



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 26<sup>th</sup> will be donated to the teachers.

### Classroom Party Totes

Cloth napkins were distributed to each class that should be added to the party tote. 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](mailto:krizmanic@aol.com).

## This Week's Highlights

### Monday

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

**Wednesday** PAC to provide snacks for teacher PD session

School Board meeting 6:30 p.m. in the library

### Thursday

### Friday

**Saturday** Cross Country meet at 9:00 a.m. Kesling Middle School, LaPorte

## Fall Fest 2011

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Fall Fest another successful event! We couldn't have done without all of the parents and teachers who came and volunteered their time. Thank you also to those who donated baked goods for the cake walk.

Thank you to all of the teachers who came to judge the chili cook off and apple pie bake off, and thanks to the families who donated the chili and pies. Congratulations to Sam and Sydney Stazinski who won both categories, and to their grandparents, who helped them create their culinary masterpieces!

**Scarecrow Contest:** Mrs. DeNormandie's class scarecrow came in 1<sup>st</sup> place with 193 votes. They have won a pumpkin carving session with Mrs. Poplawski! 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Ms. Candiano's class, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Miss Allison's class. Congratulations to all of the classes (and room parents) for all of their hard work!

**Pumpkin-growing contest:** Congratulations to Julia Hunter, who received 1<sup>st</sup> place for growing the largest pumpkin, and to Lucas Davis for taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place! They have each received AMC gift cards.

**Fall Fest T-Shirts:** We completely sold out of Fall Fest t-shirts! Due to popular demand, **we will be taking orders for additional shirts.** Attached to this email is an order form - please return your order with payment to the school office by **Monday, October 3rd.** Questions? Contact Melissa Healy at [healyfamily5@gmail.com](mailto:healyfamily5@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.

## Fundraising News

**SCRIP:** SCRIP orders are due Mondays at 3:30 p.m. Orders will then be filled by Friday of the same week. **SCRIP envelopes, one for each school family, will be distributed via backpacks.** Send in these envelopes with a completed order form and payment to the school office on Mondays, and your order will be returned to you in the same envelope on Friday of the same week. **Beginning October 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be offering SCRIP office hours in the school lobby every MWF from 7:40 - 8:30 a.m.,** so that you can buy your SCRIP before heading out to get gas or shop. We are also going to have a larger in-stock inventory, including gas cards, Lands' End, Pizza Hut, Dunkin Donuts, and more. Questions? Contact Tricia Kuiken at [triciakuiken@gmail.com](mailto:triciakuiken@gmail.com).

## Drama Club

T-shirts are for sale for \$10; all participating kids must order one by Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. Extra copies of order forms are available in the school office.

Rehearsals this week:  
Monday 3:30-5 Music Room  
Wednesday 2:50-4 Music Room  
Friday 3:30-5 Library

Attached to this email is a list of props and costumes that we need for our show. Please bring in any donations to the school office by October 14<sup>th</sup>.

## PAC Officers

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## Upcoming Events

**September 30:** Class birthday parties; please arrange times with individual teachers.

**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. All proceeds to benefit Discovery Art.

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

**October 26:** Halloween class parties

**October 31:** next Box Tops deadline



Thanks to all of those who came out to help with Heritage Days Sept. 17-18<sup>th</sup>. The weekend was a lot of fun!

