



NEWS

PTO NEWSLETTER

Southwest Christian School - May 2009

Letter from the President

Alice McDaniel

This was a year unlike any other at the elementary. It seemed, at times, to drag on forever with a new, unexpected, and unwelcome obstacle or frustration at every turn. And yet, here we are in May, and I feel as if it flew by!

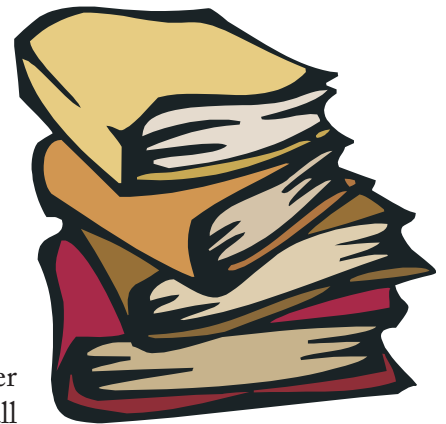
Your support for PTO in membership, volunteering, and all things monetary has been a wonderful blessing to the school. The officers, chairmen, and I would like to thank you for partnering with us to make SCS even better for our teachers, staff, and students.

Plans are already being made for the things PTO will do in the 2009-2010 school year. Please join us in asking God to guide our decisions, and to bless the preparations and activities. In the meantime, have a great summer!

You can order gift items from Innisbrook year round from their web site: www.innisbrook.com to benefit SCS. Our school code 105070.

Think About Next Year Before This One Is Over

PTO is once again offering pre-packaged school supplies for the 2009-2010 school year. Purchase of school supplies through PTO is not required, but is offered as a convenience to parents. As an added bonus, the school supply sale is tax free. Save yourself the time and trouble of driving from store to store in the summer heat to find all those items!



Due to rising prices, we are changing suppliers this year. While it means that you will not be able to order packages online during the summer, we are happy to say that we are purchasing locally and the dollars we spend will stay here in the Fort Worth economy.

Package prices vary by grade due to the amount and type of supplies requested by teachers. Your child's supplies will be boxed and labeled with their name. Elementary students' packages will be in their classroom on the first day of school, Aug. 17. Middle school students' packages will be available for pickup at the upper campus on locker set-up day, Aug. 14.

PTO PROGRAMS

What happened to programs this year? One word: SPACE (or lack of it). During building construction there was no quiet, unused space at the elementary to offer regular programs for most of this year! Program VP Staci Strickland is already planning events for next year, day and evening. If you have a topic or activity to suggest, please contact her at streckjr@sbcglobal.net. Thanks again to Laura Gregory, Carole Kerr, and Susan Garlington who were presenters at this year's programs.

Exciting Classroom Addition

elementary classrooms. Imagine what you'd get if you could cross an old overhead projector with a SMART Board and a digital camera, and you'll begin to understand what these will be able to do for our students. Teachers can demonstrate work on a regular sheet of paper without a blinding light, project and zoom an image of any book, map, or three dimensional object, even perform a dissection or show a microscope field where everyone can see it. Photos can be taken and saved for later use or comparison. We know that this will be a great tool for teachers and an engaging way to learn for our students, at every grade level and learning style. You'll definitely be hearing about them from your child next fall.

PTO will soon purchase Document Cameras for all



PTO Cafeteria Improvements

Our beautiful new cafeteria came with one unexpected feature – deafening noise levels when filled with happy children. This could be seen as an opportunity for learning self-control, but we would much rather see our students able to socialize and relax during lunch without fear of discipline! Mr. Kirk is in the process of shopping for sound abatement solutions, and PTO will pay for this improvement.

Please consider donating uniforms to the school if they are not sold at the Parent to Parent Uniform Resale on May 28th.

Uniform Resale – Everyone Wins

Please consider donating uniforms to the school if they are not sold at the Parent to Parent Uniform Resale on May 28. PTO will offer these at the Midyear Uniform Resale in January, just about the time that growth spurts and rips create a need in children's closets. Parents get the chance to buy low cost uniforms to finish the school year, and the school benefits from the proceeds.

Go to Sonic and Buy a Bus!

PTO and Booster Club partnered in a bold move this year, committing funds for four years to buy a bus for the school. The pre-owned, air-

conditioned bus is used to transport elementary students on field trips and between campuses, as well as taking prep campus athletes to away games.

You can help us pay for this bus by purchasing a Sonic Community First card. These cards were graciously donated to us by the Sonic Corporation, so that ALL of the \$5 you give will go toward our payment for the bus. Cards contain 10 stickers for menu items at a discounted price as well as several Buy One Get One Free items, giving them a value of \$16.75. They are good through 12-31-10.

Way and Means

In spite of the uncertain economy, we had a successful year in raising funds to enhance our school. The bottom line looks like this:

Innisbrook Gift Wrap.....	\$19,500
Bake Sale	\$3700
Taste Test	\$1500
Ice Cream Sales	\$1100
Flower Sales	\$1000
Uniform Resale.....	\$2275
School Supplies	\$4600
Valentine Dance	\$1400
Spirit Shirts	\$3300
Other Spirit items	\$4075

Treasurer's Tally

The joy in fundraising is in spending what is earned to provide the school, students, and staff with things they might not have otherwise. PTO expenditures this year include:

Teacher stipend for classroom "extras"	\$3250
Bus lease for elementary field trips.....	\$5000
Senior scholarships	\$4000
Financial aid	\$2000
Junior/Senior Prom	\$500
Classroom document cameras	\$13,500
Cafeteria noise abatement.....	\$9000
Prep campus teacher needs	\$3000

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