

**Keeping you
connected to
PTO**

Hudson PTO Connections

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A Note from our President

We can all breathe a little sigh of relief! The busy beginning of the school year is over! I would like to thank all of you for the hard work that goes into the beginning of the school year; the Middle School and East Woods Supply Sales, Registration, Membership and SpiritWear Sales, Open Houses, and of course our first annual "Run for the Schools". It has certainly been a busy month. We couldn't have done it without our great group of parent volunteers!

I look forward to seeing all of you on Monday, October 27, at 7:00 pm at the Middle School Media Center for our general board meeting. This meeting is with our administration, so please try to attend!

Jennifer



First Annual Run for the Schools a Success!

The weather even cooperated for us! We had many parents, kids, and even a few strollers in our One Mile Fun Run/Walk. The Mau boys, Kyle and James, came in first and second in the One Mile Run. Bob Mau won the overall male category in the 5K coming it at 17:47 (that's a 5:44 mile pace). Those Mau's are fast people! Caroline Sauers won the overall female category in the 5K at 21:58, at a mile pace of 7:04. There were nearly 100 participants altogether.

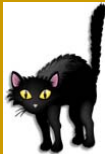
DJ Dan provided great music and entertainment throughout the day. PTO is very grateful to all of our sponsors, Medical Mutual, Primary Care Associates, Robinson Imaging of Kent, Jake's Good Life, Printer's Devil, Vertical Runner, Mertes Pediatric Dentistry, LifeCenter Plus Health and Fitness, and Western Reserve Racquet and Fitness Center.

We hope this event will continue to grow!

Halloween Windows

In Hudson!

It's a PTO tradition—



Hudson Halloween Window Painting will take place on Sunday, October 26, from 9am-3pm. Make sure to stop downtown and check out the artistic displays on the windows!

For more information, please contact Melissa Snyderman or Mary Apicella.

Fall 2008 Dates to Remember

- October 1** PTO Dialogue, 10:00am-11:30am in Middle School Media Center
"Everything you wanted to know about Middle School
but were afraid to ask."
- October 26** Halloween Window Painting, 9am-3pm, downtown-Hudson PTO
October 27 PTO General Board Meeting with Administration, 7:00 pm
Middle School Media Center
- November 6** Fall Mini-Grants (Grants Committee), 9:30 am
Hudson Library
- November 7** 3rd Grade Mother/Son Square Dance
East Woods Commons
- November 12** Pick-Up for Evamere Fundraiser
November 24 PTO General Board Meeting, 9:30 am
Hudson Library



Treasurer's Report

This year Elaine Murphy, Treasurer, will be responsible for all check requests, payment of invoices, and financial reporting. Lori McLaughlin, Assistant Treasurer, will be responsible for distribution and collection of cash boxes for PTO related activities as well as deposits from the organization. All of the forms for the 2008-2009 school year have been updated and are available on the PTO website. Please note the few procedure changes for 2008-2009 and contact either treasurer with questions.

The school year is off to a great start and all the Open Houses held were very successful. In total, we have sold over 530 memberships totaling \$8,000 and we anticipate many more. In addition, Spiritwear sales have totaled approximately \$3,000 already! Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time at the open houses to make them so successful.

Membership News

Membership flyers have been distributed to all students and staff members. We are still accepting membership forms and they can be turned in to any of the Hudson City Schools and the 2008 Planner will be returned via your student. The membership drives at Hudson High School and the Middle School registrations were quite successful. Our annual membership drive runs through October 15. Staff members MUST join by this date in order to be eligible for fall and/or spring grants.

Please continue to recruit members
for PTO until October 15.
Ask your friends and neighbors!!

Happy Birthday to You!

September

Sue Carter	9/1
Jennifer Dudinec	9/15
Anne Mau	9/17

November

Melissa Snyderman	11/13
Cheryl Gamble	11/14
Donna Neihaus	11/24
Carla Gasser	11/26
Danielle Hunt	11/28



October

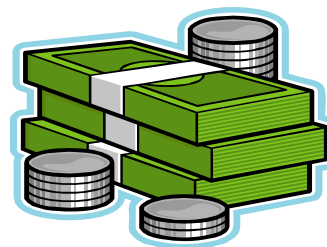
Kim Hutcheson	10/2
Kathy Johanson	10/10
Brit Seifert	10/23
Marcy Schulman	10/25
Lori Matson	10/30

Rewards Programs

The Rewards program contributes directly to the PTO general fund through a variety of programs. The participating programs include **Acme**, **Giant Eagle**, **Heinen's**, **PizzaBogo**, the **Funding Factory**, and **Sherwin-Williams**.

Acme, **Giant Eagle** and **Heinen's** grocery stores all participate in programs that help our schools. Acme provides cash back when receipts for qualifying products are turned in. Giant Eagle provides technology items to the schools. Register your Giant Eagle card on-line or at the store to participate. Heinen's provides cash back to the schools for qualifying purchases. This year, participants must register on-line at www.heinensrewards.com. For the first time, friends and family members may also participate in the program. You must register your Heinen's card each year to participate.

PizzaBogo offers 3% of sales on Thursday nights during the school year. Mention Hudson PTO when ordering and receive as many large, unlimited topping pizzas you need for just \$7 each.



PTO earns technology points from **Funding Factory** by collecting used ink cartridges and cell phones. The items are recycled and the points earned are used to purchase technology items for the schools. Collection boxes are available in the school buildings and the Hudson Library.

Sherwin-Williams Neighbor to Neighbor cards benefit the cardholder as well as the schools. Use the card when purchasing paint or other items at the Sherwin-Williams store and receive a 20% discount on regular priced items or 5% on sale items. A percentage of the purchase is reimbursed to the schools.



Thanks to all who helped with and participated in the First Annual PTO Run for the Schools!

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Enriching the lives of students..

Let's Go Explorers!

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
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Treasurer:	Elaine Murphy	murphy5@roadrunner.com

For newsletter updates or questions, please contact Becky Hinkle at musthink@windstream.net

Spotlight on Community Partners

VIP—Vitally Interested People

Established in 1968, the Hudson City Schools' VIP (Vitally Interested People) Program grew out of the knowledge that volunteers play a vital role in improving school programs. Through this program, parents and community members

participate in many educational activities that provide students with direct hands-on learning such as: tutoring, reading aloud, helping in fine arts, creative writing lessons, math, language arts, and other classroom activities.

Additionally, volunteers provide services and assist staff in our media centers, school offices, and district offices. VIPs assist with chaperoning, conducting

school tours, serving as lunch parents, and typing and binding thousands of books written and illustrated by students in kindergarten through third grade.

VIPs play a very important role in our kids' education experience!

Thank you to all those VIPs helping our kids in so many ways!