



October 2011

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### Upcoming Events

#### OCTOBER

- 1 - VH Octoberfest
- 4 - DL Picture Day
- 4 - District Blood Drive at WO (2:15-7)
- 4 & 6 - WO Conferences
- 10 - No School
- 12 - WO Picture Retakes
- 14 - DL Picture Retakes
- 19 - PTO Meeting
- 24 Red Ribbon Week (tentative)
- 27 - FH Picture Retakes
- 28 - WO Oak-tober Fright Fest (until 4:30)  
District-wide  
Octoberfest (5:30-8)
- 29 - Market Day
- 31 Halloween Parties

#### NOVEMBER

- 3 - 4th Grade Concert (DL)
- 8 - DL Picture Retakes
- 9 & 10 - FH Conferences
- 11 - No School
- 16 - PTO Meeting
- 17 & 21 - DL Conferences
- 18 - FH & WO Relative's Days
- 23-25 - No School

#### DECEMBER

- 3 - Market Day
- 6 - WO Band Concert
- 7 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Concert DL
- 8 - Winter Choral Concert
- 9 - Barnes & Noble Fundraiser
- 17 - Winter parties
- 19 - Winter Break Begins
- 21 - PTO Meeting

## Note from the President



Welcome to what we hope will be another wonderful year at District 76! I think it is safe to say that our household is fully weaned from our summer schedule of sleeping in until noon and watching Sponge Bob until 2:00! I hope that it is going as well for all of you too! (I do miss Sponge Bob though!)

As stated at curriculum night, the PTO Board is committed to working hard this year to support our great schools. Given the budget cuts, the schools need our help more than ever.

Here is how you can help the PTO accomplish our goals:

- \* Sign up to volunteer for a PTO event or fund-raiser. If you didn't get your volunteer form in, you can still help out. Just give me a call or send me an e-mail. There are always ways you can help.
- \* Stay informed: Attend a PTO meeting. They are held the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 in the library at Diamond Lake school. The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 19th. Also, make sure you receive the PTO emails. If you currently do not, please e-mail me and I will get you on our list!
- \* Participate in our fund-raisers. This is the single most important way for you to help our teachers, schools, and our kids! Upcoming fund-raisers include Dine Outs at 60 Blue, Manna gift cards (see article enclosed) and our Gift Wrap sale. Remember, imagine what we could accomplish if everyone bought one item!!!!

Thank you in advance for your support of the PTO and District 76. I am so excited about the possibilities this year.

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## From the Treasurer's Corner



For the month of August/September to date our fundraisers included: Entertainment Books, Dine out with District 76 (Culver's), Market Day, Manna, and School Apparel. Not all the numbers are in, but so far we have profited over \$1350. We have been able to give back to the schools in the following ways:

- \* Teacher Appreciation Breakfasts for Fairhaven, Diamond Lake and West Oak
- \* Contributed funds towards Red Ribbon Week for Fairhaven
- \* Contributed funds towards Diamond Lake's Field Days

As always, thank you all for your generosity. We couldn't do it without you!

## American Gift Wrap

Watch your mail from school for our biggest fund-raiser of the year-- Great American Gift-Wrap. Want to make a real difference this year? Check out the brochure and order one item. One item from everyone-- what a difference we could make!



**Octoberfest** Mark your calendars for all WO Students. On Friday, October 28th the PTO is sponsoring the annual West Oak-tober Fright Fest after school until 4:30p.m. and yes, late buses will be available. Admission is \$3 if pre-paid and \$4 at the door. There is an additional charge for food, crafts, raffle and more. Volunteers needed please contact [washreck@yahoo.com](mailto:washreck@yahoo.com) or [ai-shamck@aol.com](mailto:ai-shamck@aol.com).

Save the date for an all-district Octoberfest at West Oak on October 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 8 PM, immediately following the West Oak student event. Food, fun, games, music, costumes, prizes and you are going to make this event frighteningly fabulous!

## Teacher Appreciation Breakfasts

Thank you to the District 76 parents that contributed baked goods, juice and tasty treats towards appreciation breakfasts held at all three schools Friday, September 2nd. These breakfasts were held as a token of our gratitude to the teachers for getting off to a great start! Through your partnership, we were able to create a very nice looking spread!

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## Dine outs



The first dine out of the school year, Culver's, was a big success, bringing in \$240. Thanks to all who came and ate and hung out with their friends. Class winners for the Culver's Dine Out were Morris, Jimenez and Garcia. Next Dine-Out will be held at 60 Blue, which is the new restaurant located right in our school neighborhood in the front of Garden Fresh. It will be a joint fund-raiser with the West Oak Music Boosters. The event will be two nights--Wednesday, October 12th and October 13th from 5:00-9:00. Great food, great times!

## Manna Express

Parents - We are so excited about our new and improved Manna fundraising program. You should have all received a flyer about this program describing the great way to support the district by buying gift cards for those stores and retailers you normally visit! We are taking orders every 2 weeks. The program was already rolled out to the D76 teachers in September, and so far, they have raised over \$200 in fundraising profit!! If you are interested in signing up for this program, please contact Alice Dutler @ [dutlers@comcast.net](mailto:dutlers@comcast.net).

## Come Join Us For Market Day!

Market Day sales are here! Pick up some convenient and delicious food and support your schools as well. Brochures showing the many wonderful products available will be sent home with your child each month. Simply place your order by the Wednesday prior to the sale (on-line by 11:00 pm or send your forms to school by that morning), pick it up on Saturday morning between 8:30 and 9, and your shopping is complete!

Market Days will take place on the following dates: Oct. 1, Oct 29, Dec 3, Jan 7, Feb 4, March 3, April 14, May 5, and June 2.

Also, there is a new customer incentive. The \$5.00 incentive for a \$25 purchase is available for new customers entering the promo code NEWFIVE on marketday.com, and is valid for sale pick-up dates through December 31, 2011. Please remember to enter the promo code during the check-out process of the internet order. We cannot enter promotion codes if paper copies are sent in. The last day to place internet orders for this month is Wed, Sept. 29 at 11:00pm. Hope to see everyone at Market Day!

## Community Corner

Mr. Willeford has requested sports equipment for use at recess at West Oak. He says that the students enjoy playing basketball, football, soccer, frisbee, jump rope, etc. If you can make a donation of new or gently used sports equipment, please drop off your donation to the West Oak office directly, or feel free to drop it at 164 Southfield Drive, Vernon Hills (you can leave it at door step)

West Oak is also still in need of volunteers M-F from 10:30AM ~ 1:05 PM. Volunteers would help teachers oversee the students during lunch and at recess. If you are only able to help out once or twice a week that's ok too. Thank you so much for your support! We know that the students and staff at West Oak will appreciate your generosity!

The Nurses Office at Diamond Lake School is asking for our help. They are in need of underpants and pants (no shorts) to keep in the office for boys and girls. If you are able to help gather, please feel free to either drop them off at the school or my home (Lori Briere - 164 Southfield Drive, Vernon Hills).

Look for more details coming soon regarding District 76 Food Drive and Holiday Helpers!

## Misc. Items

- If you have not turned in your party money yet it is not too late to do so! Please send in your money today!
- Don't throw away your Capri Sun packages! All schools will collect Capri Sun juice packs for the Terracycle recycling program. An easy way to earn additional funds for our schools!
- Directories and School Apparel arriving in October
- All schools accepting donations of old cell phones
- Don't forget to save those Boxtops and Campbell's labels; contests in your children's classrooms coming soon!

Thank you to our parent, teacher, and student volunteers that were involved with Picture Days: Julie Dickey, Lisa Javourkuti and Kari Nickly at Fairhaven; Rose Punches, Melissa McKinley and Anna Schreck at West Oak; Market Day: Kari, Alex, Samantha, and Megan Nickl, Kevin Noonan, Dan Rath, Julie Jacoby, Vicki Blaga, Debbie Einhorn, Blenda Chen, and Michele Doxci, and Marcia Peterson; Alice Dutler for Manna, Einot Berkman for School Apparel, and Julie Jacoby for Entertainment Books. Special thanks to Elisa Bailis for working with the website; Teacher Appreciation Breakfasts: Debbie Einhorn, Julie Dickey, Beverly Seaver, Julie Jacoby, Joy Hail, Kim Cohen, Marsha Dugan, Elisa Bailis, and Liz Plummer at Fairhaven; Rochelle Allen, Jen Brunkow, Candace Calso, Weiyang Chen, Alice Dutler, Jamie Epstein, Natalie Gurin, Julie Jacoby, Michelle Kaboff, Sandy Lee, Mary Schooley, and Pam Wagner at Diamond Lake; Anna Schreck, Melissa McKinley, Rose Punches, Elise Hauptman, Debi Fanning, Einat Berkman, Evelyn Maratos, Enza Baker, Alice Dutler, and Traci West at West Oak.