



# PTO CONNECTIONS

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## Winter Greetings

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### **2006/2007 Board**

**President** – Beth Cavoli

**Vice President** – Anne Mau

**Treasurer** - Juli Majernik

**Secretary** – Ann Blechman

**Advisor** – Kathy Sandberg

### Notes From Our President

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays with their families. It's hard to believe the decorations are being put away already. I finally faced that task this week, and found my PTO snowflake ornament...which we received on the only snowy day so far this winter! (Thanks to Anne Mau for this great gift which we received at our luncheon.) It occurred to me that the Hudson PTO is really a gift that keeps on giving. Your dedication and commitment in each of the schools make a difference for the students and their parents. Our grants programs support our staff and enrich classrooms. Our events – like THE 50<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST ON MARCH 3<sup>rd</sup> – are woven into the fabric of our community and raise significant funds for the schools.

As we look forward to the year ahead, I know there are many exciting programs coming up in each of the schools. In addition, we will again be awarding grants, scholarships, and recognizing the Teacher of the Year.

The gifts are many...so thank you for all your contributions to our efforts. It really does make a difference!

Beth Cavoli

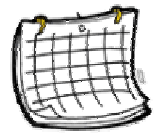
The Hudson PTO recently announced the recipients of the PTO Mini-Grants which are awarded annually in the fall. This year PTO received 42 requests from teachers in all six of the Hudson Schools. PTO granted 32 of the requests totaling \$ 6,978.96 which will provide technology, books, classroom equipment and materials to enhance the curriculum.

The Mini-Grant program began in 1983 with a budget of \$500 to provide supplemental classroom materials to teachers. PTO awarded 9 grants that year! The program has grown exponentially since then with \$7,000 budgeted for this school year-but the original mission remains the same - to extend beyond the normal course of study and reach as many students as possible.

The Special Grants process begins soon and grants are awarded in April. Remember to encourage your child's teacher and other staff members to apply for these grants!



## Dates to Remember



- **Wednesday, January 24th, 9:30AM** – Teacher of the Year Committee Meeting at Beth Cavoli's home.
- **Monday, January 29th, 9:30AM** - PTO General Board Meeting at the Hudson Library. This is an earlier time than noted in your calendars!
- **Saturday, January 20th, 10-11:30AM** - Market Day Sale! Pick up is at the Middle School. To order, submit an order form or shop at the Market Day web site ([www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com)).
- **Monday, February 5th, 7pm** – Pancake Breakfast Committee Meeting at the High School, Room A120.
- **Saturday, February 24th, 10-11:30AM** - Market Day Sale! Pick up is at the Middle School. To order, submit an order form or shop at the Market Day web site ([www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com)).
- **Monday, February 26th, 7PM** – PTO General Board Meeting at the Middle School Media Center. Administration will attend. All PTO board members should plan to attend this meeting! Bring a friend and invite them to join PTO.
- **Saturday, March 3rd, 8AM-1PM** – **THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PTO PANCAKE BREAKFAST and FINE ARTS EXPO!!** Plan to come and enjoy the fun and celebrate this annual community tradition at the High School.
- **Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>** – Ready, Set, Relax night. Enjoy this third annual event to do whatever you wish with your family thanks to Hudson Community First!
- **Saturday, March 17th, 10-11:30AM** - Market Day Sale! Pick up is at the Middle School. To order, submit an order form or shop at the Market Day web site ([www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com)).

Please check our website ([www.hudsonpto.org](http://www.hudsonpto.org)) or the PTO Calendar for additional PTO school events!



**PTO's 50th Pancake Breakfast is March 3, 2007!**

Be there for the celebration! The Committee is working hard to make this year's Breakfast an event to remember. There are more 150 volunteers working at the breakfast each year. On average we sell 2,700 breakfasts that day. In 2000, we sold a record 3,010 breakfasts! All this is possible due to the continued support of our PTO Board and members, students, parents, school staff and the community. Please plan to help out...we need you and it really is a lot of fun. Please contact Laura Gasbarro (330.650.0752)

## NOMINATIONS

The nominations process is actually underway!

Please thoughtfully consider your participation in PTO for the upcoming year. There are many opportunities to work on a committee or individual school board. For those of you who are good with numbers, we are looking for a new Treasurer. You don't have to be a CPA to do this job! If you are interested, please contact Juli Majernik for more information. Job descriptions are available for most roles to help you understand what is required and the time commitment involved. Nomination forms will be available at the January General Meeting. For more information, please contact our nominations chairs, Jennifer Dudinec or Anne Mau.



## Fundraisers Report



**Spirit Wear:** A "Hudson" apparel-novelty sale held in each school with proceeds going directly back to that school. We have generated in excess of \$5,000 from spirit wear sales. Our teacher/staff sale also raised \$370 this year. Remember that orders can still be placed online and the high school bookstore carries spirit wear.

If you have any questions regarding Spirit Wear, contact Laura Hudek (330.650.2326) or Stephanie Kaiser (330.653.5044).

**Market Day:** *A monthly food co-op program offering a variety of quality frozen food products which are pre-ordered and distributed once a month. Market Day is one of PTO's main fundraisers and generated more than \$12,900 last year for our grant program. Our YTD profits from Market Day as of 01/07/07 are \$6,401.*

*This coming year marks our 15<sup>th</sup> year of offering this service to the community. Give it a try if haven't ordered...and encourage your friends to do so as well.*

### **Sherwin-Williams Fundraiser:**

Fundraising cards provide a 20% discount on all Sherwin-Williams products and an additional 5% on sale items. A percentage of all purchases is returned to PTO's General Fund. Last year we raised \$437. The company will payout for this year's efforts in March. Cards are available at all Open Houses and in the main offices of the schools. If you have questions or need a new card, contact Beth Cavoli (330-656-5608). Please consider using this card to support our schools!

### **pizzabogo Fundraiser:**

Each Thursday during the school year PTO receives 5.5% in total dinner sales from pizzabogo. PTO raised \$1,149 last year-and so \$514 so far this year. Please mention PTO when you order!

**Heinen's:** Heinen's ABC program is available at Heinen's for all Hudson elementary schools. Just sign up at Heinen's and earn cash back for your school! Enrollment forms are available in all elementary school offices.

**Giant Eagle:** Program dates are Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>-March 17<sup>th</sup>. Contact JoAnn Townsend for more information (330.655-9785).

**New Acme Community Cashback Program:** Program dates are Sept. 17-April 7<sup>th</sup>. We now earn 5% on receipts but the qualifying products are more limited to include mostly Acme and Food Club brand products. All representatives are encouraged to revise their budget downwards to account for these changes.

**General Mills Box Tops for Education/Campbell Soup Labels:** A cash redemption program. Don't forget to save your box tops and soup labels over the summer! This is an easy way PTO can give back to our schools! Last year we earned over \$ 2,700.



## Did You Know...?

- Did you know that in 1975, a Pancake Eating Contest was held for junior and senior boys? The winners received two tickets each to Alice Cooper and John Denver concerts!
- Did you know that Birthday Book Club contributed 1,017 books to the elementary schools in the first three years of the program?
- Did you know that the first recorded Movie Night at Hudson Elementary was in 1995?
- Did you know that most schools have been participating in the Kids Helping Kids program since 1998?
- Did you know that PTO awarded three \$700 scholarships to high school seniors in 1997? Today, PTO awards five \$1,000 scholarships each spring.

## PTO Business News

### Treasurer's Corner

**Please remember when making PTO copies at the UPS store, be sure to note the quantity and what school or committee you are making the copies for. We ask that you make copies first at your school, the High School print shop, or at Printer's Devil. Please note that for large quantities (over 250) copies are only 3 cents a piece at UPS on Thursdays.**

**Remember PTO forms for reimbursement or deposits are available on our website. If you ever have any questions, please contact Juli at 330.342.8439.**

### **HEAD REPRESENTATIVES:**

Remember to follow-up with the building secretaries on purchase orders for grants awarded in November. Forward a copy of the PO to Kathy Sandberg. Also, complete the Gift Form (available on our web site) and forward it to Juli Majernik so that PTO can submit it to the District.

Please remember to advertise Market Day, Pancake Breakfast, our grocery store programs, Sherwin Williams, and pizzabogo in your school newsletters and notes.

<http://www.hudsonpto.org>

ALWAYS ADVERTISE THE WEBSITE ON YOUR FLYERS AND NEWSLETTERS!

**School activities can be advertised up to two weeks in advance of the actual date of the event. Committees may advertise their event up to one month in advance. As always, a big thank you to Noreen Flowers for keeping the web site current & looking good.**



## Other News

### Happy Birthday PTO Board Members!

*WE SALUTE YOU!*

#### DECEMBER

Debbie Petersilge, Dec. 4  
 Jan Hablitzel, Dec. 6  
 Patty Reiman, Dec. 9  
 Gretchen Greissing, Dec. 11  
 Jeanette Fulton, Dec. 19  
 Michelle Hartline, Dec. 20  
 Cindy Mosko, Dec. 24  
 Peggy Sexton, Dec. 30

#### JANUARY

Ann Blechman, Jan. 1  
 Patti Engelman, Jan. 2  
 JoAnn Townsend, Jan. 5  
 Laura Hudeck, Jan. 6  
 Beth Slater, Jan. 12  
 Kim Graham, Jan. 13  
 Marie Zeller, Jan. 13  
 Debbi Rauh, Jan. 21

#### FEBRUARY

Chris Frantz, Feb. 19  
 Sally Rintoul, Feb. 20  
 Veronica Bashian, Feb. 28  
 Lori Hart, Feb. 28

If your birthday was not listed, please accept our apologies and let us know your special day!

### !! ROSTER CORRECTIONS !!

Please note that Veronica Bashian (Halloween Windows & Middle School) has a new phone number - 330.653.8674.

Lots of changes for Hudson Elementary... please welcome Heather Potts to PTO! Her address is 355 Scala Drive, Cuyahoga Falls, 44224; her phone number is 330.945.9988 and email pottshmp@yahoo.com. Heather stepped in to help out since Aimee Saeger moved late last year. Also, Leslie Daly has a new address - 146 Old Orchard Drive. Her phone number will remain the same.

If any of your information has been changed (phone, address or e-mail),

### Thank You! Thank You! THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of you, especially....

To all the Building Representatives for coordinating and working at the Open Houses, fundraising, organizing dialogues, conference dinners and other activities in your schools!

Thank you to Kathy Sandberg for coordinating the grants program for PTO this year!

Thank you to Anne Mau for organizing our December Holiday Luncheon and ornament exchange at the Hudson Library. It was a great way to celebrate the season!