

Orchard School PTO News: November 2008

Next Meeting: Monday, November 10th at 6pm --Art Room



Orchard School
2 Baldwin Ave
S. Burlington, VT 05403

Phone: (802) 652-7300

Fax: (802) 658-9037

On the web at:

www.orchard.sbschools.net

Upcoming Events

- ◆ SLIMY tag sale
- ◆ Book Fair & Pizza Night
- ◆ Parent/Teacher Conferences
- ◆ Thanksgiving Break
- ◆ Staff Cookie Extravaganza

PTO Meeting Agenda Highlights

- ◆ Teacher's Needs & Requests for PTO Support
- ◆ Fundraising Updates
- ◆ Recap Fall PTO Activities

► The November meeting will feature an update on new district-wide fundraising rules and a review of the teachers' needs that the PTO can support. **Reminder-** The PTO does not meet during the month of December but will resume regular meetings in January 2009. The PTO meeting schedule and minutes are available on the Orchard website, www.orchard.sbschools.net

-THIS WEEKEND- S.L.I.M.Y. TAG SALE in the Gym Friday November 7th, 2:30-7pm & Saturday November 8th, 8am-2pm

Bring your friends and neighbors! Great bargains on gently used children's items including toys, books, sports equipment and kids' clothing. Proceeds support the gardens and summer intern program for S.L.I.M.Y. (Sustainable Living Initiatives Motivating Youth.) See you there!

BOOK FAIR/PIZZA NIGHT

Thursday November 20th 5:30-8pm in the Gym & Cafeteria

Fun books for all grades from Scholastic **-PLUS-** your child's own handmade book on display from this year's Artist In Residence program on Bookmaking! Learn about the students' experience, pick out something new to read together from the Book Fair and dinner is easy with Pizza Night in the cafeteria. A few more helping hands are needed to assist with the Book Fair; contact Lisa Hebert at devinrachelsmom@yahoo.com or Leslie Capano at lccapano@comcast.net

STAFF COOKIE EXTRAVAGANZA

Friday December 5th During the School Day

Cookies say it best! This annual event treats Orchard teachers and staff to a sweet 'thank you' for their efforts and dedication to providing a great educational experience for our students. Do you have a cookie recipe that really makes people feel appreciated? Bakers, contact Leslie Capano at lccapano@comcast.net

ORCHARD SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB

This year's production of *The Sound of Music* promises to be another memorable performance! The success of this program relies on volunteer support from parents and families. More information about specific volunteer opportunities will be coming soon, but the immediate need is for parents interested in assisting with sets and costumes. If you would like to get involved, please contact

Rosalind Saunders

Lisa Kunin

rzsaunders@yahoo.com

ekunin@comcast.net

860-7138

864-0660

ON-GOING FUNDRAISER



**Hannaford
Helps Schools**
Another easy way
to help the PTO!

Continuing through
December 4th

For the next month our school is eligible to earn support from Hannaford's Supermarkets through the **Hannaford Helps Schools** program. You may have noticed shelf tags near common grocery products that read "Earn Money for Your School." When purchased, these items accumulate funds for Orchard School. You will get a **Hannaford Helps Schools** slip at the checkout to deposit in the lobby receptacle at Orchard -OR- in the display by the exit at Hannaford's --a convenient way for community members to participate. Stock up on household supplies **between now and December 4th** to help Orchard School benefit from this program. To learn more, go to www.hannaford.com/hhs

RECENT EVENTS

Harvest Fest

A special thank you to students and families who helped to make this event successful. The kitchen and the many outdoor activities were well supported, providing a fun-filled evening for over 400 people! Parents partnered with Mr. Schmidt's class to make 30 pans of fresh apple crisp. All third graders planted, mounded, weeded, harvested, washed and cut the yummy potatoes! Ms. Mallory and her class prepared fresh butter and many art students made the lovely beet and carrot print place mats. We are especially grateful to coordinators Carol McQuillen, Diana Schwaigert and Kate Cunningham for their hard work and we also acknowledge the eight UVM interns who support our event.

Kids Can Help!

The K/1 house in concert with Harvest Festival sent 364 pounds to the Emergency Food Shelf. Students from grades 2-5 participated in Hike for Hunger. Thank you everyone for supporting this initiative to contribute to our community.

Election Day Bake Sale

What a success! Voters had a great selection of breakfast treats and dessert sweets thanks to dozens of contributions from parents and the volunteers who ran the concession. We appreciate the generosity of our customers as well!

ON THE HORIZON IN 2009

Drama Performance of *The Sound of Music*- January

Matinee Performance- Thursday the 22nd

Evenings- Friday & Saturday the 23rd and 24th

Spanish Club & French Club- February through April

Chess Club- February through April

*Thank You to the Many People Working
to Make This a Great Year at Orchard School*



PTO Officers

Co-President	Monica Nygaard Ostby	399-2060	monicaostby@yahoo.com
Co-President	Lisa Hebert	846-7508	devinrachelsmom@yahoo.com
Co-Vice President	Leslie Capano	862-9064	lccapano@comcast.net
Co-Vice President	Nancy Veters	864-7909	nschmal4@yahoo.com
Treasurer	Tonia Karnedy	864-3873	toniakarnedy@comcast.net
Co-Secretary	Megan Houston	324-6518	houston-delaney@hotmail.com
Co-Secretary	Kate Cunningham	660-1960	catecunningham@comcast.net