

SEPTEMBER 30, 2008 Champlain PTO Weekly Update: Welcome Back to School!

Applefest is coming up this Friday (5 - 7 pm) and there's going to be a PTO Bake Sale. We're looking for baked goods donations as well as volunteers to help out with the sales (just for an hour at a time). Please contact Sandie Marchessault (658-5338, marchessault5@comcast.net) to volunteer time or goodies. Also, if you'd like to contribute to the silent auction for Applefest, please contact Renee Allen at renee.g.allen@verizon.net.

FALL FUN CLEANUP – Our Schoolyard Habitat Work-Day is Saturday, Oct. 18 at 9 am.

- Sunflower Garden: It's time to put the sunflower garden to bed. We'll save some seeds for the birds and cut down and compost the stalks.
- Butterfly Garden: We'll plant milkweed for the monarchs, as well as some other nectar plants.
- Tree-moving: Two of the new, small trees are in the path of the sledding hill and need to be relocated.
- Invasive plant removal/trail maintenance: Help us remove invasive plants from the woods trail.

Please bring tools if you have them (loppers, pruners, hand saws, work gloves, shovels). Please e-mail to volunteer: Gwendolyn Causer, 863-5646, causerg@burlingtontelecom.net

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL – walk to school day is Wednesday, October 8th.

NEXT PTO MEETING – October , Champlain Elementary

EARLY RELEASE DAY is this Thursday, October 2, Dismissal at 11:30 a.m. after lunch! For more information visit the Champlain School Website at champlain.bsdtv.org. Also read the Champlain Weekly Newsletter online at champlain.bsdtv.org/9.30%20CES%20%20Newsletter.pdf

CLASS PARENTS - PTO Class Parent Volunteers, 2008 - 2009

Thank you to our new PTO Class Parents volunteers. The list below is posted on the PTO bulletin board in the learning center. We're still looking for Class Parents for Felber, Patrick, and Haslam's classes. Please contact Gwendolyn Causer causerg@burlingtontelecom.net (863-5646) to volunteer. [Please click here to see the PTO Class Volunteer List.](#)

INNSBROOK ORDERS - please hand in ASAP to be eligible for class ice cream party! Please contact Roxanne Scully at spwheels2@comcast.net for more information.

[Please click here to download out latest PTO Newsletter sent home on 9-23-08.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ~ 9/10/08: Innisbrook Fundraising, jennybreck@burlingtontelecom.net
- ~ 9/16/08: 2nd/3rd Grade Brownies, Every Other Tuesday, 2:30 - 4:00 PM, Art Room, Julie@aboveh2o.com.
- ~ 9/18/08: [Cub Scouts](#), rbeste@yahoo.com
- ~ 10/3/2008: Applefest - Festivities, Silent Auction. renee.g.allen@verizon.net.
- ~ 10/8/08: Walk to School Day.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE

On August 30, the school board passed 2 important resolutions that define the future of our schools. The Board passed a resolution to move forward with 2 magnet schools and a resolution to request the city council to bring a ballot item for voters to consider a 10-year, phased in renovation and upgrade plan for \$226 million.

To learn more about the School Bond Initiative visit www.bsdplan.com.

ABOUT THE PTO! We are parents and teachers promoting our school. If you'd like to become involved, please email us at champlainpto@gmail.com, contact our Co-Presidents (Parm Padgett at parmpadgett@gmail.com or 864-6713, Jessica Nordhaus at jnordhaus@msn.com or 864-7658).

CHAMPLAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO WEBSITE

Like to see changes, additions, substractions for our school PTO website? Please contact at Russell Beste at rbeste@yahoo.com. Or contact our PTO at champlainpto@gmail.com.

[Join the Cub Scouts at Champlain Elementary!](#) All parents and boys (First - Fifth Grade) are welcome. Cub Scouts is an activity-based, fun, family program for boys developing good Character, Citizenship, Initiative, Respect, and Responsibility. Great activities are planned for 2008! Contact Russell Beste (rbeste@yahoo.com) for more information.