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EAST MEADOWS

Be Sure To Read Both Sides!

Elementary

Don't
Forget to
turn in your
boxtops!

Every Friday will be:

SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY!

So please encourage your students to wear the school colors, maroon and green, or the school shirt! A class is chosen each week and awarded a prize!!

Green Means GO SAFELY!

October 3-7 2011

Monday: "GREEN Means GO Safely!" - Sign your pledge & return it Tuesday. *We'll be tying green ribbons to our backpacks in class together.

Tuesday: "Fitness is Fabulous" -Enjoy an action-packed assembly

Wednesday: National "Walk to School Day" - Students & families please join in!

Thursday: "Safety is Crazy Fun!" - Wear crazy socks today & remember safety.

Friday: "GO GREEN Day" - Wear GREEN for safety and Spirit Day.

Reflections

"Diversity Means..."

Entries will be due October 5.

Entries may be submitted in any of the following categories:

Dance
Music Composition
Theater
Visual Arts

Literature
3 Dimensional
Photography
Video

(Parents may want to take a minute to help their children understand the word "Diversity" before they begin their projects)

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year! we are so excited to begin another year. My name is Wendi Barton and I will be serving as the PTA President. East Meadows is so fortunate to have such a supportive community. I personally have seen hours and hours given by so many parents, families and community members. We are so grateful for that service. In this monthly newsletter, I hope to keep everyone informed, involved, and interested in the happenings at East Meadows Elementary. Here are a couple of answers to questions we have been asked as the school year has begun:

Why Join PTA?

The Utah PTA mission statement is to help every child to realize his full potential and will:

Advocate: Support and speak on behalf of children and you,

Involve: Encourage positive involvement in all facets of a child's life

Develop: Assist in developing skills to raise and protect children and youth.

I feel that being a member of PTA is a great way to stay involved and have a voice with our school. Our PTA is constantly working to support and give to East Meadows so that the needs of our children are being met.

Do I Have to Volunteer When I Become a Member of PTA?

Although we appreciate any time and effort given by community members and families, we know that schedules are busy these days. Becoming a member of PTA is not a full time job. Remember that "many hands make light work." John Heywood

The Utah PTA organization has launched a new campaign called, "THREE for ME." This program is urging all parents to give three hours a year to help in our elementary. Imagine the impact we could have on our children if we gave these three hours. This could be going on a field trip, helping in a class for a holiday party, contributing your time to a PTA activity, serving on the local PTA board, and the possibilities are endless. The local basketball star, Jimmer Fredette, has urged us all to "come play with the PTA!" Watch his video at the link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s-MAAUB2IvA&feature=youtu.be> or search you tube with "Jimmer PTA."

What Do I Get From PTA?

Our goal, as East Meadows PTA, is to get parents involved in their child's education and school activities. Once you become a member of PTA, there are some other incentives to take advantage of. Many sports teams here in Utah will offer discounts to members of the PTA and their families, Salt Lake Bees, ReAl Salt Lake, Orem OWLZ, Utah Blaze, Utah Grizzlies, and Ogden Raptors are a few. We also know of some local businesses that will offer a percentage discount for showing your membership card. Check out utahpta.org for more information.

How Do I Become A Member?

It is not too late! The PTA membership fee is \$5.00 and if you have signed up already, THANK YOU! If you have not signed up, we would love to have you come into the office during school hours and receive your PTA membership card. As an incentive, we have a free appetizer card from TEXAS ROADHOUSE to all those who become members.

Thank you for supporting East Meadows and we look forward to having a great year! If you have any questions, concerns, or feel like you can be more involved, please feel free to email me at: 118-pta@nebo.edu

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