

Meridian Elementary PTSA 9.7.30

OCTOBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

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A BUSY SEPTEMBER

Wow, I cannot believe how fast this September went! There was a great turn out to the General Meeting on September 17th and another Membership Drive Basket was awarded to Jennifer Bautista. A lot of information was shared, the budget amended and we had the new Principal, LySander Collins, speak to our group. The minutes are being sent out and are also available by request by email to meridianptsa@hotmail.com

Our first event was a huge success! The "Sock Hop Dance" had over 100 children with parents or guardians in attendance. There was a sock donation drive for the Kent Area Council Clothing Bank and **340 pairs of socks were collected!!** Thank you to Faye Sotutu, Haley Pozzi, Suzie Ruth-Brown, Jennifer Bautista and many others for organizing and volunteering to hold that. There were a lot of smiles and great memories made!!

Also running is our Fall Fundraiser - The packets for 360 Degree Fundraising were sent out on September 18th and our budget for the year is dependent on the funds we are able to raise now.

Turn in date is October 5th

Send in your order sheet(s) and all money!

Ensure your child(ren) has his/her name on the order sheet when handed in. We are hoping for the fundraiser to make \$5,000-6,000 this year for our programs and special events.

There have already been 1,813 labels from **Box Tops for Education** and **Labels for Education**. This accounts for over \$2,000 per year of our budget, so keep them coming!! The September top contributor was Cole Sanford with 378 total submissions! Go class Peterson!!

Looking Ahead & Keeping Busy

There are Popcorn Fridays scheduled (Thank you Haley Pozzi for stepping into the chair position!!) and a Family Movie Night coming up fast-see the side panel for dates and times or go to our website at www.meridianptsa.org There is also a Board Business Meeting and all new Chairs, Committee Volunteers and Members are welcome to join us to make a difference for the students at Meridian Elementary.

Upcoming Dates

October 5

360 Fundraiser Ends
Turn in order forms
& all money collected

October 9

NO SCHOOL
Teacher workshop day

October 16

Popcorn Friday!!
Lunch Recesses
25 cents

October 19 – 22

Elementary Conferences
Early dismissal 12:30pm

October 19

PTSA Board Meeting
7:00pm
Jenn Carter's House

October 28

Late Arrival

October 30

Family Movie Night
"Casper"
6:00pm Doors Open
Costume Dress Up
No masks or toy weapons

October 28

Late Arrival

November 5

360 Fundraiser Limo&Pizza
Cookie Delivery Date

November 6

NO SCHOOL
Teacher workshop day

November 11

NO SCHOOL
Veteran's Day

Member Benefits

You will need your electronic member card available when taking advantage of benefits.

FedEx Office

Local PTAs and individual members can receive B&W copies at 4¢ each (single sided), color copies at 39¢ each (single sided), and 15% off all other production services. Members can use these special rates for *all* printing needs.

Great Wolf Lodge

PTA members can save up to 20% on available rates now - December 31! Upon check in, please provide your valid PTA member card. Call (866) 925-WOLF (9653)

KeyArena/McCaw Hall

Get priority access to some of the best sports and entertainment in Seattle! From discounted tickets to a family event or a private suite for your friends, Key Arena/McCaw Hall has what you are looking for!

Xfinity Arena at Everett

October 1-4: Ringling Bros & Barnum and Bailey: Built to Amaze.
October 17: EnduroCross

Fundraising

Opportunities

Benefit

Benefit is a free app that can be used to pay for your everyday purchases. A portion of your purchase goes directly back to your PTA. Retailers include Lowe's, Amazon, Target, Starbucks, and more! Learn more about Benefit on their website.

Clothes for the Cause

Clothes for the Cause will pay your group per pound for all of the clothes and shoes you collect. Clothes for the Cause will collect your donations and pay you within two weeks. Mention PTSA 2015 when scheduling and your PTA will receive a \$50 bonus toward your fundraising total.

ForTheSchools.com

Earn cash back for your PTA at 1,000+ stores. WSPTA members receive \$25 signup bonus! Go to their website or call (844) 352-5686.

Old Country Buffet

Old Country Buffet can help PTAs raise funds and bring family and friends together through a ticket fundraiser at your local Old Country Buffet.

Red Robin - Burgers for Better Schools

When you use your Red Robin Royalty account, your school can earn 1% of total sales (less fees and excluding tax and gift card purchases). Select your school and use your Red Robin Royalty account at participating Red Robin locations. Visit the Red Robin Website for more information.

Other

Information

Websites

www.meridianelemptsa.org

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www.wastatepta.org

Washington State PTA

www.pta.org

National PTA

www.kent.k12.wa.us/domain/408

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Kent School District