



Parent Advisory Council

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The Discovery PAC Newsletter

PAC News

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 26th 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.

Room parents are responsible for cleaning the party totes and its contents after each use. The reusable napkins can be washed with your regular laundry, but cotton is much more absorbent if it does NOT have softener added in the dryer. Bleach is not necessary if they are washed the night they come home. A small amount of bleach can be used yearly to brighten them, although line drying in the sunshine would do the same thing.

Questions? Contact Jenifer Krizmanic Wilson at krizmanic@aol.com.

Drama Club

Attached to this email is a solicitation letter and order form for advertising space in our program for our first musical performance on Friday Nov. 11th and Saturday Nov. 12th. Please consider placing an ad in the program to support our very own Discovery students. Be sure to forward this letter to your family, friends and neighbors.

Pancake Breakfast

PAC is hosting a pancake breakfast next **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.

This Week's Highlights

Monday

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

Wednesday Cross Country meet at 5:30 p.m. at Lakewood Rogers Park, Valparaiso

Thursday Cross Country practice at Liberty Middle School until 5 p.m.

Friday

Saturday Cross Country meet at 9:00 a.m. at Queen of All Saints, Michigan City

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.

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.

Cross Country Club

Congrats to Discovery's Cross Country Club! Their hard work has paid off. During last weekend's meet, Discovery runners took 1st place in: 2nd grade boys (Kristofer Lecy), 4th grade girls (Morgan Hull), 5th & 6th grade girls (Courtney Krol), and 5th & 6th grade boys (Sam Stazinski). Overall 11 runners placed in the top 5 in their events. The 5th & 6th grade girl's event was a moment of great school pride as we took 4 of the top 5 places.

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.

October 26: Halloween class parties

October 31: next Box Tops deadline

