

Orchard School PTO News: February 2009

Next Meeting: Monday, February 9th at 6 pm ~ Art Room



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FOLLOW UP: 'Sound of Music'

The Orchard Drama Committee wishes to congratulate our 4/5 cast and crew and 2/3 choruses on a terrific production of Sound of Music. We are so proud of how hard everyone worked together! We also wish to thank the **many** parent and family volunteers for their support in every area including costumes, sets, the orchestra, bake sale, hair and make-up, fund raising, bios, choreography... to name just a few! Please look for our list of volunteers in the next PTO newsletter.

► The February meeting will include a review of proposals from area photographers for 'school pictures' at Orchard next fall. The PTO meets on the second Monday of each month. The PTO meeting schedule and minutes are available on the Orchard website, www.orchard.sbschools.net

SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE

Town Meeting Day: Tuesday, March 3rd, Orchard School Gym

This year is the first time that South Burlington will vote on the school budget at Town Meeting, which occurs on the last day of the February vacation. If you will be out-of-town that day, please arrange for an absentee ballot with the City's Municipal Office. Parent involvement is extremely important as less than 30% of South Burlington's residents have school-age children.

SCHOOL BUDGET PRESENTATION

Thursday, February 12th at 7pm, Rick Marcotte Central School Cafeteria

Parents and guardians in all South Burlington Schools are welcomed and encouraged to attend the presentation of the school budget by John Everitt, Superintendent of Schools. The presentation of the budget will last about 20 minutes and the rest of the time is open for your questions! How is the CPI reflected in the budget and/or Operating budget? What are tuition students and how are they reflected in the budget? What's the impact on my property taxes? **Meeting coordinators are collecting questions, so please contact a PTO Secretary (see reverse) with your concerns for forwarding.** Please join us in what promises to be a very informative evening.

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND, Vermont State Tournament

Saturday March 7th, CVU High School

A vehicle changing into a group of vehicles...Heracles of Greek Mythology...superstitions...a mechanical creature...healthy candy... All these are the basis of presentations you might see student teams perform at the Odyssey of the Mind Tournament. Orchard's Odyssey of the Mind team needs community support (and there are quite a few past Orchard students on Tuttle teams!) This is the 30th Anniversary tournament for Odyssey of the Mind, a wonderful event open to the public. Put it on your calendar and come see the truly amazing and inspiring creative solutions and performances!

2009 SCIENCE FAIR

Wednesday March 11th, 6-7:30 pm in the Orchard Gym

February vacation is a great time to begin preparing for the Annual Orchard Science Fair. This *event* (not a competition) allows students in all grades to share their scientific knowledge working individually or in teams. Think about your child's natural interests and then think models, demonstrations, presentations... More information and permission slips will be sent home soon!

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SKATE NIGHT 2009

Friday April 3rd, Cairns Arena --Save the date!

The Orchard Elementary School PTO is sponsoring their 15th annual Skate Night! The entire school community looks forward to this event as a time to get together, to remember or practice skating prowess, and to enjoy each other's company in a relaxed and healthy setting.

In addition to some exciting skating activities, we will once again have a Basket Raffle to help support our school's programs. The funds raised will support a variety of arts and enrichment activities. The PTO supports Artists-in-Residence, Science Fair, Chess, French, and Spanish Clubs, Odyssey of the Mind and other activities through this fundraiser. We are an active and lively organization that is eager to create opportunities and experiences for our children during their elementary school years.

We need your help to make this event a success. Please ask the businesses where you work/shop if they would be willing to contribute a basket for this event (approximate basket value \$50 -\$75).

Basket Raffle Donations: These "baskets" can be in coolers, duffle bags or even a pizza box if that appropriately represents your business. We strongly encourage you to showcase your business in the basket by including brochures or other marketing materials. They will be on display the night of the night of the event.

All donations collected by March 4th, will be featured in brochures distributed at the School Science Fair March 11th and in back pack mail to all Orchard Households.

**Please complete and return the bottom of this letter to the office by
Friday February 13th, 2009**

For Questions, etc. Contact: Jamaica Jenkins, *Proud Orchard Parent & Basket Raffle Organizer* (jamaica_jenkins@yahoo.com) or Phone 846-7602 / Lynne Baechle at 660-4370

Thank you! Hope to hear from you and see you at Skate night!



Basket Raffle Business Sponsor

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