

September 2009

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the Fairview PTO we would like to welcome all new and returning Fairview families for the 2009-2010 school year. We would especially like to welcome our very first class of all-day kindergarteners and their families!

It's an exciting time at Fairview and change is in the air! Things have certainly been busy here at school since we left for summer break. Our staff and Principal, Mr. Kirkpatrick, have been busy getting the school ready for our children. The building itself has seen many wonderful alterations this summer including changes to both our kindergarten and second grade classrooms, and of course our library renovation project is in the works. Our Beautification Committee has continually done a fantastic job on maintaining our landscape and we have added a few suggested additions to our playground to make it a bit more user friendly.

We also have many changes in store for our PTO. We have a new slate of PTO officers, and we thank Jim Downing, Jennifer Cimmino, Betty McCarty, Lisa Johnson and Sheryl Fallon for volunteering their time for the coming school year. You will soon start to receive what some consider a "blitz" of PTO paperwork. We encourage you to read everything that comes home! Our first PTO meeting of the year will be held September 24th, at 7:00 pm. In addition, we will be mailing home important information regarding our Membership Drive, our ever-popular Fairview Directory, and news regarding the start of our first Fairview Families Electronic Mailing List. Yes, we're eliminating our Snow Chain and we are going electronic! More on this soon!

You will also be receiving information home about ways in which you can volunteer for the many PTO events we have during the year. Volunteers are always needed for our PTO activities. Please give as much time as you can! It's a great way to join the many parents who already volunteer throughout the year in ways big and small and help us provide fulfilling programs and activities for our children. Keep an eye on our new bulletin board on our PTO pages on the Fairview website to find out the latest on volunteer opportunities and how you can help.

As we get ready to start our school fundraising, we have scaled down our efforts to focus on the highest income producing fundraisers for fall. We'll be busy as a PTO, but we hope you pick from your favorites and support the events you can. We have some old favorites returning, such as Fall Book Fair, the Theatre Showcase, and of course a community winner, The Great Race. We've also brought back a few oldies but goodies, including the Mum sale and Market Days. We know it's a lot to sort through on the fundraising horizon, but hope you find your interest and support it.

Be sure to come out for our first family night of the year. October 23rd is Halloween Family Fun Night. The volunteers work hard to see that it is a fun night for all. We hope to see you there!

Further information about our PTO is available either on the Fairview website at www.Fairview.middletonk12.org, in the school's newsletter, or you may always feel free to contact one of us.

As you can see, we have many activities planned and we are excited about the upcoming year. We also look forward to spending more time getting to know all of you.

Sincerely,

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