

Champlain Elementary PTO News
Connecting Champlain Families
with our School
September 2008



A solid turnout for September's PTO!

In attendance were 31 parents; Ms. Patrick (3rd grade teacher), Ms. Leon (1st grade teacher) and Ms. Colomb, Champlain principal!

Thank You to all who were present at the PTO meeting! Another BIG thanks to those who helped make the Open House and Welcome Breakfast a positive experience!

Parent Night Update – With teachers eager to share classroom curriculum with parents, a new schedule was proposed with the hope of making the event more accessible to parents with more than one child attending Champlain Elementary.

Wednesday, Sept. 24th – Kindergarten
Kindergartners and their parents,
5:30 pm – 6:15 pm.

Thursday Sept. 25th - Grades 1-5
Grades 1-2 from 6:00-6:45 P.M.
Grades 3, 4, 5 @ 6:45 – 7:30.

Parents attending Thursday night's event are asked to RSVP with Mrs. Leopold if childcare is needed - space and adult supervision will be limited.

AppleFest!!!

October 3, 5:00-7:00 P.M.

There are many ways to participate in this fun, family-friendly, community supported event!! Helping in the kitchen, facilitating kid activities, donating items/services for the silent auction.... Check your children's backpacks; information outlining the variety of ways you can be involved has been sent home with students.

We still need goods and services donated for the silent auction! Renee Allen (658-9393) is the AppleFest's silent auction contact. renee.g.allen@verizon.net

SAVE THE DATE – October 15!

Next PTO meeting October 15 @ 6:00 P.M. in the Learning Center.

Did you know?... Tammy Charbonneau is being considered for VT Physical Education Teacher of the Year!

Safe Routes to School – October 8th
walk to school day – Mark your calendar!

School Board Presentation - Amy Werbel shared information about the proposed bond item (Phase I). This bond is intended to address issues including: improvement of facilities, providing comprehensive handicapped accessibility, upgrading learning environments and programs, and implementing school changes to improve district equity. Check out the following website – there's a lot of information including Amy's presentation www.bsdplan.com.

Other topics:

Volunteers - Needed for upcoming events: AppleFest, Walk to School Day, December Book Fair...

School musical- Due to changes in the After School Program we find ourselves branching out into small theatrical productions!! We're just in the planning stages and will need lots of volunteers!!

Fundraising – The PTO is trying to come up with creative ways to raise funds; alternatives to having children sell.

Technology – How to support teachers and parents in using technology to stay connected and informed.

Parent Workshops - Looking at a November date for the first workshop – stay tuned for details!

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