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September 5, 2014

The Next 2 Weeks at Pleasant Hill:

Mon. 9/8 PTA Meeting 6:30 pm Pleasant Hill School Library– All are welcome to attend!

Tues. 9/10 & Wed. 9/11 Food Drive

Wed. 9/17 Vision & Hearing Screening

Fri. 9/19 Spirit Wear Orders Due

9/2-9/24 Collect Run-A-thon pledges!

Upcoming PTA Dates:

9/24 Market Day Pick Up 5-6pm

9/25 **Run-A-thon** during P.E. Classes

9/25 Family FUNdraiser at Village Tavern 11am-11pm

9/29 School Pictures

10/10 Run-A-Thon \$ Due

10/12 Coachlight Roller Skating Family FUNdraiser 5-7pm

10/15 Reflections Projects are due

10/20-10/24 Scholastic Book Fair

10/24 Run-A-thon Prize Day at Brunswick Zone!

PTA Membership: JOIN THE PTA!!!

It's not too late to join the PTA and be a part of your child's world here at Pleasant Hill!

Did you know that being a PTA member gives you access to the school directory in paper form AND as an app for your smart phone or computer?

Did you know that being a PTA member allows you the opportunity to be part of the classroom parties and activities throughout the year?

Did you know that by joining the PTA your small membership fee helps to fund field trips & assemblies at your child's school? That those fees give each child in PH a book for their birthday? And so much more! Join the PTA and find out how you can be a part of the fun!

Membership is only \$15. See the attached enrollment form or get one in the office or online!

Questions? Contact Terese Janik at tnsugar92@gmail.com

Thank you to our current members and staff for supporting the PTA and Pleasant Hill!

Class Parties:

Complete the volunteer sign-up sheet for class parties that is attached to the PTA registration packet (or found online) as soon as possible. Space is limited to help at the parties (6 helpers per party- parents only, no siblings). Priority is given to PTA members.

Food Drive: Tuesday, Sept. 10th and Wednesday, Sept. 11th

Once again this year we are partnering with the Interfaith food pantry. We had such a terrific response in the past that this year all of our food drives will again be 2 or more days; this way if you forget to put that thoughtful donation in your child's backpack on Wednesday, we'll be happy to accept it on Thursday!

All donations are appreciated, but the pantries are especially in need of personal items: toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, shampoo and lotion. Some other great donations are healthy cereal; low-sodium canned or dried soups, fruits & vegetables; peanut butter and healthy snacks.

And again this year ... Starting with this month's food drive "food tokens" will be awarded to each **GRADE LEVEL CLASSROOM** that brings in the most items per student.

Here's how it will work:

- Items will be tallied by classroom before being collected and brought to the general collection tables in the foyer.
- If you happen to bring in donations and drop them off on the tables and wagons in the foyer, PLEASE NOTE WHICH TEACHER they are for; i.e., if your child is in Miss Keith's class, tag the donation with 1Keith; or a donation for Mrs. Youngblood's class, tag it YPM or YAM or Mrs. Youngblood- AM or PM
- **Each student in the classroom** with the highest % of donated items per students in that classroom, in that grade will receive a collectable keychain token.

So, (1) classroom of kindergarteners, (1) classroom of 1st graders, (1) classroom of 2nd graders, (1) classroom of 3rd graders, (1) classroom of 4th graders and (1) classroom of 5th graders will earn a "food token" as a thank you from the Food Drive Committee for remembering and carrying in all those wonderful donations! Key-chains will be provided as needed to hold the tokens. You're going to want to collect them all!!

Run-A-thon: Thursday, Sept. 25th!

Pleasant Hill's only school-wide fundraiser for this year! The Run-A-Thon is a fundraiser that incorporates Teamwork, Fitness and Fun! Here are a few important things:

1. The running will be done on September 25th during your child's P.E. class time. If the weather is nice, we will be running outside and you are welcome to come watch!

2. Students will be working as a team, not as individuals, which helps build community and encourages team spirit.
3. The money raised will go back to the students. The PTA will use the monies raised to pay for field trips, Explore More Day, assemblies, etc... The money raised last year provided our wonderful new sound system in the gym/multi-purpose room!
4. We ask that children not go door-to-door to get pledges. Instead, they should talk to family and friends for pledges.
5. Make checks payable to Pleasant Hill PTA
6. Everyone can be a winner! The Top five teams will go to Brunswick Zone for bowling and Pizza during the school day! The Top 5 individuals who bring in the largest amount of collected pledge money will receive a \$30-\$50 Target Gift Card! Everyone bringing in pledge money \$50 + can receive \$5-\$25 Target gift cards!

If you have any questions about the Run-A-thon, please contact Amanda Wilkinson at amandawilkinson0403@gmail.com.

If you are interested in **volunteering at the Run-A-thon**, please contact Terese Janik at tnsugar92@gmail.com

Reflections:

The Reflections program is here for the 2014-2015 school year. Reflections is the National PTA Arts Program that asks students to GET CREATIVE! The theme this year is: "**The world would be a better place if...**"

Reflections project categories include: Literature, Visual Arts, Photography, Dance Choreography, Musical Composition and Film Production.

There are rules that go along with the Reflections program. For a copy of all the rules and entry forms please go online. Rules and Entry Forms can be found at www.cusd200.org under Parents and Students. Select PTA Council then select Reflections on the left hand side or you can go to www.illinoispta.org/reflections.

If you have any questions please contact Judy Gallichio at judyg27@comcast.net

Deadline to turn in entries is October 15, 2014. A collection bin will be in the office for all entries. Every entry will be honored by the Pleasant Hill Elementary PTA.

Corporate Incentives:

PTA collects Box Tops for Education, Campbell's Labels for Education, Tyson A+, and MyCoke Rewards! Please save these labels for our school!

PTA Positions:

We are looking for replacements for the following PTA Leadership Positions:

- PTA Vice Presidents
- School Board Representative- Attend once a month, Wed. night School Board Meetings as the representative from Pleasant Hill PTA

Contact PTA Co-Presidents, Michelle Speers speers5@yahoo.com or Barb Marquardt barbaradi1@aol.com for more information.

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Check out the Pleasant Hill PTA Website for dates, membership forms, flyers, volunteer opportunities and more!

<http://www.cusd200.org/Domain/1276> click on **PTA**