



Champlain Elementary PTO News Connecting Champlain Families with our School



December 2008

Kudos to...

- ★ Those busy bees who worked diligently on the school directory: especially Laurie Harrison, France Silberman, Anne Coss, Barbara Leopold and the four assemblers - Karen Hunt, Jennifer Francois, Laurie Harrison & Mary Reilly.
- ★ Gwen Causer and the school yard volunteers for their efforts in planting the milkweed garden, moving trees, removing invasive species, and constructing the newly built bridge.
- ★ The Devoe-Talluto family for helping to finance the new bridge!
- ★ Lisa Lillibridge for the new display on the PTO bulletin board.
- ★ Dr. Barb Frankowski for her presentation 'The Birds and Bees . . . and Beyond!' and to Melissa McConnell for organizing this year's parent workshops.

Ideas for the next Parent Workshop?

Contact Melissa McConnell with topic ideas for future parent enrichment nights. hooona@aol.com or 865-4953

SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR !!!

Champlain's Book Fair is approaching fast & furious! Book Fair dates are Tues-Thurs, December 9-11. It's an excellent place to find holiday gifts and support the Champlain PTO. Volunteers are still needed! There are morning and afternoon shifts Tues-Thurs as well as set up on Mon, Dec 8 and breakdown on Fri, Dec 12. To sign up or for more details, contact Sharon McConnell, at 862-1610 or email mclobe@burlingtontelecom.net

Save the date!!

Next PTO meeting is Wednesday, Dec. 10th, 6-8 pm in the Learning Center. Round table format. All are welcome; childcare with dinner provided. Please RSVP to Barbara Leopold at 864-8477 to reserve spots for your children.

Future fundraisers:

- Have you heard the buzz? Friends, family and neighbors will love the delicious coffee of Vermont Coffee Company. We are offering dark, mild and decaf roasts - all whole bean. Please spread the word and plan to fill your coffee needs every month with the Champlain Elementary coffee club.
- Due to an overwhelming number of requests, we will be offering pizzas for sale in conjunction with the last night of the Book Fair (December 11th). Order forms will go home with more complete details. This

has been a very popular sale in the past so be sure to get your orders in early.

- With old man winter breathing down our necks, it's time to enjoy comfort foods that warm the soul. Join the Champlain Community with an evening out at Nothing But Noodles in the Blue Mall. On **December 18th**, Nothing But Noodles will donate 10% of dine-in sales and 15% of take out sales made to Champlain Elementary families to our school. This is a locally owned business that is trying to reach out to the community. Keep a look out for more information as we get closer.

Contact Jenny Breckenridge with questions about fundraisers at jennybreck@burlingtontelecom.net

Champlain Musical

"Once on This Island, Jr.". Kick-Off Party!!! Thursday, Dec 4th from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm in the Learning Center. If you have a child in 3rd, 4th or 5th grade who is interested in participating in the musical this year, please join us. We are very excited to have Miss Kelly (Kelly Becker) a talented, fun and competent professional directing our show. Interested in helping out with the musical? Contact Parm Padgett at parmpadgett@gmail.com or 864-6713. No experience necessary!

Technology Update - Looking for volunteers to:

- scan teachers' classroom letters that are sent home for on-line access
- volunteers to staff computer lab
- district technology plan contact person
- Front Porch Forum volunteer to represent Champlain (as appropriate) on that venue

Email Laurie Harrison for more information
Laurie@mithrandir.com

First Steps In Music Registration Has Started! –

Registration continues for the fall session of First Steps in Music™ program held at Champlain Elementary School from Dec. 2008 to Feb. 2009. These interactive music classes, designed for young children, birth to pre-Kindergarten, and their parents/caregivers, are organized by the Champlain Elementary School PTO. Registration forms are on the PTO website. For more information, contact Jen Appleyard at 862-9515 or jenniferappleyard@yahoo.com

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