

PTO PIPELINE

DATES TO REMEMBER

GILLETTE SCHOOL

- NOV 18 - PICTURE RETAKES
- NOV 18 - PIZZA DAY
- NOV 20 - ICE CREAM/BLUE&GOLD DAY
- DEC 2 - BAGEL DAY
- DEC 4 - ICE CREAM
- DEC 9 - PIZZA DAY
- DEC 16 - BAGEL DAY
- DEC 22 - PIZZA DAY

MILLINGTON SCHOOL

- NOV 13 - PIZZA FRIDAY
- NOV 18 - PICTURE RETAKES
- NOV 18 - O'BAGEL
- NOV 20 - PIZZA/ICE CREAM/
BLUE&GOLD DAY
- DEC 2 - BENSI
- DEC 4 - PIZZA/ICE CREAM/
COMFY CLOTHES DAY
- DEC 9 - BLIMPIE
- DEC 11 - PIZZA FRIDAY
- DEC 15 - ASSEMBLY "THE MAYHEM POETS"
- DEC 16 - AMERICA ON RYE
- DEC 18 - PIZZA FRIDAY

CENTRAL SCHOOL

- NOV 13 - BENSI
- NOV 13 - 7th & 8th GRADE DANCE
- NOV 20 - BLIMPIE
- DEC 4 - NATALE'S
- DEC 11 - AMERICA ON RYE
- DEC 15 - ASSEMBLY "THE MAYHM POETS"
- DEC 18 - O'BAGEL
- DEC 21 - SPORT PIZZA DAY

ALL SCHOOLS

- NOV 25 - 4 HOUR SCHEDULE
- NOV 26 & 27 - THANKSGIVING RECESS
- DEC 22 - 4 HOUR SCHEDULE

NOTE FROM PTO PRESIDENTS

By the time November comes, we all feel like we are finally able to once again take a deep breath. The back-to-school craziness has subsided and holiday preparations are still a few weeks away. This month, however, promises only a false lull because, at our schools, there is still plenty of activity happening around us!

So far this year, the PTO has had two meetings and has received (and already approved) a number of requests from our teachers and principals for items that they would like to have for use in their classrooms. We are able to assist our educators in this way as a result of the generosity of those who give of their time and those who support the PTO's fundraisers. It is important for everyone to understand how the organization works and have an opportunity to voice an opinion in how any money raised is then spent. Why not come to the November 18th PTO meeting for the opportunity to hear about those requests and to vote on them? Your voice is important to us and you can make a difference.

We hope to see you on Wednesday, Nov. 18th at 7PM in the Millington School Library. Jena Rae and Tricia O'Meara
PTO Co-Presidents

FALL BOOK FAIRS ARE COMING

The Fall Book Fair will take place at all three schools on Wednesday, December 2 & Thursday, December 3. Gillette hours will be from 9:00-3:00 both days. At Millington, hours will be from 9:00-6:00 on Wednesday and 9:00-3:00 on Thursday. Central hours will be 8:30-2:45 both days. Wednesday is a preview day when students can browse and create a wish list. Thursday is purchase day. Parents are welcome to come in and purchase either day.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers for 3rd Grade International Day at Millington School. Please contact Sue Dudzinski if you can help!

GIFTWRAP UPDATE

We have now completed our Giftwrap Fundraiser (although you can still order online at www.Innisbrook.com using school code 117396). Thanks to your generous support we earned almost \$6,500.

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 • Giftwrap pickup will be at Millington School
 • on Thursday, Nov. 19 from 3:15 to 7pm.
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UPCOMING PTO MEETING

NOV 18 at 7:00 PM in the Millington School Library.
 All are invited. Please join us!

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

American Education Week is November 16-20. All students have been given a schedule of when parents can visit their child's classroom and observe lessons in progress. Get involved - come see our classes in action!

THANK YOU!

Special thanks to Lombardo Farms of Gillette for helping the PTO to provide pumpkins for all 1st graders to decorate at their Halloween parties.

FOURTH GRADERS MAKE-A-BOOK

This year's fourth grade Make-a-Book project will take place during the week of November 16th. Each student will assemble a book that can be used for a journal, writing stories, illustrations or a number of other creative ideas.

The fourth graders would like to thank John Stanulonis of FASTFRAME for donating the matboard needed to complete all the book covers for this project. Please be sure to drop by FASTFRAME in the Valley Mall and show your appreciation.

CENTRAL SCHOOL NOTES

- ❖ There is a 7th & 8th grade dance this Friday, November 13th. The first 6th grade fun night was well attended and fun for all.
- ❖ Chaperones are needed for the following 7th and 8th grade dances: 12/ ? (tbd), 1/22, 2/19, 3/19, & 4/16.
- ❖ Victorian Day (7th grade) is in danger of being cancelled if we do not get a co-chair and additional general volunteers.
- ❖ We are also looking for someone to chair or co-chair Medieval Day (6th grade), as well as volunteers to help on that day. Chaperones and volunteers can email Tracy Tedesco at ttbeano@verizon.net.
- ❖ SPORT is sponsoring Pizza Wednesdays. Orders are taken each Tuesday; online ordering is not yet available.

INK CARTRIDGE RECYCLING PROGRAM

Recycle your used inkjet and toner cartridges from your home and work printers and fax machines! We not only raise money to benefit the PTO and our schools but also save them from landfills and natural resources! Just drop off your used printer/fax ink and toner cartridges in one of the bins in all schools or at the Long Hill Public Library.

BOX TOPS EARN MONEY FOR LONG HILL TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

We have been devoted Box Top clippers! Our October submission was \$2000 – this is our collection from March to October 2009. Keep up the clipping and ask your family to help out too (perhaps raid a pantry or two during Thanksgiving break!) There are so many products with Box Tops: Ziploc, Cottonelle, Huggies, Avery, Hefty, and General Mills cereals, and many more. Take a look: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/clip/Brands.aspx>

There are collection boxes in all three school libraries for kids to drop off Box Tops. Your efforts pay handsomely.

Shop for the holidays and earn cash for our school. Go to www.boxtops4education.com, become a "marketplace" member and start shopping online! Staples, Target, Eddie Bauer, Lands' End, eToys, Leaps and Bounds, One Step Ahead, Oriental Trading, & Gap are just some of the great online stores that return from 2% to 7% of your purchases to the school. It's easy and there is no additional cost to you!

We are looking forward to our annual Box Top contest in February/March at Central School – The "Box Top Olympics".

Questions? Call Susie Harris (908) 604-2144.

GET THE WORD OUT

Do you have something you would like included in the next PTO Pipeline? Please send submissions by December 4 for the next issue to Christine Quinn at christinequinn@gmail.com. Thanks!