

# PTO

## CONNECTIONS

Winter 2010



*Keeping you connected to Hudson PTO*

### ARE YOU READY FOR SOME PANCAKES!?

The Hudson PTO is hosting our 53rd Annual PTO Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 6, 2010. The morning is sure to be fun-filled and satisfying. The event will be at Hudson High School Commons from 8 am to 1 pm and includes all-you-can-eat-made-from-scratch **Perkins pancakes**, sausage, **coffee from Dunkin' Donuts**, and juice. Allergy alternatives will be provided. There will be live entertainment by student jazz, choir, percussion, orchestra and dance ensembles; a student art expo, children's games, raffles and prizes.

The Pancake Breakfast is our largest fund-raiser and the proceeds are returned to the Hudson schools throughout the year in the form of scholarships for students, grants for teachers and classroom supplies.

Tickets will be sold in February at The Learned Owl Book Shop and through 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. The PTO is actively seeking prize donations and volunteers to help in many ways with this event – planning, prize patrol and serving the community at the event.

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### HUDSON PTO WANTS YOU...

To come eat pancakes!

Get your tickets from your neighborhood students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades or pre-sale tickets at The Learned Owl Book Shop on Main Street.

To help pour, serve, and bus tables!

Contact Traci Miller at [traci.miller@windstream.net](mailto:traci.miller@windstream.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 with prize patrol to complete our awesome raffle baskets!

*Please help your PTO make this the best Pancake Breakfast ever!  
Questions to Peggy Carchia at [pcarchia@yahoo.com](mailto:pcarchia@yahoo.com) or 234.380.1591*

## Hudson PTO 53rd Annual Pancake Breakfast

Saturday  
March 6, 2010  
8 am – 1 pm

Hudson High School  
Commons

## FROM OUR PTO PRESIDENT

As we put together this winter edition of our PTO Connections newsletter, it's hard to believe January has come and gone. It seems like it was just a few weeks ago that our kids were starting another school year!

On behalf of PTO, I would like to thank you for your support of our organization. Your support enables us to provide many great activities and functions to the students as well as grants to the staff members for items used in the classrooms. Students are able to enjoy author visits, COSI on Wheels, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Square Dances, Movie Nights and Snuggle up and Read to name a few.

Our calendar is busy with activities for the remainder of the school year and we are asking for your continued support. If you are able to donate your time and help with an

activity at one of the schools, we would love to have you. Our schedule is printed in our PTO calendar as well as on our website [www.HudsonPTO.org](http://www.HudsonPTO.org). If you would like to get involved but are not sure whom to contact, please contact me at the email/phone listed below and I can get you to one of our School PTO Co-Head Reps or Committee Chairpersons.



Don't forget to mark your calendars now for the 53<sup>rd</sup> PTO Pancake Breakfast, on March 6<sup>th</sup> from 8am-1pm. This day is one filled with entertainment and good food. Hope to see you there!

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## FALL MINI-GRANTS AWARDED

In November, the Hudson PTO granted the following 16 mini-grants totaling \$5,423 to teachers throughout the Hudson schools. The money raised from our Run for the Schools and Membership Drive helped to fund these grants.

Evamere Elementary  
Heart Rate Monitor  
Fine Motor Skills Equipment

McDowell Elementary  
Headset for Podcasts  
Stress/Anxiety Relief Games  
Metric Pocket Scales

Hudson Middle School  
Cultural items, videos, activities  
Desert Animal Skull kit  
Medieval Battle of the Books

Ellsworth Hill Elementary  
Fine Motor Skills Equipment  
Materials for Marsh Path

East Woods  
Materials for Writing  
Science Court Software

Hudson High School  
Breathalyzer  
Styro Cutter/Wire/Polystyrene  
Spanish language books  
Prepared Slides for Life Sciences

Our next grant offering will be in the Spring with proceeds from our Pancake Breakfast. So please help support our students and teachers by attending the 53rd Annual PTO Pancake Breakfast.

## RUN FOR THE SCHOOLS RE-CAP



The PTO Run for the Schools held on October 4, 2009, hosted 125 registered runners. There were 19 area sponsors that offered financial and community support for the event. We had parents, teachers and cross country runners helping out. More than \$1,000 was raised at this event for the PTO School Grants and Scholarship Programs. Many thanks to Run Coordinator Laura Zaleski and all of her committee members for working so hard to make this a success! And thank you to the Hudson community for participating.

## HUDSON PTO HAPPENINGS



Thank you **Sherri Bevan Walsh**, Summit County Prosecutor, for conducting a compelling series of Safety Dialogs. In three sessions, Ms. Walsh discussed ways to keep your kids and family safe. The information was very helpful and interesting. If you were unable to attend the safety dialogs, please check the Hudson Cable TV schedule for additional broadcasts. Please visit the Summit County website for additional resources at [www.co.summit.oh.us](http://www.co.summit.oh.us).

East Woods  
Underground  
2/12

COSI  
2/10-5th Grade  
3/11-4th Grade

### Evamere Elementary

PTO Movie Nights  
1/29 and 2/5  
Snuggle Up and Read  
3/12

### McDowell Elementary

The PTO Mother/Son Square Dance in November was a success with one hundred "cowboys" and their moms swinging their partners and do-si-do-ing around the East Woods Gym. Thank you to all who helped make the event a huge success.

On 2/26, the girls from McDowell will have a chance to "lasso" their dads and mosey on down to the Father/Daughter Square Dance.

**Hudson Middle School** will enjoy a visit from author **Cinda Williams Chima** 2/9—10

### Hudson High School

Provided mints during October testing  
Served food to Career Night presenters in November  
PTO will provide refreshments for Sophomores during OGT testing in March

### Ellsworth Hill and McDowell

co-sponsored a Movie Night in January to beat the winter blues! Freshly popped corn was enjoyed by all!

## A WORD OF THANKS...



On behalf of the **Hudson PTO Halloween Window Painting Committee**, we wish to thank all the outstanding students who joined us for our 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Painting event. This project involved over 400 Hudson City Schools' students in grades 5 through 12.

We wish to thank the office staff at East Woods, Hudson Middle School, and Hudson High School. A special thanks to the East Woods art teachers Nancy Finster and Jamie Davis for all of their hard work in making this year's event another success.

Many thanks to the Rotary Club of Hudson and

Hershey's of Hudson (owners Michael Freedman and Margaret Susong) for their monetary donations.

A huge thanks to all the Hudson Merchants who donated their windows.

Finally we would like to thank all the students and their parents for sharing their creativity, time, and fine artwork in making this Hudson PTO tradition a great success.

Mary Apicella and Melissa Snyderman and the Halloween Window Painting Committee 2009

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](http://www.hudsonpto.org)

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Updates for or questions about *PTO Connections*, please contact Becky Hinkle at [musthink@windstream.net](mailto: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](http://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.