

**Keeping you  
connected  
to PTO**

# Hudson PTO Connections

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**Hudson  
PTO  
52<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Pancake  
Breakfast**

**Saturday,  
March 7, 2009  
8am – 1pm**

**Hudson  
High School  
Cafeteria**

## From Our President

Happy New Year to Everyone! I hope everyone enjoyed the winter break. It's hard to believe we're just about halfway through the school year. We have many events coming up, including Snuggle Up and Read with Dad at Evamere, The Father/Daughter Square Dance at McDowell, and of course our annual Pancake Breakfast which is always the first Saturday in March! This is our biggest annual fundraiser and we need many volunteers to make it a success. I hope that all of you will consider helping out in some way. If you are not able to make it the day of the event, there are other

jobs to be done ahead of time. Contact one of our Pancake Chairs or check out our website [www.hudsonpto.org](http://www.hudsonpto.org) under Pancake Breakfast for more information.

Believe it or not we will soon be sending out nomination forms to help out with PTO for the next school year. I hope you will all consider volunteering again. We couldn't do all the fabulous things we do for the schools without our volunteers. Please talk with friends and neighbors and encourage them to help out as well. It's a great way to get involved with your kids'

schools. Nomination forms will be sent to all current PTO board members and will also be available on our website. If you have any questions, contact one of the nomination chairs, Anne Mau ([amau@roadrunner.com](mailto:amau@roadrunner.com)) or Kerrie Orazen ([Orazen@roadrunner.com](mailto:Orazen@roadrunner.com))

Hope to see you all at the Pancake Breakfast on March 7!

Jennifer Dudinec



## Flipping for Pancakes? We Want You!

To come eat pancakes!

Get your tickets from your neighborhood 3rd/4th/5th graders or tickets on sale at The Learned Owl - all starts February 15.

To help pour, serve, and bus tables!

Contact Beth Killeen [bkilleen@alltel.net](mailto:bkilleen@alltel.net) to sign up for a shift—it's a family event!

To help pick up donations!

Please contact Sobeyda Schilling at [sobeydaschilling@msn.com](mailto:sobeydaschilling@msn.com) to help complete our awesome raffle baskets!

Please help your PTO make this the best Pancake Breakfast ever! Questions to Marie Zeller at [zeller3@windstream.net](mailto:zeller3@windstream.net) or 330.653.5012

## Watch for Birthday Book Club

For the past several years, the libraries of the Hudson elementary schools have been the beneficiaries of the PTO Birthday Book Club. The club is a parent funded program which adds student selected books to the libraries' shelves throughout the school year. Each participating student selects a new book to donate to the school's library during their birthday month for a fee of \$15.

The enrollment forms for the third run of the PTO Birthday Book Club will be sent out the week of February 9<sup>th</sup>, and due back to the schools by February 20<sup>th</sup>. Children with birthdays during February, March

and April will be eligible during this enrollment period. Additional forms are available in the main office and media center in each elementary school. There is a permanent Birthday Book Club bookplate inscription to commemorate the contribution with the student's name and birth date. The students are given an enrollment certificate and a book mark, and are first to check out the new book! Books, certificates, and bookmarks will be distributed to students beginning February 27<sup>th</sup>.

For additional information, please contact the following PTO representatives at your school:  
EVAMERE-Monica Schie  
mschie@adelphia.net  
330-342-9072

ELLSWORTH HILL &  
McDOWELL-Noreen Flowers  
hudsonmomof3@roadrunner.com  
234-380-1431

EAST WOODS-Beth Cavoli  
esc5@georgetown.edu  
330-656-5608

Third round coming in early February—  
due back to schools February 20!

## Hudson PTO Needs You!

Are you interested in getting more involved with the schools? Looking for a great way to interact with your kids, other parents, teachers, and school administrators?

Hudson PTO is comprised of dedicated volunteers who help coordinate PTO sponsored events and activities throughout the school year. We are actively planning for the next year and are looking for volunteers to help out. Here are some examples of volunteer opportunities in our organization:

**Building Representatives:** Work with parent volunteers, school principal and staff to coordinate PTO sponsored activities specific to a particular school. Examples include; Movie Nights, Author Visits, Special Assemblies, Staff Appreciation Week, End of Year

Carnival, Square Dances, Snuggle Up and Read with Dad, etc.

**Committees:** Work on a specific committee in PTO to help plan a PTO community event or activities that cross over multiple schools. Examples include; Spirit Wear, Run for the Schools (5K race), Pancake Breakfast, Birthday Book Club, Scholarship, Halloween Windows.

If you are interested in one of our many volunteer opportunities, contact our Nominations chairs Anne Mau at amau@roadrunner.com or Kerrie Orazen at orazen@roadrunner.com. If you have any questions regarding Hudson PTO, please contact our President, Jennifer Dudinec at dudinec1@windstream.net.

## PTO Awards Mini-Grants

The Hudson PTO awarded \$5000 in mini-grants this past fall to fulfill requests for various teacher needs and wants. Here's a list of items that your students are now using thanks to the primary fund-raising efforts of the *First Annual Run for the Schools* and the detailed grant request process of our dedicated Hudson teachers!

Thank you to our Grants Committee, requesting teachers, and community members who helped with our fund-raising efforts.

**Evamere**  
 Reading Rainbow DVDs  
 Parachute w/handles  
 Multi-Sensory room items  
 Core Boards/Maps/Flags

**Middle School**  
 Life Science Slides  
 Atlantis Educational Globes  
 Dance Performance  
 Social Skills Videos/Games/Worksheet  
 Science of Disney Imagineering Set  
 "Bill Nye the Science Guy" DVDs

**Ellsworth Hill**  
 Hand Held Palm  
 Buckeye Children's Book Award Books

**High School**  
 Drying Oven/Chemistry  
 Digital Sound Recorders  
 Vernier LabPro Interface Boxes

**East Woods**  
 Unicycles  
 Sunflower Seeds for Feeders

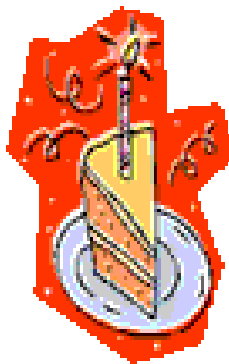
## Happy Birthday to PTO Leadership!

### December

- 4 Carol Morgan
- 11 Gretchen Greissing

### January

- 1 Ann Blechman
- 6 Jennifer Northrup
- 6 Laura Hudeck
- 13 Kim Graham
- 13 Marie Zeller
- 15 Jennifer Morocco
- 21 Debbie Rauh



### February

- 19 Chris Frantz
- 28 Veronica Bashian
- 28 Lori Hart

### March

- 3 Laura Zaleski
- 9 Kay Reed
- 22 Becky Hinkle
- 26 Cynde Hoffman
- 30 Caroline Johanning

## PTO Dates to Remember

- January 26, 9:30 am
- February 23, 7:00 pm
- March 7, 8am—1pm
- March
- March 23—27

- PTO General Meeting at the Hudson Library
- PTO General Meeting with Administration – Middle School Media Center
- 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hudson PTO Pancake Breakfast – High School
- No PTO General Meeting-Enjoy Spring Break!!
- Hudson Schools Spring Break

The purpose of the Hudson, Ohio Parent Teacher Organization is to:

- Act as a community link between parents and the school community
- Financially supplement the education of the Hudson children
- Actively support the Hudson City Schools
- Provide programs to instill a fun and positive atmosphere within the home, school and community.



Executive Board Members:

President:	Jennifer Dudinec	dudinec1@windstream.net
Vice President:	Sue Carter	suecarter@roadrunner.com
Grants/Advisor	Ann Mau	amau@roadrunner.com
Secretary:	Brit Seifert	bkseifert@gmail.com
Treasurer:	Elaine Murphy	murphy5@roadrunner.com

Updates for or questions about *PTO Connections*, please contact Becky Hinkle at musthink@windstream.net

## Here's What's Happening at Your School

### Evamere Elementary

2/9—2/13—Right to Read Week

2/10—2/11—Author visit from Angela Johnson

FRIDAY, 2/13—Movie Night

FRIDAY, 3/13—Snuggle Up and Read with Dad

FRIDAY, 2/27 - 6:30 p.m.:

Third Grade Father/Daughter Square Dance  
(East Woods commons)

Contact: Jen Morocco  
(330-342-3553; jengirlsx3@yahoo.com)

### Ellsworth Hill Elementary

FRIDAY, 1/30—7:00

Ellsworth Hill/McDowell Movie Night

See details below.

### McDowell Elementary

FRIDAY, 1/30 - 7:00 p.m.:

Ellsworth Hill/McDowell Movie Night

(Ellsworth Hill multipurpose room)

Contacts: Ellsworth Hill - Kim Graham  
(655-2167; gram1138@windstream.net)  
McDowell - Lori Hart (330-656-1123;  
hart5@windstream.net) Monica Schie  
(330-342-9072; mmschie@roadrunner.com)

### East Woods Elementary

THURSDAY, 1/22—10:00 am

EW PTO Dialogue (Bullying w/ Susan Tucker)

Kathy Johanson, Committee Chair

FRIDAY, 2/6— 7—9 pm

EW Underground (4th & 5th Grades)

Kim Graham, Ann Coleman, Committee Chairs

THURSDAY, 2/26—All day

COSI (4th Grade)

Sue Carter, Committee Chair

THURSDAY, 3/12—10:00 am

EW PTO Dialogue (Classroom Placement)

Kathy Johanson, Committee Chair