

# PTO NEWS

DONIPHAN WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WHAT'S NEW FOR SPRING 2010?

The D-West Primary PTO has still been very busy this school year! We have had several meetings and events and we are very excited about what we have in store for the rest of the school year.

We had our Box Tops party to celebrate winning over the elementary and middle school. Grades K-2 participated in a race day in the gym on March 19th. Before the classes started participating their teachers competed in a duck race. They each picked their own rubber ducky and had to use a straw to blow their ducky down the water. I will say that the teachers are very competitive!! Mrs. Robinson almost ended up head first in the water and Mrs. Lambert and Mrs. Merkel held Mrs. Fritch back so she couldn't win!!!!

The Teacher Appreciation Committee will be gearing up for Teacher Appreciation Week May 3rd-7th. Look for ways you can help show gratitude to our teachers!

UPCOMING DATES	PTO OFFICERS
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>President—Carrie Blevins</b>
PTO Meeting & Elections - 6pm <b>13th</b>	<b>Vice-President—Marti Leach</b>
Pre-School Roundup Parents Night <b>8th</b>	<b>Secretary—Dana Whetstine</b>
Pre-School Roundup <b>9th</b>	<b>Treasurer—Chrystal Hooker</b>
<b>MAY</b>	<b>Public Relations—Chrystal Hooker</b>
Teacher Appreciation Week <b>3rd-7th</b>	

## PTO ELECTIONS!!!!

The D-West Primary School PTO will hold its first election since it was formed a little over 2 years ago. They will be held at the PTO meeting on the 13th at the primary school. Babysitting will be provided. The elections will be by nomination and if more than one person is nominated then there will be a vote by all who are present. The following offices will be up for election and below are outlines of the responsibilities of each office.

**President** – Serve as leader and key contact for the PTO; preside at all PTO meetings; ex-officio member of most committees; appoint chairpersons for special committees; coordinate the work of the officers and committees so that the PTO's objectives can be met. (Effort: year-round, on-going)

**Vice President** - Act as an aide to the President; perform the duties of the President in the absence or inability of that officer to serve; assume other responsibilities as assigned by the Executive Board; coordinate the general activities of any Special Committees created by the Executive Board. Ideally – is willing to serve as President in the future. (Effort: year-round, time varies depending upon roles)

**Treasurer** - Be responsible for and have custody of all funds; make disbursements as properly authorized; be present at all PTO events where money will be collected; assure that PTO policies and best practices are followed with regards to funds; prepare financial reports for each meeting and as needed; (Effort: 4-5 hours per month, average)

**Publicity** - Disseminate positive information to the community about the school, its students, and the PTO. Promote related activities and programs in order to heighten community awareness. Many tasks (like notices to newspaper) can be accomplished via email. (Effort: year-round, but minimal, 1-2 hours per month.)



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PTO**

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[primarypto@doniphanwest.org](mailto:primarypto@doniphanwest.org)**

## UPCOMING PROJECTS

### School Supplies for 2010-2011

There are a lot of expenses and hassles at the beginning of the school year. One of them being school supplies, whether it is finding a school supply list or fighting the crowds. We would like to help alleviate the hassle and ease the cost. We are teaming up with Staples to provide school supplies for your kids, Pre-K thru 8th grade. We are working with teachers to get their list and we will be sending out order forms in April. You will purchase your students school supplies for next year in April and they will be waiting for you at registration in August. Each kit is personalized with your child's name, grade and school name. Inside each kit you will find the supplies that were provided by your child's school supply list and approved by their teachers. Each kit also contains added extra's to help personalize your child's kit even more!

### Cookbooks

Thank you so much for your submissions! We received over 300 recipes for our cookbook. We will be receiving the cookbooks about the middle of May. If you have sent in how many cookbooks you want reserved for you, thank you. We will make sure you are the first to receive them. If you have not reserved any, and would like to, you can email us, send us a message on facebook, or send a note with your child. The cost of the cookbooks are \$10. We will be accepting money in May when they arrive.

## OUR NEW FOCUS

We would like to split up the PTO events and fundraisers into committees. We are asking parents to donate 2 hours of their time a semester. Listed below our the committees we have identified. Please let us know if there is a committee that interests you. We are hoping to have 3-4 parents per committee.

Welcome Back Kits for Teachers—**Need 1 more parent.**

Parent/Teacher Conference Meals—**Need 2 more parents.**

Christmas Lunch for Faculty & Staff

Christmas Program After Party

Box Tops—**Need 1 more parent.**

Campbell Soup Labels—**Need 1 more parent.**

Fundraisers

Kindergarten/Pre-School Roundup—**Need 2 more parents.**

Vidette Window—**FULL!!!**

Community Service

Teacher Appreciation Week—**FULL!!!!**

Play Day—**Need 2 more parents.**