



PTC News

Mark Your Calendar

February

- 14th - Spring Classroom Parties
- 18th - No School (President's Day)
- 21st - Math Night
- 29th - Read Across America

March

- 6th - Coffee with the Principal
- 11th - Kinder Orientation Parents (6:30)
- 13th - Kinder Orientation Students (1:00)
- 14th - No School (Teacher Work Day)
- 21st - Report Cards Sent Home
- 24th – 28th - SPRING BREAK

April

- 2nd - Coffee with the Principal
- 9th - Intermediate Literacy Night
- 11th - No School (Assessment Day)
- 14th - No School (Staff Development)
- 15th - 18th - Book Fair
- 16th - Science Fair
- 22nd - Volunteer Luncheon

May

- 1st - Cinco De Mayo
- 6th - New Family Visitation, 2-4pm
- 7th - Coffee with the Principal
- 14th - Art Night
- 15-16th - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 21st - Music Program
- 26th - No School (Memorial Day)

June

- 4th - Coffee with the Principal
- 6th - Cedar Mill Carnival, 5:30 pm
- 11th - 5th Grade Send Off
- 13th - Field Day, Last Day of School
- 17th - Report Cards Mailed Home

Happy New Year Cedar Mill! Here's what's New

Basketball Hoops installed in the Gym.

Now even the first graders can be like "Mike". Principal Horne has been reported to lower the hoop to five feet and goal-tend the entire lunch period for fun. Thank you to the kids who ran so hard to raise the money. A special thanks to Mr. Horne for heading the installation of the hoops.



New Playground Equipment Installed

A special thanks to Jenna Plumb for heading up the project and having the equipment installed. This would not have been possible without the generous donations by Cedar Mill Community at the Auction last year.



Special Thank You

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They made great use of the leftover food before the Winter break by loading it into a van and taking it to the "Fork It Over" van to be distributed to area food banks. In this way, food that would have

otherwise had to have been discarded, was used to help those less fortunate. Contact Kathy Hall at secretary@cedarmillptc.org for more information on how to help for the next round.

2007-2008 PTC Meeting Schedule and Agenda

All meetings will take place in the school library.

- March 4th, @ 7pm** - Regular PTC Meeting
- April 1st, @ 7pm** - Proposed 2008-2009 Board member nominees are presented
- May 6th, @ 7pm** - 2008-2009 Board members are voted in. Budget proposal is presented.
- June 3rd, @ 7pm** - 2008-2009 Budget is voted in.

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Preparing for Next Year

Cedar Mill PTC has a few board positions open for the 2008-2009 School Year! We are looking for enthusiastic people to serve on the Board. Being involved in PTC is a great way to get to know your school community. The following positions are needed for next year:

1 Co-President: The job of the co-presidents is to help coordinate the work of all PTC officers and committees, to preside at PTC meetings, to serve on budget committee and to represent the school at District meetings.

1 Co-Vice President: 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. The Co-Vice Presidents shall preside over the Audit committee and serve on the Budget committee.

1 Treasurer: The Treasurers job is to keep accurate records of the PTC budget, receipts and expenditures. The Treasurer presents a financial statement at each PTC meeting. Responsibilities also include; filing of annual reports to the Internal Revenue Service and other governmental bodies as required by law, keeping PTC's insurance policy up to date and serving on the Budget committee.

Ways & Means Coordinators: Job responsibilities are to plan and execute the fundraisers necessary to meet the PTC's budgetary needs.

1 Volunteer Coordinator: The Volunteer Coordinators shall serve as a liaison between school staff, school volunteers, and the community in order to maintain a well-coordinated school volunteer program. The responsibilities include keeping a list of and help recruit volunteers for school activities, finding and communicating with classroom coordinators for the teachers, record and track volunteer hours, make volunteer nametags and provide occasional "goodies" for the volunteers. The Volunteer Coordinators shall preside over the Nominating committee.

If you are interested in any of these positions please contact our Volunteer Coordinators; Sherry Walters (volunteercoordinatorsw@cedarmillptc.org) or Karen Dellinger (volunteerccordinatorkd@cedarmillptc.org).



Board Member Contact Information

Position	Name(s)	Phone #	E-Mail
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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.

Student Enrichment

Portland Taiko (February 12th)

Rock the Boat! – Tolerance through Taiko

Tracing the history of American taiko, this popular performance program fosters greater cultural awareness and respect for differences among elementary school students through taiko drumming and storytelling. With emphasis on taking pride in who you are, communication and respect, engaging performers provide tools for dealing with intolerance and discrimination while involving the audience in a lively celebration of Asian-American culture and the differences that make us all unique.

Imago (May 5th)

Mask Works

Through a blend of illusion, masks and mime, Imago challenges our notion of what we think to be true during this presentation of pieces from its internationally acclaimed program FROGZ (formerly Frogs, Lizards, Orbs & Slinkys). Working onstage and in the audience, three performers skillfully depict both real and other-worldly entities as volunteers participate in a mask improvisation. The program closes with a question-and-answer session where students continue to discover the mystery and illusion of masks and how they have been used in various cultures throughout time.



Passport Club in Full Gear!

Passport club is a monthly geography quiz game that challenges the kids to consider about the vastness of the world and the variety of people and places in it. Scaled in difficulty by age, kids are given a map and told about the countries on the map and then are quizzed to identify those places after two weeks.

Check Day	Re-Check
1/25/2008	2/01/2008
2/29/2008	3/7/2008
3/21/2008	4/4/2008
4/25/2008	5/2/2008
5/30/2008	No Re-Check



Fundraisers



Cedar Mill FUN RUN!

In October, under threatening clouds and a few showers, Cedar Mill students ran laps for our annual FUN RUN fundraiser! The funds raised from this year's event support the efforts of new stage curtains and installed new basketball hoops in the gym. An event such as this does not just happen. It is through the tireless work of numerous volunteers that Cedar Mill enjoys tremendous success. We would like to thank the all the volunteers for their help this year.

Sally Foster

We are kicking off a great season of fundraising with some Sally Foster gift wrap. Cedar Mill students have sold Sally Foster gift wrap for over ten years and it has been a successful and motivating way to involve the kids in supporting and appreciating the programs they enjoy.

Up Coming Events

Kindergarten Round-up

March 11th—Parent Orientation

Parents are invited to the Gym to meet the Principal and Kindergarten Teacher. A brief presentation of class room curriculum is given as well as a visit of the classroom.

March 13th—Kids Orientation (1:00-2:30)

The little ones get to ride the bus, visit the classroom and read a story with Mrs. Onasch. Very exciting times for them. For more information on the activities contact Carla Fenning at:

Carla_fenning@beavton.k12.or.us

Art Night

May 14th in the Gym (6:00—8:30 pm)

Mark your calendar for this evening which will include student art displays, performances, and hands-on activities for the entire family. Local professional artists and musicians will also be participating, demonstrating their talent and inspiring the artist in us all!

E-mail Lisa Stember for details,

lstember@aol.com .

Letter from the Presidents

Hello from the Parent Teacher Club Presidents. We hope that everyone has had a wonderful winter break. PTC has a few exciting updates to share with our Cedar Mill families.

PTC Business Events not to miss!

The April, May and June PTC meetings are geared toward planning for next year. Please join us as we finalize our budget and Select New Committee and Board Members. You can make a difference if you participate

April PTC meeting - Proposed 2008-2009 Board member nominees are presented.

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School Improvements:

Mr. Marino has new adjustable basket hoops in his gym. Thanks to all the fundraising support from our community during the Fun Run! Now our younger children can enjoy shooting baskets.

At our last PTC meeting the board approved funding for three of our school specialist. They have each been allocated \$100 and will receive the same budget for next school year.

Last year \$2000 was allocated to replace the falling apart stage curtains in the gym with the hopes of improving our stage. As we found out, stage curtains are quite expensive to replace and the money budgeted was not quite enough. Thanks to people like Maryam Zare for organizing an exhilarating Fun Run (not to mention all of your speedy kids!) and Nicole Sanford organizing the Sally Foster gift wrap fundraiser, we were able to supplement the funds already set aside to meet the required \$4200 to replace the stage curtains. Cedar Mill School has been around since 1928! We can only assume the curtains have been there that long also. We will soon enjoy seeing new curtains on the stage.

Lastly, we are happy to support our teachers with new DVD players. We are also looking in to replacing a few of the outdated television sets, getting a new grill for the school, a clock for the playground and replacing the sick beds in the school office.

Thank You PTC Members:

The pancake breakfast raised almost \$4000, a record year. Thanks to Lisa Pruet and her team for all their hard work and great efforts!

On Friday November 9th, Cedar Mill students, friends, and families enjoyed a fun stompin' hoe down. Approximately 700 dollars was raised from the square dance, which will benefit the fifth grade send-off later this year. Thank you to all of the volunteers who made this event happen!

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Sincerely,
Cedar Mill PTC Presidents

Tina Schade and Brian Jackson