



GFS/JWL PTO Newsletter

December 2009

The Scrip program is starting to really take off with many families buying gift cards for their everyday purchases like groceries and Wal-Mart, as well as getting them as gifts for others. In the past few months we've been able to raise over \$530 for the PTO to help fund different programs for our kids!!! Don't forget that the last order before Christmas will be placed on December 7th. Here is a list of retailers that are currently offering bonuses...

Applebee's, Barnes & Noble, Bass Pro Shop, Build-A-Bear, Burger King, Cabela's, California Pizza, Domino's, Express, Fashion Bug, Gap/Banana Republic/Old Navy, Home Depot, iTunes, J. Jill, Lands' End, L.L. Bean, Logan's Road House, Lowe's, Old Country Buffet, Red Robin, Shell, Starbucks

The full list of gift cards and the form are available at www.ledyard.net under PTO.

Morning Muffins

Join the PTO for muffins Dec. 14th from 8am-9am in the GFS Lobby. Please come and share your thoughts.

Admit One

Night at Museum 2



**December 4th:
FREE MOVIE NIGHT!!
Drinks, popcorn, and
candy for sale!
Bring your pillows and
blankets.
JWL Gym
Movie starts at 7:00pm**

Once again, we plan to spoil the staff of Gales Ferry and JWL schools with a wonderful hot lunch in appreciation for all they do for our children!

Items needed:

- 10 salads (green)
- throw-away plates w/2 dozen cookies (we'll then make trays)
- 8 crock pots of chili (label crock pot & ladle)
- 60 baked potatoes wrapped in foil
- 14 bags of Fritos/Doritos
- 5 tubs of guacamole
- 6 bowls of chopped tomatoes
- 9 jars of salsa

Dishes can be dropped off in the Gales Ferry School kitchenette or GFS Staff room fridges on Dec. 9th any time before 12:00. Snow date for Luncheon is Dec 10th. If you are coming in to cover your child's classroom during the luncheon hour, bring the dish you are making then!

Thank you!

Please email or call with what you can bring!

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Thank you to Karen Moorehead, Wendy Gustavel, Denise Reid, Jen Tschong, Erica Watson, Melissa Thaxton Debbie Perrone and Alisha Paul for all their hard work on Art Night and Chili Cook-Off. Beautiful art and delicious chili was enjoyed by all!

Through all the family support of the PTO fall fundraising efforts we were able to provide almost \$1000 back into our schools. Dorene Marinuzzi, Heather Pollin, Cassandra Allen, Megan McNabney, Cathy Holdridge, and Todd Forster were all able to receive funding from the PTO to help improve our schools.

MISTLETOE MARKET/FROSTY WORKSHOP

Thank you to Heather McCoy and Sue Migliozzi for organizing a wonderful holiday night. There were plenty of things to do and everyone had a good time starting their holiday shopping.

Thank you for everyone who donated items to the Frosty's Workshop. Lisa Chesnut and April Startz did a great job organizing and displaying all the great items. I saw plenty of kids buying so many wonderful gifts for those special people in their life.

The kids' craft section was busy this year as well- Noreen Saccone designed the craft and the Ledyard High School Key Club assisted the kids. The Key Club was a wonderful addition to this year's festivities!

Thank you to all the wrappers who helped that night, all the 6th graders, Lynne Wilkson, Katelyn Kearney and special wrapper Mrs. Rene Santoro.

To all the wonderful bakers and Linda Titlton and her boys for coordinating the collection of items for the Ledyard Food Locker, we were also able to make a cash contribution from the sale of the baked goodies.

The selection of vendors this year was very nice. I want to thank the staff that came and showcase their crafts - Mrs. Theresa Goodrich, Mrs. Sue Baker, and Mrs. Pam Ensley!

Caroling this year was quite fun - lead by pianist Andrea Barbour and MaryGail Simpson! Mr. Santo Silva and Frank Geoly anchored the group for a fun rendition of the 12 Days of Christmas!

The last thank you goes to everyone who came and enjoyed this wonderful event!

Posting a NEW Calendar
Be sure to post some important PTO events...

PTO Meeting	Jan. 14
Roller-skating	Jan. 22
Movie Night	Feb. 5
PTO Meeting	Feb. 11
PTO Meeting	Mar. 11
Spring Fling	Mar. 19
Basket Raffle	Apr. 9
PTO Meeting	May 13
Carnival	May 15
Roller-skating	Jun. 4

Recently shovels and rakes were purchased to help with the beautification process. Playground companies have been contacted for consults on the JWL playground efforts. If you want to help with any of these projects please contact us at gfsjwlpto@yahoo.com

Upcoming Events

Dec. 2-4	Half Day No Ice Cream Served
Dec. 4	Movie Night
Dec. 9	Teacher/Staff Appreciation Lunch
Dec. 10	Ice Cream
Dec. 14	Morning Muffins 8-9
Dec. 23	Half Day
Dec. 24-Jan. 1	Winter Break

Continue to check

www.ledyard.net for weekly updates in the Monday Message and lots more information about school and the community.

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