



Parent Advisory Council

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# The Discovery PAC Newsletter

## PAC News

### Sustainability

Please be sure to read the attached sustainability newsletter! Also, we need leaves for the school compost bin. If you have any leaves to spare, please leave them in bags by the compost bin.

### Discovery Art

Volunteers are still needed for Mrs. Phelps' 1st grade and Mrs. Michalak's 1st grade. Please contact Annette Hansen 219-241-7431 for more information.

### Halloween Party Gift Cards

\$25 Wal-Mart gift cards are now available in the school office for room parents to use for Halloween party supplies. Any cards not picked up by October 26<sup>th</sup> will be donated to the teachers.

### Classroom Party Totes

Please use the party ware and napkins for any class party rather than disposable plates, cups and napkins. We are aware that some of the older classes are missing party totes - we will distribute those totes as soon as possible. Questions? Contact Jenifer Krizmanic Wilson at [krizmanic@aol.com](mailto:krizmanic@aol.com).

## Pizza Fundraiser

October is National Pizza Month! PAC is selling 5-inch Gelsosomo's pizzas (cheese, pepperoni or sausage) for \$4 each. Flyers, order forms and envelopes are being sent home today. Orders are due Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> and pick-up is on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 12-5 p.m. at the Chesterton Gelsosomo's. Questions? Contact Kristen Byrt at 219.617.9782 or [kmz954@netzero.com](mailto:kmz954@netzero.com).

## Pancake Breakfast

PAC is hosting a pancake breakfast **Saturday, October 15 from 7 - 10:30 a.m.** Please plan on stopping by school before heading off to your activities for the day. The winner of the tree photography contest will be unveiled at the breakfast, and wearable art made from recycled Discovery t-shirts will be available for sale. **All proceeds from this breakfast will benefit the Discovery Art program.** If you are interested in helping out (set up, washing dishes, clean up) please contact Jeny Burkhart at [jenniferburkhart@rocketmail.com](mailto:jenniferburkhart@rocketmail.com).

## This Week's Highlights

### Monday

**Tuesday** Cross Country practice after school until 5 p.m.

PAC meeting 7 p.m. in the school library

### Wednesday

**Thursday** Cross Country practice after school until 5 p.m.

### Friday

**Saturday Pancake Breakfast 7-10:30 a.m.**

Cross Country meet at 9:00 a.m. at St. Stan's Catholic School

### Fundraising News

**SCRIP:** What is SCRIP? The term "Scrip" is used to describe certificates that the school purchases at a discount and sells at face value for a profit. The discount ranges from 2% up to 25%. The Scrip certificates are actually store gift certificates and **cost you nothing extra to buy**. The scrip is used at the store in place of cash, checks or credit cards. **We are selling SCRIP in the school lobby every MWF from 7:45 - 8:30 a.m.**, so that you can buy your SCRIP before heading out to get gas or shop. We now have a larger in-stock inventory, including gas cards, Lands' End, Pizza Hut, Dunkin Donuts, and more. Please consider supporting the school through this easy program - **there is no out of pocket cost to you**. SCRIP orders (sent to school via the green envelopes) are due Mondays by 3:30 p.m. Questions? Contact Tricia Kuiken at [triciakuiken@gmail.com](mailto:triciakuiken@gmail.com).

**Box Tops and Campbell's Soup Labels:** We collect these throughout the year, so please be sure to save them and send them in periodically to the school office.

### 4-H News

Our next 2 meetings will be held at the Library Service Center in Chesterton, 100 W. Indiana Ave. on Wed. Oct. 12 and Nov. 9 from 2-3 p.m. Please remember to bring a snack; K-2 parents are asked to stay for the meeting. We will be taking nominations for 2011/12 Club Executive Board Positions during the Oct. meeting and elections will be held during the Nov. meeting.

### Discovery Art

If you have an artificial Christmas tree to donate for our "Trees Around the World" Art project, please contact Annette Hansen at 219-241-7431 or [fairymama@hughes.net](mailto:fairymama@hughes.net). Trees will be returned or donated after the holidays.

### PAC Officers

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### Upcoming Events

**October 11:** PAC meeting 7 p.m. in the school library

**October 14:** Tree photography contest entries due

**October 15:** Pancake Breakfast 7 - 10:30 a.m. in the school cafeteria. All proceeds to benefit Discovery Art.

**October 19:** Coffee Chat 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. School Board meeting 6:30 p.m.

**October 21:** Class birthday parties; please arrange times with individual teachers. Pizza orders due.

**October 26:** Halloween class parties

**October 31:** next Box Tops deadline

**November 6:** Pizza pick-up at Gelsosomo's in Chesterton from 12-5 p.m.

### Getting Involved

Are you looking to get involved at the school but aren't sure where to start? Come to a PAC meeting to find out all of the events and/or programs that we support. Our next PAC meeting is tomorrow, **Tuesday, October 11 at 7 p.m. in the school library**. Can't attend? Email any one of the PAC officers to see where you can help!