

# Orchard School PTO News: October 2008

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Cafeteria



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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Harvest Fest
- ◆ 'Nothing But Noodles' Night
- ◆ Artist in Residence
- ◆ Election Day Bake Sale
- ◆ SLIMY Tag Sale

## PTO Meeting Agenda

- ◆ Harvest Fest
- ◆ French & Spanish Club
- ◆ Book Fair/Pizza Night
- ◆ Drama Kick-Off

- ▶ *October's meeting features the Drama Club. The PTO meeting schedule and minutes are available on the Orchard website [www.orchard.sbschools.net](http://www.orchard.sbschools.net)*

### The Orchard Drama Production *Of The Sound of Music*

We are delighted to announce the 9<sup>th</sup> year of drama at Orchard School. We are fortunate to have the services of Don Wright as our director again for this year's production of *The Sound of Music*. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders may audition for speaking parts in the play, participate in a singing/dancing only role without auditioning, or serve on the props committee. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders may participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade choruses. Auditions will be held during school in mid-November. Permission slips and additional information will be sent home on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

The success of the drama program is due in great part to our 90+ parent volunteers. We can't do it without you!! Drama will be the main agenda item at the next PTO meeting where **opportunities for volunteering** will be discussed. Don Wright will also be in attendance to present an overview of the production. If you cannot attend the meeting, but want to volunteer or have any other questions please contact:

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### ORCHARD SCHOOL HARVEST FEST Thursday October 16<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7pm

Harvest Fest is a fun celebration that generates a contribution for the hungry in our community. This year's event includes building scarecrows, planting bulbs, flower rubbing, nature crafts, fairy making, corn husk dolls, apple cider pressing, a teepee with music and storytelling and a festive fall dinner with foods grown and prepared by Orchard classrooms! **BRING** items to donate to the food shelf and drop them off in the lobby.

### 'NOTHING BUT NOODLES' NIGHT Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

Mark your calendar! 'Nothing But Noodles' is the restaurant that furnished the delicious dinner at the September PTO meeting. What better way to start the long weekend than with some tasty, nutritious takeout? On the evening of October 22<sup>nd</sup>, a portion of sales will be donated to the Orchard PTO. **Watch for the flyer** that will be sent home from school and bring it with you at time of purchase. 'Nothing But Noodles' is located in the blue mall on Dorset Street.

## ON GOING FUNDRAISER: GOODSEARCH

### An easy way to help!

What if Orchard School's PTO earned a penny every time you searched the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support our cause? Well, now it can! **GoodSearch.com** is a Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up! **GoodShop.com** is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 37 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, ebay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with **GoodShop** and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting your favorite cause. Just go to <http://www.goodsearch.com/?charityid=871238> and you'll be supporting Orchard School's PTO with every search or online purchase. And, be sure to spread the word!

## ARTIST IN RESIDENCE-Bookmaking

### October 27<sup>th</sup> - November 3<sup>rd</sup> During the School Day

Artist In Residence is an annual program uniting all classes at Orchard School in a thematic arts endeavor. The children will study bookmaking during their regularly scheduled art classes. A number of **volunteers are needed** to help out at school. If you'd like to lend a hand for a portion of this program, please call Dora Sudarsky at 658-4598.

## ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE

### November 4<sup>th</sup> in the Orchard Lobby

This highly successful fundraiser needs a chairperson to organize the committee. Contact Leslie Capano at 862-9064 or [lqcapano@comcast.net](mailto:lqcapano@comcast.net)

## S.L.I.M.Y. TAG SALE

### Friday & Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> in the Gym

**S.L.I.M.Y.** = Sustainable Living Initiatives Motivating Youth. Money raised at the sale supports our summer garden intern program, and all leftovers from the sale are donated to area community organizations. Purge the old, shop the gently used, and know that your efforts support sustainable causes right here in our community. To assist with this event contact Carol McQuillen at [cmcquillen@sbschools.net](mailto:cmcquillen@sbschools.net) Stay tuned for more details!

## BOOK FAIR/PIZZA NIGHT

### Thursday November 20<sup>th</sup> 5:30-8pm in the Gym & Cafeteria

Browse titles for all elementary age groups and enjoy a slice or two with friends! The Scholastic Book Fair is a great way to stay connected with your child's reading interests. 8-9 more volunteers are needed to help out; contact Anne Marie Daniels [annemarie@hickockandboardman.com](mailto:annemarie@hickockandboardman.com) or Sarah Weber [sadievt@yahoo.com](mailto:sadievt@yahoo.com)

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Many of our neighbors do not have school-age children, so help us spread the word about the great things happening at Orchard School! Orchard artwork will be displayed in South Burlington supermarkets later this year and several parents are making regular contact with the newspapers. Tell us your idea! PTO Outreach is currently **searching for parents for the School Board Watch Committee**. Our goal is to represent Orchard at the Board meetings as often as possible. Meetings occur twice monthly. Contact Nancy Veters at [nschmal4@yahoo.com](mailto:nschmal4@yahoo.com)

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