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Please remember to send in to your child's teacher or the front office your volunteer database questionnaire.

Next PTO Meeting

Tuesday September
16th
3:30pm in the
library

- Lots of Fall Fest talk
- Committee progress reports
- Principal's report

Keep in touch

In an attempt to keep as many people as possible informed about PTO happenings, we plan on releasing a newsletter the week after each meeting. This will serve to recap the highlights as well as a "bulletin board" for each committee to post their progress & needs. The newsletter of course can't take the place of attending a meeting, but hopefully it will serve to keep more parents in the loop. If you miss a meeting, or a semester's worth of meetings, there's always room for you to jump back in.

Money matters

Mr. Hooper proposed the 2008-09 budget which was then explained and later approved. Due to overwhelming response to the school supply program, we have doubled the projected amount that we will have to spend on a major campus project.

Principal Richterman creates a running wish list throughout the year and in early Spring the PTO funds the project at the top of the list. Currently, that project is to outfit our outdoor amphitheatre with lights, a sound system, and sun shades to make this asset of our campus more easily useable.

Important Dates

- September 17- Early dismissal
12:30
- September 22- Cookie Dough
Sale Kick-off
- September 25- Math Olympics
Night 6:30

Mark Richterman, BRCVPA Principal

Fall Festival

The date has been set for this year's Fall Fest.

Mark Your Calendars!!!
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7th
4:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Last year, one of the most popular rides was a hayride. In order to keep this ride going, we are looking for a four-wheeler, trailer, and someone to drive it. Contact Torii or Lisa if you can help. Also, letters to give to businesses to solicit booth sponsorships are available in the front office.

Committees

If you are able to help with something mentioned in the newsletter or if you would like to volunteer for a committee, here is each committee's chair and contact info:

Fall Fest- Torii Freeman
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Grounds- Mattie Coxe
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Public Relations- Suzanne Marva
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Employee Appreciation- Kara Still
karastill@gmail.com and
Jenni Thibodaux
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Fundraising- Kara Mahoney
kara_mahoney@praxair.com

Volunteer Coordination- Jenni Thibodaux and Anne-Marie Scott

Yearbook

This year the yearbook will be published in hardback, and the price will remain the same at \$25. Anne-Marie is asking for parents to pass along any snapshots from sharing sessions or other school activities.

“The essence of all beautiful art, all great art, is gratitude”- Nietzsche

Employee Appreciation Committee
Kick-Off Lunch/ Meeting
Friday, Sept. 5 from 11:30-12:30
Lunch provided in the BRCVPA library

We are grateful for the many talented PARENTS we have here at BRCVPA and we NEED YOUR help showing our gratitude to the teachers and staff! Join our committee and help paint a picture of our thanks. Everyone can play a part, no role is too small, WE WANT YOUR PERSPECTIVE! Please join us at our Kick Off lunch or email Kara karastill@gmail.com or Jenni at pjac@pjthibodaux.com if you would like to be involved but can not meet.

Stop feeding you children!

If over 350 children consistently eat lunch in the cafeteria each day, the school board will allow us to once again cook our own food rather than having it trucked in from a satellite kitchen. The satellite program was started three years ago. So far this year it looks like we're on track to cooking our food again.

2008-2009 PTO Meeting Schedule

Tuesday August 19th 7:00
Tuesday September 16th 3:30
Tuesday October 21st 3:30

Tuesday January 20th 7:00
Tuesday March 17th 3:30
Tuesday April 21st 3:30

** Mrs. Hale has generously offered to watch our kids during the afternoon meetings. Just drop them off with her in first grade room 4 **

Remember to check the bulletin board outside of the front office for PTO news and a new PTO teacher wishlist.

Box Tops and CC's

Be on the lookout for a handout from our Box Top committee detailing more ways to take advantage of the Box Top program. Please remember to cut to the line when clipping Tops. Those not cut to the line are not accepted by the program.

CC's "Cash for Schools" program is no longer accepting receipts from their coffeehouses. Please stop in, purchase a loyalty card ie. gift card, register it online, and then your purchases will earn money for our library. UPC codes from CC products are still valuable and accepted.

Public Relations

The bulletin board to the right of the front office has been turned into a community arts resource. Check it out for event dates and auditions happening in the BR arts community.