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connected
to PTO**

Hudson PTO Connections

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From Our President

It is so hard to believe that another school year is coming to an end. It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as your PTO President this year. I want to thank each and every one of our PTO board volunteers for all of your time and effort in helping to enrich the learning experience for our kids. We have served lots of food to kids and staff, hosted COSI assemblies, sponsored author visits, planned and coordinated Square Dances, Movie Nights, a Staff and Student basketball game, Snuggle Up and Read with Dad night, and

are still working on end of year events such as the 2nd grade carnival and 5th grade Bon Voyage. We also held one of our best ever Pancake Breakfasts, making even more money than the previous year! This event, along with our membership drive and other fundraisers, allows us to give back to the schools via our grants program.

So many hours go into all of these PTO sponsored events and we could not do it without the help of all of our volunteers.

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2009 Spring Grants

Evamere Elementary
2-Video Projection Units

Ellsworth Hill Elementary
"Cutting Up" Dies for Educational Materials
Pretty Poison Educational Kit
Football Team Books

McDowell Elementary
Math Education Games
2-Video Projection Units

East Woods Elementary
3-Video Projection Units
Expanding Expressions
Instrument Kit

Hudson Middle School
Historical Fiction Novels
2 - Document Cameras
Cordless Microscopes
GPS Devices for Math

Hudson High School
Hand-Held Scientific Probes/
Sensor

PTO Awards Spring Grants

Two times each year, the Hudson PTO answers the wishes of numerous teachers in the Hudson City School District. This spring, 14 grant requests were fulfilled for equipment and supplies totaling more than \$21,000. The spring special grants are made possible through donations from Heinen's, pizzaBOGO, and Sherwin-Williams programs, cartridge recycling and cell phone recycling, as well as the money PTO makes from our Annual Pancake Breakfast.

"All teachers who are members of PTO have the opportunity to submit grant requests. The requests are reviewed by the PTO Grants Committee and then prioritized by each school," explains Anne Mau, PTO Grants Coordinator.

"Our Hudson PTO has been providing grants to teachers for 25 years. We do

see a lot of requests for improvements in technology; however we still like to get the requests and make awards for books and creative teaching enhancements to help teachers and to improve ways students learn."

"PTO thanks the community members for supporting our fund-raisers through Heinen's, pizzaBOGO, Sherwin-Williams and recycling programs. We are so glad to have had the turnout and support we did for our 52nd Annual Pancake Breakfast back in March."

In addition to these special grants awarded in the spring, fall mini-grants are usually distributed near the end of the calendar year and are funded by PTO's Annual Membership drive and Run for the Schools.

PTO Thanks Hudson Community!

The chairwomen of the 52nd Annual Hudson PTO Pancake Breakfast wish to thank the Hudson community for its support of our March 7th event. More than **2,500 people** came out to enjoy food, entertainment, art displays and community fellowship. Once again the people and students of Hudson convincingly demonstrated that they love this town and will come out on the first Saturday in March to support our Hudson schools. The Breakfast, a community-wide effort that will benefit every Hudson student, **raised more than \$19,000**. All of that money, from ticket sales and raffles, spirit wear sales and children's games, will go directly back into the Hudson schools through the many programs sponsored by the Hudson PTO.

We thank all of those men and women and students whose support and hard work made the event run smoothly. More than **170 volunteers** gave their time and participated, including parents, teachers, administrators, school board members and students. Bruce Hubach and the food service staff did an excellent job as always in the kitchen. No one left hungry. Joe Salamon and the custodial staff took care of every need in preparing the event. Boy Scout Troop 321 labored in the rain and cold to direct and control parking. Girl Scout Troops 1100, 1155 and 1157 as well as several high school girls handled the children's games. The high school football players helped clean up afterward. We also thank all of the PTO committee members whose countless hours of planning and preparation helped make the Breakfast an overwhelming success. And we thank the many, many Hudson families who came out together and worked to get the job done!

The PTO gratefully acknowledges the numerous prize and product donors whose generos-

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ity made this event possible. Our annual school event cannot occur and cannot raise the needed money without all of its loyal supporters, including the many Hudson and other local area businesses who traditionally and faithfully contribute their financial aid. We particularly thank our very own **Hudson Perkins Pancakes** for their gracious donation of fresh, made-from-scratch pancakes as well as maple syrup. We look forward to working with them in the future. We also thank **Streetsboro's Dunkin' Donuts** for providing the early morning's coffee.

Finally, we wish to express our deep appreciation for the outstanding and overwhelming volunteer spirit shown by all of our dear friends here in Hudson. It was amazing to again see so many people of all ages come together to support the children of our community. The people of Hudson, by their faithful loyalty, truly reflect the truth of Winston Churchill's words: "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."

Peggy Carchia
Heather Heller
Sheila King
Marie Zeller
*2009 Co-Chairpersons
PTO Pancake Breakfast*

Hudson PTO would like to thank the many committee members, community volunteers, board members, administrators, teaching and support staff volunteers, student performers, parents and kids who worked and attended – all who helped make our 52nd Annual PTO Pancake Breakfast such a success! We have a BIG THANK YOU to the following merchants who generously donated goods and services to make our event on Saturday, March 7, 2009 successful. We appreciate your support!

Perkins for all the delicious, freshly-made Pancakes

Dunkin' Donuts in Streetsboro for Coffee

- 2 Club Golf
- Acme Fresh Market (Hudson)
- Actor's Summit Professional Theater
- Access Floor Specialist
- Akron Aeros
- Akron Zoo
- Akron Symphony
- Aladdin's Eatery
- All Brides Beautiful
- All Star Sports
- Antiques Galleries Hudson
- Asian Sun Martial Arts
- Augere Construction Co. (George & Leah Roth)
- B&B Tree Service
- Bear on the Square
- Big Boy Restaurant
- Bongiorno's Ristorante & Pizzeria
- Boston Heights Veterinary Hospital
- Boston Mills/Brandywine Ski Resort
- Callahan's Carpet One
- Cali Juice
- Caribou Coffee
- Chico's Hudson
- Children's Orchard
- Christine Mayfield Allstate Insurance
- City of Cuyahoga Falls Park & Rec
- Clay Connections
- Cold Stone Creamery
- Country Blues
- Curves
- D'Angelo's
- Dairy Queen (Twinsburg)
- DeLeo Family
- Discount Drug Mart (Hudson)
- DIY Dinners
- Downtown 140
- Eckman Music
- Ethel Frantz
- Family Video
- Fannie May
- Farinacci Pizza
- Fast Frame
- Fine Reflections Salon Hudson
- First Merit Bank-Hudson
- Fitness Quest
- Floral Innovations
- Fun-N-Stuff
- Fussy Cleaners
- Gavin Scott Salon & Spa
- Genie Maid
- Gifts by the Basket
- Great Clips
- Giant Eagle (Hudson)

- Great Harvest Bread Company
- Great Lakes Baking Company
- Great Wolf Lodge
- Grey Colt
- Gymboree
- Hair Innovations, Inc.
- Handel's Ice Cream
- HCER
- Heather's Heat & Flavor
- Henry Wahner's Restaurant
- Hershey's Ice Cream
- Hoopla Women's Accessory Shop
- Hudson Ace Hardware
- Hudson Auto Parts
- Hudson Fine Art & Framing Co.
- Hudson Hallmark - (Melissa Smith)
- Hudson League for Service
- Hudson Players
- Hudson Community Chapel
- Hudson Hub-Times
- In Style Accessories
- Jackie Fritz Massotherapist
- Jabbour's
- Jewelry Art
- Jill Gaba State Farm Insurance Co.
- Joann's Cakes and Candy
- Katen Painting and Faux
- K & M Internationals
- Kirbie Meat Market
- Knight Cleaners
- Kollman's Greenhouse Inc.
- Lebel Family
- La Petite Maison Spa & Salon
- Learned Owl Book Shop
- Leisure Time Recreation
- Lentz Photography
- Leslie A. Collins Photography
- LifeCenter Plus
- Life Styles (Akron General Health & Wellness Center)
- Linda Morris Photography
- Little Leapers, Inc.
- Little Tikes
- Main Street Cupcakes
- Malley's Chocolates
- Mammoth Video
- Marcelita's Restaurant
- Martinizing Dry Cleaning
- Mavis Winkles Irish Pub
- McCullough School of Irish Dance
- Miracle on Main
- Nicky Nicole
- Off Mainstreet Salon
- OK Cleaners

- Old Whedon Grille
- Papa Joe's Restaurant
- Papa John's Pizza
- Pittak's Isshinryu Karate & Martial Arts Center
- pizzaBOGO
- Play It Again Sports (Cuy. Falls)
- Porthouse Theater
- Prescott Brothers
- Pro Star Specialties
- Prudential Kathy Reid Realty
- Redwood Swim Club
- Riley's Clothes for Men & Women
- Robinson Lawn & Garden
- Sagamore Soils
- Salon 180
- Salon Hudson
- San Francisco Oven
- Sherry Mulcahey (Mary Kay)
- Sign*A*Rama
- Simply Swank
- Snip Its
- Solaire Hair Studio & Spa
- Starbucks
- Step 2
- Step Right Up
- Stow Jazzercise Center
- Stow Kent Family Entertainment
- Strachan Casale, Inc.
- Studio 76 Kitchen & Bath
- Sue Boaz (Silpada Jewelry)
- Sue Swain - Lily Opal Designs
- Talbot's
- The Bertram Inn & Conf. Center
- The Cleveland Wine School
- The Clipperie of Hudson
- The Country Club of Hudson
- The Dahl House Kennels
- The Donna Colman School of Dance
- The Great Escape
- The Greenhouse
- The Growing Years
- The Paper Lady
- The Western Reserve School of Cooking
- Timothy Michael Jewelers
- Tri County Roof Cleaners
- Trinity Painting & Renovations
- Uniquely Ohio
- Van's International Foods, Inc.
- Vertical Runner
- Western Reserve Racquet Club
- Yours Truly

Outstanding Students Awarded PTO Scholarships



Five outstanding seniors received our PTO Scholarships this year. Selection was based on a written essay, GPA, community involvement and volunteer activities. Each student was recognized at our spring luncheon and received a \$1,000 scholarship to assist with their college expenses. Congratulations to these terrific Hudson students!

Lindsey Brummer has been an active member of the Hudson band for four years including marching band, Wind Ensemble and jazz band. She was a National Merit Commended Student and a member of National Honor Society. She has been an active volunteer in Key Club, a teen volunteer at Akron Children's Hospital and a co-captain of her Relay for Life team for three years. Her parents are Lisa and Gregg Brummer and she plans to study biology at Colgate University.

Nicholas Kelly has been very involved in school and the community. He is a 4 year member of the cross country and track teams. In addition, he served as the Key Club President and as a Relay for Life team captain. He is the son of John and Lori Kelly and plans to attend Miami University majoring in biomedical engineering.

Sally Patton is the daughter of Peter and Jackie Patton. Throughout high school she has devoted much time to clubs and organizations including Senior Executive Committee, Leadership Conference Planning Committee, NHS, NAHS, and Relay for Life. Sally plans to attend The Ohio State University in the fall to double major in History and Political Science with a mi-

nor in art and spanish. She hopes to become a high school United States history teacher upon graduating college.

Laura Shortman, daughter of Glenn and Nancy Shortman, has been active in cheerleading, dance, student government, band and is a member of NHS and NAHS. Laura will be attending the University of Cincinnati School of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning. She will major in Fashion Design: Product Development.

Susan Xie, daughter of Lei Xie and Yin Zhang, has been actively involved in both science and the humanities. She was named a winner of the National Merit \$2,500 Scholarship. Susan completed a research project as a 2008 Science Intern in the Cleveland Clinic's Heart and Vascular Institute, and the resulting abstract was accepted for presentation by the Society for Vascular Medicine. For undergraduate, she plans to study biology and a foreign language in the Rice University/Baylor College of Medicine's Medical Scholars Program. This is a combined BS/MD program, to which 14 students are admitted nationally each year.

Additional Pancake Thanks from PTO

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WE THANK OUR SCHOOLS/STAFF/PARENTS/ADMINISTRATION

Evamere Elementary	McDowell Elementary
East Woods Elementary	HCSD Administration
Ellsworth Hill Elementary	Student Government
Hudson Athletic Booster's Club	HHS Boys Football Team
Hudson Middle School	HHS Boys Lacrosse Team
Hudson High School	National Honor Society
	Hudson High School Custodial Staff

Printing – Printer's Devil
 Artwork – Jon C. Lund
 HCTV – Channel 25
 Boy Scout Troop 321
 Girl Scout Troops
 1100, 1155, 1157

PTO Teachers of the Year

Congratulations to the 2009 PTO Teachers of the Year! We received many worthy nominations from students, teachers and community members. This year our two winners were recognized at our spring luncheon and each received a recognition plaque, their name on a plaque at the administration building and a check for \$500. We congratulate:

Brenda DeLeo, 4th grade teacher at East Woods Elementary was selected as this year's Elementary Educator PTO Teacher of the Year. Brenda has been a fourth grade teacher in Hudson for seven years. She was previously an accountant, then after leaving accounting, was working as an elementary aide when she was encouraged to get her teaching degree. She was nominated this year by three separate people who described her as "magical", "creative and energetic" and as having a "passion for teaching and learning that is evident in all she does each day".

Ben Frampton, 6th grade Science teacher in the Green Community was selected as this year's Secondary Educator PTO Teacher of the Year. Ben has been with the Hudson City Schools for 17 years, working as a sixth grade teacher for seven years. Prior to that, he was a Middle School Assistant Principal, East Woods Assistant Principal, then East Woods Principal and Student Activities advisor. Ben was nominated by a parent of a current student and a former student who describe him as a "strong role model for students", and possessing a "teaching style that engages kids". His former student said "Mr. Frampton did more than teach me science. He taught me about life".

Happy Birthday!

April 5	Lori McLaughlin
April 6	Peggy Carchia
April 17	Sheila King
April 28	Tricia Johnstone
April 29	Shanna Bales
May 1	Monica Schie
June 14	Cheryl Rauch
June 11	Cindy Brice



June 20	Gesche Huneke
	Kristen Shawd
June 26	Noreen Flowers
July 22	Cindy Shedloski
July 23	Beth Cavoli
July 28	Mary Apicella
	Heller Heather
July 30	Tricia Lori

From Our President

So again, thanks to all of you, you really do help to make Hudson City Schools a better place for our children!

If you are coming back to the board next year, thanks for giving your time again. If you are not able to, don't forget to turn in a parent volunteer interest form so we can call on you when we need some help!

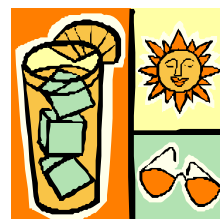
I would also like to welcome Sue Carter as the incoming President for 2009-2010. I know Sue will make an excellent leader and continue the positive efforts of PTO,

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along with her Vice President Lori McLaughlin. Best wishes to both of them for another great year!

I wish all of you a healthy, happy, and sunny summer!!

Sincerely,
Jennifer Dudinec



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.

Thank You 2008-2009 Executive Board Members:



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Save the Date!

Second Annual
PTO Run for the Schools
 Sunday, October 4, 2009

To help with PTO Run for the Schools, please contact Laura Zaleski at lezaleski@roadrunner.com

PTO Wants 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 or have questions about Hudson PTO, please contact Anne Mau at amau@roadrunner.com or Kerrie Orazen at orazen@roadrunner.com.