



PTC News

Fall, 2005

Mark Your Calendar

September 8:

Volunteer Orientation and our first PTC meeting. In the library at 7pm.
Childcare Available

September 9:

Back-to-School Bar-b-que 6-8pm
Family Movie Night 8:30-10pm
"A Bug's Life"

September 13:

Curriculum Night for grades K-2.
Childcare Available
6-7:30pm

September 20:

Curriculum Night for grades 3-5.
Childcare Available
6-7:30pm

October 4:

PTC Meeting at 7pm in the library.

Welcome to the Cedar Mill Parent-Teacher Club!

We hope you enjoyed the summer and are ready for a great year ahead. We welcome all new families and staff to our school community and look forward to seeing those of you returning. 2005-2006 promises to be an exciting year at Cedar Mill!

The Cedar Mill Parent Teacher Club (PTC) supports our school in many ways. Whether organizing assemblies, before- or after-school enrichment activities, Art Literacy, parent and/or family nights, school improvement projects, or teacher appreciation events, our objective is to foster a strong school environment both academically and socially. We will work closely with our teaching staff as well as Site Council to insure that our programs and activities support academic objectives as well as provide social events for students and their families.

Parent volunteers are key to our ability to support Cedar Mill. Even if you only have limited time to volunteer, we hope you will consider one of the many opportunities available. Our Volunteer Coordinators Laurie Maheu, Janet Vanoni, and Nancy Rad make it easy to know what is available and how you as a Cedar Mill parent can make our school strong.

If you are unable to attend a monthly PTC meeting but would like a copy of the minutes, they are always posted on the PTC bulletin board outside of the school office. Our Secretary, Gillian Dyall, would also be happy to e-mail them to you. We understand that schedules are busy and time is limited; we hope that by establishing this e-mail distribution list for the minutes, we can keep more people informed.

The Cedar Mill PTC welcomes you and we thank you in advance for your time, your talent, and your support. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions for the PTC, please feel free to contact either Co-President, Tracy Pierson or Sarah Thom.

2005-2006 PTC Meeting Schedule

All meetings will take place in the school library.

September 8, 7pm	*March 7, 3:15pm
*October 4, 3:15pm	April 4, 7pm
November 1, 7pm	May 2, 7pm
January 3, 7pm	June 6, 7pm
February 7, 7pm	

**We will be holding our October and March meetings after school to enable more staff to attend.*

Meet the Cedar Mill PTC Board Members...

Co-Presidents: Tracy Pierson and Sarah Thom

Tracy has children in kindergarten and 5th grade and is serving her second year as PTC co-president. She has previously served as Art Literacy coordinator.

This is Sarah's first year as co-president after having served two years as Ways & Means co-chair. Her kids are in 2nd and 4th grades.

The job of the co-presidents is to coordinate the work of all PTC officers and committees; to preside at PTC meetings and to represent the school at District meetings.

Volunteer Coordinators:

Laurie Mahue, Janet Vanoni & Nancy Rad

Laurie has a son in 4th grade. Her volunteer coordinator responsibilities include keeping a list of and helping recruit volunteers for school activities. This is Laurie's first year on the PTC board.

Janet is responsible for finding and communicating with classroom coordinators for the teachers. She is in her second year in this position and has children in kindergarten and 3rd grade. Janet also coordinates our Box Tops for Education program.

Nancy is also serving her second year as volunteer coordinator. Her job is to record and track volunteer hours, make volunteer nametags and provide occasional "goodies" for the volunteers. Her boys are in kindergarten and 3rd grade.

Board Member Contact Information

Board Position	Name(s)	Phone Number	E-Mail
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Co-Vice-Presidents:

Maryam Zare-Patel & Sandi McRae

The Co-Vice Presidents have the fun responsibility of coordinating the student enrichment programs funded by the PTC. These include, before and after school programs, lunchtime clubs, and enrichment assemblies.

Maryam is returning to this position after a very successful year last year. She has two boys in 1st and 5th grades.

This is Sandi's first year on the PTC board. Her daughter is in 1st grade.

Co-Ways and Means Chairs: Gail Bolte and Amy Corris

This is the first year on the PTC board for both Gail and Amy. Their job is to plan and execute the fundraisers necessary to meet our budgetary needs. Their plans this year include a fun-run and an auction.

Gail has a daughter in 2nd grade and a son in 4th grade.

In addition to having kids in kindergarten and 3rd grade, Amy is a Cedar Mill staff member! She is teaching 4th grade this year.

Treasurer: Desirea Muraoka

As treasurer, Desirea's job is to keep an accurate record of the PTC budget, receipts and expenditures. She presents a financial statement at each PTC meeting. This is her second year in this position.

Desirea has children in 2nd and 4th grades. She is also in charge of inventorying the Foss Science Kits for the Cedar Mill teachers.

Secretary: Gillian Dyall

Gillian is serving her second year as PTC secretary. She has daughters in 3rd and 5th grades and a son in kindergarten. She also coordinates volunteers for the school library.

As secretary, Gillian keeps minutes from all PTC meetings. She is also the resident expert on the PTC by-laws, committee lists and responsibilities.

What in the World is Passport Club?

Passport Club is a geography enrichment program that the PTC is funding at Cedar Mill, starting this year. It is a volunteer-run program in which students learn world locations are able to identify them on a map. The kids will participate in monthly test days where their efforts will be rewarded with a stamp for their "passports" as they travel the world.

Amanda Jahn is coordinating this exciting new program. Volunteers will be needed once a month for test days and also to be involved with the committee to help with preparation and organization. If you would like to be involved with Passport Club, contact Amanda.

Family Fun Festivities

One of the goals of the PTC is to provide fun, social activities for Cedar Mill students and their families.

This year we will host a series of free "Family Fun Nights," starting with an outdoor movie after the back-to-school bar-b-que on September 9. Other activities include a "Family Fun Olympics" and a second movie night.

Cindy Howard will be working with Mr. Stockwell to organize these exciting events. Contact her at (sleeponit1@yahoo.com) if you would like to help with the planning. We hope everyone can come join in the fun!

Student Enrichment

Our PTC Vice-Presidents, Maryam Zare-Patel and Sandi McRae have been hard at work organizing student enrichment classes and assemblies for the upcoming school year.

For this fall, they have tentatively booked after-school classes in art, drawing, French and theatre. Look for registration information to come home with the kids soon!

Some of the assemblies planned for this year include Imago Group, Rainbow Dance Theatre, Do Jump and Ballet Folklore.

Volunteer Leadership Still Needed

We're still looking for volunteers to take charge of several fun events. These are events that the kids look forward to every year and if no one volunteers to plan them, they can't happen. Contact our volunteer coordinator, Laurie Maheu if you are interested in planning the following events:

- Art Night
- School Dance (sock hop)
- Carnival

Art Literacy at Cedar Mill

Marc Chagall...Georges Seurat...Bev Doolittle...these are just a few of the artists our children will be introduced to this year as they study the theme of "color" in Art Literacy.

Art Literacy is a district-wide "artist-in-a-box" program. It is run by volunteers and supplements the excellent art education our kids receive at Cedar Mill.

Six times a year parent volunteers present lessons on an artist, along with a related art project. You don't have to be an artist or art historian to participate - we'll give you all the training you need! Contact Colleen Lay (thelays@comcast.net) if you would like



Advertise in the Cedar Mill Student Roster

For the first time, we will be selling advertising space in the Cedar Mill roster. You can promote your business to the more than 300 families in our school community. Contact Sheryl Moran, our roster coordinator, for more information (sherylmoran@yahoo.com).

2005-2006 Cedar Mill PTC Budget

A copy of the PTC budget and monthly financial reports are always posted on the PTC bulletin board outside the school office. If you have any questions about the budget, feel free to contact our treasurer, Desirea Muraoka.

Operating Budget:

Art Night	\$350.00
Bus Service to evening school events	\$500.00
Clothes Closet	\$300.00
Contingency Fund	\$250.00
Copy Paper for Office	\$500.00
Gotchas	\$200.00
Grounds Maintenance	\$150.00
Health room	\$100.00
Hospitality	\$150.00
Library	\$1,000.00
PTC Newsletter Printing	\$450.00
Paper Shredding Service	\$350.00
Parent Education	\$250.00
Read a Thon	\$500.00
Science Fair	\$700.00
Winter Dance	\$500.00
Staff Appreciation	\$400.00
Teacher Motivational Supplies	\$1,100.00
Volunteer Program	\$200.00

Student Enrichment:

5 th Grade Newspaper Fund	\$500.00
Art Literacy	\$900.00
Assemblies	\$2,000.00
Author Visit	\$500.00
Passport Club	\$500.00
Classroom Maps for Geography	\$2000.00
Total Classroom Funds*	\$10,000.00
*\$500 for each Classroom Teacher	
*\$250 for each Specialist and BLC Teacher	
Cultural Event	\$500.00

Additional Expenses:

Annual State Filing Fee	\$50.00
Reading Train	\$1,000.00
Art Fund	\$500.00

TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENSES \$26,400.00

Buying School Supplies?

There is a box in the school office to collect school supplies for children who may not be able to buy all of the supplies they need. If you can pick up a few extra items it would really help. Thanks!



Raising Funds for Our Kids!

The Ways and Means (fundraising) committee is working towards the goal of meeting our annual expenses and building a small reserve to be allotted for teacher wish lists and parents' requests for programs or items which may further the academics of the school.

We are planning two major fundraising events this year:

The Second Annual Cedar Mill Fun Run - On October 27 & 28, the children will have the opportunity to raise money for their school by running laps around the field. Last year's fun run raised almost \$9000 which went to a rock climbing wall in the gym and other PE and playground equipment. Best of all, the kids had a fantastic time helping their school and getting some exercise at the same time! It was really fun to see their enthusiasm as they ran!

The Third Annual Silent Auction - Our auction this year is being planned for February, 2006. We are very excited about the possibility of taking the auction off school premises. We would like this event to create bonds between families; parents can enjoy dinner or appetizers while participating in the auction. We think this would be a nice venue for the parents to concentrate on getting to know each other better.

Contact Gail Bolte (bolteny@comcast.net) if you are interested in participating on the fundraising committee.

Earn Free Money for Cedar Mill

There are many ways to raise "free money" for Cedar Mill all year long. The amounts may seem small on their own, but they add up fast. Every dime, nickel and quarter counts! Here are a few ways you can help by doing things you already do:

- If you shop at **Albertson's**, go to Albertsons.com and link your Preferred Savings card to the Community Partners program. Every time you shop Albertson's will give us a percentage of your purchase.
- If you use **Verizon** for your long distance phone service, call **1-877-XCREDIT** and register your phone number. Cedar Mill will get 5% of your monthly long distance bill.
- Do you have a checking account at **Washington Mutual**? Enroll in the **WaMoola for Schools** program and every purchase you make with your Visa Check Card will earn money for Cedar Mill. Call **1-866-WAMOOLA** or go to wamoolaforschools.com to enroll.
- Clip and Save those **General Mills Box Tops for Education**.
- Register and do your on-line shopping through **Schoolpop.com** or **Boxtops4education.com** and the merchants will donate a percentage of your purchase to Cedar Mill.
- If you buy **Foster Farms** chicken, check your package labels for **Fostering Education** logo and code. Enter the code; either on Fosteringeducation.com or over the phone and the Cedar Mill PTC will get the donation amount printed on the label.