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"Home of the Wolves"

Three Oaks Elementary School PTA Newsletter

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Welcome back!

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A NOTE FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT

Welcome back to our returning Three Oaks families and to new families. We are thrilled to have you be a part of such a wonderful school.

Most of the PTA Executive Board is new to the PTA this year, including me. We enter the year with such enthusiasm and hope to plan many wonderful family events for our Three Oaks students. Events cannot run smoothly without a pool of volunteers and people who are willing to step up and take a lead. We ask each family to donate three hours of their time toward an event and in return, you will reap the benefits tenfold of the students who will be proud of your efforts. Research shows a strong PTA has been linked to increases in student academic success.

We welcome you to all our PTA Board meetings, the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to not only find out what events are being planned and how you can volunteer, but is also a great way to get to know other people who attend your school. You have a voice and this is a forum in which you can share your ideas.

PTA membership dues are a vital part of a successful PTA program. Please take a moment to fill out the membership envelope and send it in right away! Help us be the first school at the Beach to reach 100%! Membership is \$5.00 per student.

The PTA Board has chosen to offer "Stress-Free Fundraising" again this year. The cost has been reduced to \$15 donation per child. The goal is to have a donation made for every student in the amount of \$15, and with 100% full participation, this is the only PTA fundraiser this year. If you have more than one child enrolled at Three Oaks, we ask that you contribute the full donation for each child. If that's too much, we appreciate any amount you can contribute. If you or someone you know has the means to support another child's \$15 donation, please encourage them to do so. We also accept company or business donations!

Lastly, you are invited to attend our Pastries for Parents on the mornings of September 25th and 26th. This short open house is a great way to start your day with light pastries with your child while meeting other Three Oaks families. This special event is free to you, courtesy of the PTA.

Speaking for the PTA Executive Board, we are looking forward to meeting you and working with you this coming year. Do not hesitate to contact any of us with questions, suggestions, and concerns at any time. The PTA web site has ways to contact all Executive Board members.

Sincerely,

Hildy Boardman
PTA President
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PASTRIES FOR PARENTS

September 25 and 26

Calling all parents! Help your students start the day off right with some good food and a little quality time. Our annual Pastries for Parents will be held between **7:15 - 8:00 a.m.** on September 25th (last names A-L) and September 26th (last names M-Z). Mingle with your children and meet some of our other fabulous Three Oaks parents! Simply return the form which will be coming home soon to your child's teacher no later than September 17th, and we'll save a spot for you. If you haven't already done so, you'll also have an opportunity to join the PTA and participate in the Stress-Free Fundraiser. We look forward to seeing you!

Thank you in advance for your help. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions.

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CORPORATE PROGRAMS

Fall into Savings with Box Tops, Campbell's Labels & Farm Fresh Receipts!



Our corporate savings programs are in full swing for fall savings! Please remember to clip and save all those Box Tops, Campbell Soup labels and Farm Fresh receipts and help our school rake in the money.

Campbell's labels require the barcode as well as the Kid icon for credit, and only those Farm Fresh receipts dated from September 1st qualify. Please send all submissions to school in an envelope or Ziploc bag labeled with your child's name and teacher's name in order to ensure proper credit for contests during the year. Collection bins are located outside the cafeteria doors.

Let's fall into big savings this year for Three Oaks Elementary!

Diana Counts
Corporate Programs Chair
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STRESS-FREE FUNDRAISER

Are you tired of selling and feeling you are always hitting up friends and family to buy candles, wrapping paper and coupon books, etc.? Me too! That is why our Three Oaks Stress-Free Fundraiser is so great! It takes all of those selling worries away! The program is so simple. All you have to do is send in \$15.00 per child and you are covered for fundraisers for the entire school year! Amazing? You bet! The only catch is, if we do not receive enough fundraising money, we will be forced to sell something in the spring. So dig deep and give, to save you time and stress. Back to School night brought us 20% closer to our goal, so let's all work together to bring that percentage up for the month of September. I know we can do it. I have faith in our Three Oaks ES community!!!

Christie Hines
VP Ways and Means

Stress-Free Fundraiser Form

Name: _____

Child(ren) Name(s): _____

Teacher / Grade(s): _____

Amount Donated: \$ _____

PERFECTIONS PROGRAM 2008

Reflections is a nationwide program promoting the arts. All students are encouraged to enter. Applications are available at school. Entries must be received by October 17.

Imagine . . . Dream . . . Create . . . Express

Yourself through the Arts



Categories include



Dance Choreography, Film/Video Production,
Photography, Literature,
Visual Arts and Music Composition.

Student's creative ideas should
interpret the theme:
"WOW"

For more information on this program,
please visit www.vapta.org



Stasha Mesapezzo and Tracey Wernikowski
PTA Reflections Chairpersons



**Brag Tag
Reading Logs**
Keep reading and filling
out your reading logs.

COUNTRY FAIR

Saturday, October 25th

Come join us at Three Oaks on October 25th from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. for the annual Country Fair. This is a huge event with lots of things going on from classroom basket giveaways, to pie baking contests, to games and dancing and so much more.

We are looking for a chairperson to organize this event and plenty of volunteers who want to help out!

Contact:
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HOSPITALITY NEWS

The Back to School Staff Luncheon was held on August 29th. It was so nice to see everyone's smiling faces again. Thank you to everyone who made the luncheon successful. We are so grateful to all of you who donated food and your time to make this a special return for our staff. A special thank you to the PTA Executive Board who hosted this event.

We are seeking people who are willing to host a hospitality event or to coordinate the recognition of staff on their specified date throughout the year, such as Bus Drivers Day, Nurse's Day, Counselor Day, Teacher Appreciation Week, etc. Please contact Hildy Boardman, 301-9336, the4ofus@cox.net if you are interested.



attention 5th grade parents

It's Never Too Early to Plan a Party!

Calling all 5th grade parents!
(4th grade parents interested for next year)

We need to form a committee focused on the planning of 5th grade promotion activities. We will meet soon to discuss how we will celebrate and raise funds. If you have ideas or would be interested in serving, contact Pamula Poteet at 427-0531 or ppoteet1@cox.net.

Chairpersons: Pamula Poteet and Mike Glaubke

Scholarships

**Three Oaks PTA Awards Scholarship
to Deserving Senior!**



Congratulations to Meghan Schweers, the recipient of the 2008 Three Oaks PTA Scholarship. Meghan graduated from Ocean Lakes High School in June. She is attending the University of Mary Washington where she will be majoring in historic preservation.

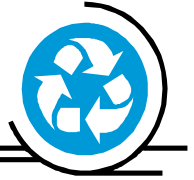
The Three Oaks Elementary PTA will again this year award a \$500.00 scholarship to a deserving high school senior who has a sibling who has attended Three Oaks Elementary School or a senior who has volunteered at Three Oaks. More information about this will be in future newsletters.

The PTA would like to give a special thank you to those who served on the scholarship selection committee last May.



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RECYCLING PROGRAM

The PTA will be collecting ink desk cartridges, laser printer cartridges and cell phones this year and recycling them for a small rebate. All items cannot be remanufactured. There is a blue recycling box next to the PTA table outside the entrance to the cafeteria. Please help us teach our students the importance of recycling appropriately.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- PTA Board Meeting**
September 8, 7 pm
- Pastries for Parents**
September 25 and 26
- School Picture Day**
September 30
- Progress Reports Issued**
October 6
- PTA Board Meeting**
October 13, 7 pm
- Reflections Program Deadline**
October 17
- Country Fair**
October 25, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Report Cards Issued**
November 7



Beautification Committee

The Beautification Committee meets a couple times a year to clean up the school's grounds, weed flower beds and plant flowers and trees. Anyone who is interested in serving on this committee, please contact me with your name, phone number and/or email address, and I'll add you to the list as projects arise.



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SUPPORT the PTA ~ Join Today!

THREE OAKS ELEMENTARY OVERNIGHT CAMPOUT WITH MS. HANNAH

Do you want to campout with Ms. Hannah at the school? Then camp into PTA Membership and you will be eligible to have a campout on the school grounds with Ms. Hannah. Membership dues are \$5.00 per child. \$2.50 goes to the state and national PTA . The other \$2.50 stays with Three Oaks, which provides us the first funds we have to start providing programs for the kids, staff and families. This is not much. In order to reach our goal, every child at Three Oaks needs to be sponsored by an adult. If you have two children, please purchase two memberships. Also, please consider joining and sponsoring a child whose parents might not have the opportunity to join or for some reason are not able to. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Three Oaks Elementary PTA Membership Form

_____ members x \$5.00 Enclosed \$ _____ Check# _____

Adult Member's Name _____

Address _____ zip _____

Phone _____ email _____

Additional Adult Member Names _____

Child's Name _____ Teacher _____

Child's Name _____ Teacher _____

Child's Name _____ Teacher _____



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