bear) while the 6<sup>th</sup> graders see "Fins and Flippers".

None of these programs would have been possible without the fundraising project we just had. In addition, those BoxTops for Education and Hannaford Dollars continue to bring in significant monies to sponsor these programs. Want to learn more? Consider joining the PTA!

## **McMahon School now has Voicemail**

As you may be aware, the school purchased a voicemail system during the summer that was installed in the fall. If you wish to contact someone at the school, call 795-4140. At any time during the message, you can enter one of the following options:

- 1 – To report an Absence
- 2 – Guidance Office, Library or Nurse's Office
- 3 – Special Education Office or Spurwink Office
- 4 – Kitchen or Maintenance
- 5 – Administration
- 6 – All Other
- 0 – To get an Operator



To get a teacher's mailbox, press 6 and then key in the first three digits of their last name.



## **Campbells Labels for Education Success!**

Lisa Schulze reported that we collected and redeemed 5,250 Campbells Labels for Education. The school was able to redeem these labels for three new therapy balls for the children! Thank you for continuing to bring in those labels!!!

## **Summer Reading Program**

Nicole Boulet, our PTA Vice President, worked with a committee last spring to prepare a summer reading program for our children. This was the first year this program was attempted. There were 35 students who participated in the summer reading program. All the students received prizes for their participation. Watch for information about this summer's reading program and consider having your child participate. This is a great way to keep the learning going all summer long! Thanks, Nicole, for all your hard work on this program!

## **Thank you to our Volunteers!**

Think the PTA is just about fundraising? Think again! The PTA only has one fundraising project each year. This project is done in the fall. What we're really about is working together with the school administrators to give our children the best possible education they can have. Part of what we do is volunteer at the school for various things. Earlier in the year a Volunteer Survey was sent out asking for you to volunteer at different school events. Last year the PTA logged 1,013 hours of volunteer service!!

Thank you for all your hard work! If you're interested in volunteering but didn't get the survey, please contact Maryann Hamel at 786-0496.

## **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 2005.

February 15, 2005	March 15, 2005
April 12, 2005	May 10, 2005
June 7, 2005	

The PTA welcomes new members! Please consider joining our group. We could really use your help to make our children's education the best that it can be!