



PTC News

Winter, 2006

Mark Your Calendar

January 26:

Chinese New Year Celebration, 6pm

February 3:

Family Movie Night 6:30-8:30

"The Incredibles"

Auction Poster Item Sign Ups

6-6:30 & 8:30-9

February 7:

PTC Meeting at 7pm in the library

February 11:

Cedar Mill PTC Auction

Cornelius Pass Roadhouse, 7pm

March 7:

PTC Meeting at 3:15 in the library

March 9:

Art Night 6:30-8:30pm

March 14 & 16:

Kindergarten Round-Up

March 22:

Science Fair Kick-Off

Happy New Year from the Cedar Mill PTC!

Happy New Year! We hope that your winter vacation was fun and relaxing and that you are back in the school routine. The Cedar Mill PTC was busy in the fall, and we're looking forward to an exciting winter and spring.

We are especially proud of our academic enrichment programs. The introduction of the Passport Club was a huge success. It's exciting to see students challenging themselves to learn the locations of new countries each month. Our Art Literacy team has continued to enhance Mrs. Whitehead's art curriculum with great presentation and art projects each month.

Another exciting new PTC program this year is our Family Fun Nights. Despite the chilly weather, we enjoyed watching "A Bug's Life" on the outdoor screen after the back-to-school bar-b-que in September. And the Family Olympics in November were a blast! Kids and parents alike enjoyed all the games and activities.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the efforts of our fundraising team. Our kids ran laps to raise \$5480 in the Fun Run this past October. Another \$1267 was brought in by our Sally Foster campaign. The fundraising committee is now hard at work planning our auction for February 11th. It promises to be a fun and

profitable event!

We often hear the question, "What does the PTC do with the money we raise?" A copy of the 2005/2006 budget is on the back of this newsletter, but here are some highlights of what we have spent so far this year:

- \$2293 has been reimbursed to teachers for classroom supplies
- \$1000 was spent on books and supplies for the school library
- \$1000 has been spent, so far, on new pull-down maps for our classrooms
- \$1400 was spent on PTC programs like Passport Club, Art Literacy, Family Fun Nights and Assemblies
- \$800 was spent on an In Focus projector for the teachers to use in the classrooms

The Cedar Mill PTC thanks you for your continued time, talent and 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.

2006 PTC Meeting Schedule

All meetings will take place in the school library.

February 7, 7pm

March 7, 3:15pm - *after school to enable more staff to attend*

April 4, 7pm

May 2, 7pm - *2006/2007 Board Member Elections*

June 6, 7pm - *2006/2007 PTC Budget Approval*

When Parents are Involved, Children Succeed and Schools Succeed!

For all of you Family Members and Friends that have had the opportunity to help out in Cedar Mill's classrooms, office, library and various committees; **THANK YOU!** *Cedar Mill volunteers logged a total of 2194 hours this past fall!* Whether it is a half-hour or a whole day, we truly appreciate the time you give to our school. In addition to helping out, you have probably met some of your children's great friends and some of Cedar Mill's wonderful staff. It's a big part of what makes Cedar Mill such a wonderful school!

This winter, in conjunction with Mr. Stockwell and the school staff and administration, we will be implementing a volunteer recognition program. Each month at the PTC meeting we will honor randomly chosen Cedar Mill volunteers.

Our PTC will have a few board members leaving in June after serving 2 years in their current positions. The available positions will be: 1 President, 1 Vice-President, 1 Secretary, 1 Treasurer and at least 1 Volunteer Coordinator. Contact any of the current board members if you are interested in any of these positions.

Sock Hop Cancelled - Carnival could be Next

Much to the dismay of the T-Birds and Pink Ladies, we were forced to cancel this year's Sock Hop because no one volunteered to organize it. Unfortunately, we currently have no chairperson for the Carnival either.

The carnival is always a fun reward for the kids at the end of a long school year; it would be a disappointment to many if we had to cancel it this year. If no one volunteers to organize the carnival, this is what will happen.

If you are interested in planning this fun event, contact Sarah Thom or Tracy Pierson. Carnival chairs from the past few years kept great records, so you won't have to re-invent the wheel!

If no one volunteers for this, we will vote at the March PTC meeting to remove the Carnival from the calendar.

Art at the Mill!

Mark the date...March 9th...it is going to be an incredible evening for the entire family! The art night committee has been busy inviting local artists to share their craft, as well as planning engaging "hands-on" art activities for Cedar Mill students and their families! We will be highlighting a variety of artistic disciplines...from clay creations to balloon creations. Northwest Children's Theatre will be running interactive workshops throughout the evening, the Oregon Symphony will be inviting students to experience their instrument "petting zoo," and high school artists will be demonstrating their craft, as well.

To top it off, every Cedar Mill student will exhibit a piece of art during this event and there will be student musicians to entertain us, as well. What else could you ask for? This jam-packed evening will run from 6:30-8:30. We look forward to seeing you there!

Passport Club

It has been smooth sailing for the Passport Club; the excitement has spread to all of Cedar Mill's students! They have been eager to learn and succeed as we explore the many countries to which Passport Club leads us.

Students are bringing home the study map that corresponds to their grade level (1st grade – level one, 2nd grade – level two, etc). But they always have the option to trade in their study map for a different level... just send them up to the office where there is a Passport Club map file next to the PTC mailbox.

Passport Club will be partnering with "Cultural Day" (March 17) to bring you exciting facts about Ireland. If you have any questions about Passport Club, contact Mandy Jahn (291-6954 or jahnfamily@comcast.net)

2006 Cedar Mill Annual Auction

We are very excited for the upcoming Cedar Mill Annual Auction on February 11, 2006 at 7pm. The Fundraising Committee was very creative with the planning of the auction. This year, the auction will be held at Cornelius Pass Road-house in the Octagonal Barn. The atmosphere is casual and warm. So put on your jeans and kick up your boots while enjoying country and western music, small plate o' fixin's and a no host watering hole!

The auction will be a combination of silent and live items. The Thompson family found an auctioneer for the event who will be donating his services that evening. It should be a fun way to rally up the crowd.

Each Cedar Mill class has taken the time to create unique craft items that will be auctioned live at the event. Don't miss your opportunity to take home that "one of a kind" piece of art.

There is still time for you to make your donation to the event. Do you have a business or service, a vacation home, airline mileage or anything that we could feature at the auction? If so, please contact Gail Bolte at bolteny@comcast.net or fill out the auction procurement form (find copies outside the Cedar Mill main office) and place it in the "Ways & Means" mailbox.

So leave the little buckaroos at home and join us for this great fundraising event! The cost is only \$25 per person.

The Luck 'O The Irish!

On St. Patrick's Day (March 17) we will celebrate "Cultural Day" at Cedar Mill. Our country of high-light this year will be Ireland.

The Cultural Day committee is still working to finalize plans for the day. We do have plans for an all school voluntary poster and essay contest. In the library we will have a shelf highlighting books about Ireland and Early American Immigration.

We are still in the planning stages, so more will follow in future weeks. Contact Desirea Muraoka if you would like to help plan this exciting event.

In subsequent years other "Early American" immigrant countries will be highlighted.

Family Movie Night Re-Scheduled for February 3, 6pm-9pm

First it was December, then January....now Family Movie Night *will* happen on Friday, February 3!

Bring your beach chairs and blankets and join us in the gym for popcorn and *The Incredibles*. Congratulations to Miss. Sparks' class for winning the Box Tops for Education contest in November and getting to chose the movie.

In addition to the movie, we will have sign-ups for the "poster items" from the auction. Since the auction this year is an adults-only event this is a great opportunity for the kids to sign up for fun activities with their favorite teachers! Sign-ups will be open 1/2 hour before and 1/2 hour after the movie.

Enrichment Update

The PTC Vice Presidents (Enrichment coordinators) have been busy organizing after school classes and Assemblies for our kids. We will be bringing another exciting Assembly to Cedar Mill on January 20th, titled *The Roots of*

Hip Hop, presented by Rainbow Dance Theater.

This winter term we have some familiar after school classes as well as some new ones. For the first time we are sponsoring a Lego Physics class offered by Saturday Academy. We are also going to continue our French, Art, Theater as well as Science classes.

We are looking into starting an after school chess club/class in the near future. Stay tuned...

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions about after-school enrichment classes or school assemblies, please contact Sandi McRae or Maryam Zare.

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:

Annual State Filing Fee	\$50.00
Art Fund	\$500.00
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
Family/Community Events	\$250.00
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
Read a Thon	\$500.00
Reading Train Books	\$1000.00
Science Fair	\$700.00
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
Cultural Event	\$500.00
Passport Club	\$750.00
School Pride Bracelets	\$638.00
Classroom Maps for Geography	\$2000.00
Total Classroom Funds*	\$9,500.00

*\$500 for each Classroom Teacher

*\$250 for each Specialist and BLC Teacher

Web Master Wanted!

We are looking for a volunteer to create and maintain a web site for the Cedar Mill PTC. A PTC web site could be a great tool to keep families informed of school events and activities - we just need someone with experience to help us get the ball rolling! If you can help, please contact Sarah Thom.

Beaverton School District Capital Bond Measure

As you may know, the Beaverton School District is the fastest growing district in the state. And with all of the new construction we see in our neighborhoods, Cedar Mill has the highest projected growth of any elementary school in the district. District demographers are expecting another 200 students within our boundaries by the time all planned construction is occupied. It's not hard to imagine what that means for Cedar Mill - serious crowding!

This is a big part of the reason the School Board is asking Beaverton voters to approve a \$195 million school bond on the May 16, 2006 ballot.

The bond includes money for improvements at Cedar Mill: replacing the roof, windows, plumbing, classroom sinks, countertops and fixtures; relocating the office to the west side of the building; installing a drainage system on the playground; upgrading the fire panel and adding whiteboards to the classrooms. But most importantly, the bond will fund the construction of two new elementary schools (one K-5 and one K-8) that will draw from our attendance boundaries.

If you would like more information on the bond measure, it is available on the Beaverton School District web site, or in the Cedar Mill office.

Each school in the district has been asked to locate volunteers interested in helping with the bond measure campaign. If you are interested in this effort, please contact the school office at 503-259-6685.

2005-2006 Cedar Mill PTC Board Members

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