

Catawba Elementary PTO Newsletter

Welcome Back!

September 2011

We need you to join and help support our school.

Catawba Elem. is now on Facebook!

We are very excited to announce that Catawba Elementary now has a Facebook Page! Please “like” us at Catawba Elementary School to automatically be registered for a \$50 gift card from JCPenney. We will draw a name from everyone who “likes” us on October 11th and the winner will be announced on our Facebook Page. Don’t miss out on this free gift.

All school and PTO announcements will also be featured on our Facebook page! Thanks to Mr. Crabtree for being the administrator and taking care of this.

Treasurer Report

Over the summer we paid for the 2nd Phase of the playground. The cost of Phase II was \$24,196.10. This will put us beginning the 2011-2012 school year with a PTO balance of \$11,800.90. Our plan for the future is to support classes by helping to fund student field trips that may be costly for the school. This may include helping to fund the cost of Chartered Buses for trips with a long distance.

Fundraiser Fridays

On Fridays send in a closed baggie or envelope with your child's name & homeroom teacher's name on it with Box Tops, (Campbell's) Labels for Education, and ink cartridges inside. Students will receive individual incentives for turning in any 5 of these items during each collection period. Ask your family and friends to help too! Every 3rd collection, the homeroom with the highest total count will receive a cupcake reward party. We are also accepting Coke reward points/codes, but no credit will be given for these. The first collection is Friday, Sept. 30th!

Butter Braids are Back!

Catawba Elementary will be selling Butter Braids again this year. The sales begin September 28th and end October 19th. Students will be bringing home brochures for sales. Please continue to support Catawba Elementary with this fundraiser. We ask that you please be careful and cautious with allowing your children to participate in fundraising. We do not encourage young children going door to door soliciting sales without an adult. This fundraiser does not have individual prizes or incentives connected with top sales. All profits will go towards the general PTO fund. If you have special projects that you would like the PTO to focus, please let us know. We appreciate all new ideas and suggestions!

4th through 6th grade Playground is COMPLETE!

Phase II of the playground for grades 4 through 6 is now complete. The upper grades have been able to enjoy the new playground since the third day of school. It is so exciting that we have accomplished this phase so that all students now have a place to spend their recess.



Volunteers

There are various events throughout the year that the PTO sponsors and we are always in need of volunteers. This year each homeroom class will have a room parent. Your child’s teacher will inform you of who the room parent for their classroom is. You will be asked to communicate with the room parent if you are interested in helping out with any upcoming events. There are various ways to volunteer and we can make volunteering work around your schedule. Please just let us know what you are available to do.

Catawba PTO is also initiating a new school wide Volunteer Program named “VIPS”. This stands for Volunteers in Public Schools. Printed on the back of this newsletter is specific information about this program. Please consider volunteering and making a difference this year.

Dates to Remember

Sept. 13	PTO Meeting/Open House 6:30 PM
Sept. 27	Progress Reports
Oct. 6	Fall Pictures
Oct. 10	Teacher Workday—No School
Oct. 20	PTO Board meeting @ 6:00
Oct. 21	Student Handprints for \$5.00
Oct. 22	CES Family Movie Night
Oct. 28	Teacher Workday—No School
Nov. 2	Report Cards are issued
Nov. 4	Pretzel Day—Pre-orders only
Nov. 10	Fall Picture Make-up Day
Nov. 11	Veteran’s Day Holiday—No School
Nov. 17	PTO Board meeting @ 6:00
Nov. 23-25	Thanksgiving Holiday—No School
Dec. 6-9	Santa’s Workshop
Dec. 13	Progress Reports
Dec. 13	PTO Meeting/Holiday Program
Dec. 20	Early Dismissal at 12:50 pm
Dec. 21-30	Christmas/Winter Holiday Break
January 2, 2012	Students return to school