

PTO CONNECTIONS

Fall 2009



Keeping you connected to Hudson PTO

GET READY FOR PTO RUN FOR THE SCHOOLS

The 2nd Annual Hudson PTO Run for the Schools will take place **Sunday, October 4, 2009**. The race starts and ends at the Hudson Middle School. Children and adult runners can participate in a 1-mile fun run at 1:30 pm and a 4-mile race at 2:00 pm. The entry fees are \$10 for the 1-mile fun run and \$20 for the 4-mile run. Ages 5 and under are free. All proceeds will benefit Hudson PTO's School

Grants and Scholarship Program. There are t-shirts and goody bags for the first 200 registrants. There will be raffles and giveaways and DJ Dan. To register, please visit www.hudsonpto.org. Day of event volunteers are still needed. To volunteer or for questions, please contact Laura Zaleski at 234.380.1838 or lezaleski@roadrunner.com.

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PTO WANTS YOU—MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our membership drive is happening now and we want you! During the 2008 – 2009 school year, PTO provided more than \$95,000 in funding for grants, activities, awards and scholarships. In addition to the Middle School Supply Sale, PTO Run for the Schools, and the Pancake Breakfast, the PTO Membership Drive is one of the biggest fund-raising efforts for PTO. To complement district-wide efforts, each school operates a PTO board of volunteers to coordinate school

volunteer opportunities for special events throughout the year. Each school has a list of volunteer opportunities in the office. We hope you'll join us! Family memberships are \$15.00 and include a 13-month planner. Membership forms can be found at www.hudsonpto.org and can be returned to any school office by **October 15**. For questions about PTO membership, please contact Chris Frantz at 330.650.1109.



Halloween Windows

It's a great PTO tradition—Hudson Halloween Window Painting Event will take place on Sunday, 10/25, from 9 am-3 pm.

Make sure to stop downtown and check out the artistic displays on the windows!

For more information, please contact Mary Apicella at mma01@gwis.com or Melissa Snyderman at msnyderman@roadrunner.com

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUPPLY SALE A SUCCESS

A huge thank you to Ann Freund and Tom Archer who were the co-chairs for the Middle School Supply Sale. They, along with Barb Kadish, worked long and hard during the entire summer to organize every part of the sale. At

registration, these three, along with Ann's Mom and a cast of many volunteer parents and children, made a very organized and efficient process for our Hudson Middle School parents and students. Thanks to all who helped!

FROM OUR PTO PRESIDENT

It's hard to believe the Labor Day weekend is over and fall is here. Thank you to everyone that helped make the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year a successful one for PTO. Many parent volunteers contributed hours of hard work to the Middle School Supply Sale, School Open Houses, PTO Membership efforts and Spirit Wear Sales.

Just around the corner on October 4th is our 2nd Annual *Run for the Schools*. So, if you enjoy the outdoors, lace up your shoes and bring your family to run or help at our 1-mile Fun Run/Walk or our 4-mile Run. Registration forms can be found on our website, www.HudsonPTO.org.

PTO is always looking for parents and even grandparents to be involved in our activities. If you are able to help during an event or contribute to the planning, we would love to have you. Please feel free to contact any of our Board members to become involved.

We look forward to seeing you at the events sponsored by PTO during the school year.

Sue Carter



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. Last year PTO contributed 215 books to the elementary school libraries.

The enrollment forms for the first run of the PTO Birthday Book Club will be sent out the week of October 5th and due back to the schools by October 16th. Children with birthdays during August, September and October 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 bookmark, and are first to check out the new book! Books, certificates, and bookmarks will be distributed to students beginning October 23rd.

For additional information, please contact the following PTO representatives at your school:

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SPIRIT WEAR SALE

SPIRIT WEAR PROCEEDS BENEFIT PTO
Spirit Wear is now available for sale at the Hudson High School bookstore.

There are a few new items as well as long-standing favorites. All are invited to come and see what's new.

The bookstore is open to the public Monday through Friday from 8:30 am—1 pm. Non-students are asked to use the visitor parking spaces in front of the main entrance on Hudson-Aurora



Road and sign in at the office before visiting the bookstore.

To check on availability of specific items, please call the bookstore at 330.653.1451.

Profits from Spirit Wear sales help to fund Hudson PTO-supported programs in the Hudson City School District.

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR SCHOOL

Evamere Elementary

Evamere is having a **Fall Fundraiser, September 17th – October 1st**. Money raised will support events like Movie Night, Author Visit, and COSI visit.

In **November** we will organize dinners for the teachers during their conferences. Thanks in advance to all of our volunteer parents who contribute.

In **December**, we are having a new program just for our Kindergartners, **Prof. Wylde's Travelling Show**, from the Cleveland Zoo. Students will get to meet zoo animals up close and the show will increase students' awareness for the natural world, reinforcing that each person can make a difference by helping to improve the future for wildlife.

McDowell Elementary

The Mother/Son Square Dance will be held on **Friday, November 6th** at the East Woods Commons.

Dinner will be provided and dancing is required!

Volunteers are needed.

Please contact Melissa Otto at 330-653-8397 or theottomenagerie@windstream.net.

The McDowell PTO will provide healthy snacks and water for the students during their testing in October.

Hudson Middle School

First PTO dialogue, **"Everything you wanted to know about the Middle School, but were afraid to ask,"** is set for **Wednesday, October 7th at 10 am** in the Hudson Middle School Media Center. Dialogue speakers include Hudson Middle School administrators and counselors.

Many middle school students will be part of the 400 students painting 200 windows for the **PTO Halloween Window Painting Event** on Sunday, October 25 from 9 am—3 pm.

Watch for our **Dollars for Jeans Fundraiser** coming in November.

Ellsworth Hill Elementary

Ellsworth Hill students will have a **Fall Fundraiser rolling out November 2**—selling Kidstuff Coupon Books. You'll find many great family-related coupons to use throughout Northeast Ohio.

In **November** we will organize dinners for the teachers during their conferences. Thanks in advance to all of our volunteer parents who contribute.

East Woods Elementary

East Woods will have **'Picture Day' on Sept. 30th**. Don't forget to smile!

The first **PTO Dialogue about Study Skills** will be **Oct. 1st at 10 am** in the East Woods Commons with Denise Jankoski.

Many 5th graders are preparing for **Halloween Window Painting Event** Oct. 25th from 9 am-3 pm.

Hudson High School

High School PTO was very busy in August and September with registration and a great Back-to-School Dance. Students enjoyed Freshman Pizza and a successful open house. Thanks to all the parent volunteers who helped.

The purpose of the Hudson Parent Teacher Organization is to:



- **Act as a community link** between parents and the school and the 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.

For a full directory listing,
please visit our website.

We're on the web:
www.hudsonpto.org

2009—2010 Executive Board Members

President:	Sue Carter	suecarter@roadrunner.com
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Updates for or questions about *PTO Connections*, please contact Becky Hinkle at musthink@windstream.net

IT PAYS TO PTO! – CHECK OUT OUR REWARDS PROGRAMS

Hudson PTO is fortunate to team with several entities that provide us cash and additional resources for our schools. Check out these rewards programs that help our schools:

Acme provides cash back when receipts for qualifying products are turned in. Collection boxes are in several school buildings.

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. Participants must register online at www.heinensrewards.com. Friends and family members may also participate in the program. You must register your Heinen's card each year to participate.

We are collecting **Box Tops for Education** found on many household products. Turn them into one of the schools or to PizzaBOGO. We earn \$.10 for every box top!

Shop the **MarketPlace at boxtops4education.com**. Over 70 stores are available and the schools receive a percentage of what you spend.

PizzaBogo offers % of sales to PTO on Thursday nights during the school year. Mention Hudson PTO when ordering and receive a large pizza and salad for the price of a large pizza.



PTO earns **technology points** 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 15% discount on regular priced items or 5% on sale items. A percentage of the purchase is reimbursed to the schools.