The ZMS Review

October 2008

The Monthly Newsletter of the Zionsville Middle School Parent Teacher Organization

View From the Eagle's Nest

I witnessed recently a ZMS parent who in exasperation handed her cell phone to her child so that it could be properly set-up for her. Being one who feels as if he knows his way around technology, I could relate none-the-less. My computer use at home rarely occurs without a suggestion from one of my children of how I could perform my task more easily. I, of course, would take issue with these exhortations, except I'll be darned if they are not always right, and I would hate to bite the hand that digitally feeds me (no pun intended).

To make matters worse on us parents, schools (including ZMS) have become increasingly digitized, and navigation of these numerous tools is not nearly as intuitive for those of us on this side of thirty. Answers to most questions contain the phrase "it's on the website." PEP replaces Parent Connect just when so many of us had it figured out, and Angel doesn't appear to the aged to be nearly as divine as its name implies. In fact, PEP and Angel mystify our parental population enough that the current focus is less on how to use them as it is on identifying just exactly what they are and why we have them. Though I speak with obvious hyperbole, this topic is worthy of exploration.

PEP is a program which contains information about every student in our corporation. Grades, attendance, discipline, and standardized test results are among the items found in this program. Angel is a software program created for course management – a term that did not exist when we were in school. Its purpose is to digitally connect students with their coursework, their course content, their classmates, and their teachers.

Wanting to be partners with our parents and communicators about our purposes and practices, I believe that we confused our parent community with this second program. In discussing Angel and its use, we unintentionally gave the misimpression that the program is for parents. The truth of the matter is that the program and its purposes are of great interest to our parents, but it is for and should be used by our students. Just like a textbook belongs to a student, so too does Angel. Of course parents interact with textbooks and their children every day, but when that happens, the student is involved as well. With Angel, students will be showing their parents work that they are creating, content from class, their calendar and agendas, and comments from the teacher. But all of these items (including the account itself) are property of the student. When I was recently asked by a parent if she was creating a problem for her child when she was in the account while the student was at school, I found it difficult to respond. The technical answer was "no" – an account can be open on two machines at once – the philosophical answer is "yes," because it's akin to keeping a child's 3 ring binder at home during the day so it can be organized or studied.

Again, as a school that values its partnership with parents, we are thrilled when parents and students go over the material being learned at school, but we also believe that it should happen together and be child directed as much as possible to be valuable. Though in this scenario the parent is in the role of the teacher or tutor, if your experience is anything like mine, you're liable to learn from your children as much as you impart. I just love it when everyone wins! Principal Sean Conner

ZEF

Please join us in supporting Zionsville educators by attending the 7th Annual Oktoberfest on Saturday,October 18, 2008 at 6:30pm to 11pm. Robert Irsay Pavilion (Different date. Same great party. Different location. Same great cause.) Raffle tickets are now available! Buy tickets for $50 each. Only 400 tickets will be sold, these are great odds! Winner receives $10,000 to put toward their child's post secondary education! Contact our Scholarship Raffle Chair, Tera Nutter, at 769-4404 or ZEF's Executive Director Lynn Kissel at 733-4805 for more information. Also visit the ZEF website at www.ZionsvilleEducationFoundation.org for more information on Oktoberfest, the Scholarship Raffle and other fundraising events and donation opportunities.

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Information for the November Newsletter should be submitted to Dee Dee Medaris (Ddmedaris@zmspto.org) by October 20, 2008.

Zionsville Middle School

Frequently Used Phone Extensions

Dial *873-2426* followed by extension #:

Principal	13999
Ass't. Principal	13998
Student Services	13997
Receptionist	Press 0
Attendance	Press 2
Guidance	Press 3
Nurse	Press 4
Food Services	Press 5
Homework Hotline	Press 7
Athletic Director	Press 8
Repeat Menu	Press 9
Strings Director	13402
Band Director	13312-3
Choir Director	13310
Transportation	873-1237
Staff Directory	Press #

PTO News

PTO President's Message

Now that school is officially up & RUNNING…it is exciting to see all the activities PTO has planned or invested to make the ZMS experience fun and enriching.

*There is phase three of "Children Throughout History" mural program, which enables student (& parents) hands on experience with artist M.K. Watkins. Students energize their creative passion while beautifying their environment.

*Student birthdays are being celebrated with a decorated locker & a treat bag filled with pizza, ice cream & truffle coupons as well as candy & a pencil. Hopefully making every student's special day happy!

*There is a fun new incentive for Box Top…the top 4 classes in the Indianapolis area get a private party at Pump It Up & Barlo's Pizza. Your family will need to do nothing more than continue to cut Box Tops & submit them in the donation box at the front of the office. Please be sure to have the students name & class clearly displayed. It is time to get creative gathering Box Tops…go to neighbors, grand parents & friends and ask them to help. It is an easy, no hassle fundraising program that not only supports the school but also provides classes/teams an opportunity to win an exciting prize. Last years Box Tops earned $1700.

*Of course, ice cream sundaes are being scooped… enjoy a cool treat & support PTO. Next serving is October 17.

*The Walking Club is on "track"…there has been great interest in the program with @ 95% participation. Besides the incentives such as Popsicles and sugar free gum, the students have enjoyed the camaraderie. In addition to exercise, another benefit of the walking program is that the 5th/6th Grade walker/runners may now use the laps on their P.E./Health activity reports. That could stimulate some additional walking!

*The Book Fair will be at ZMS Oct. 20-24… Fantasy & adventures are just a page turn away! The proceeds from last years fair enabled PTO to award a $1000 grant to the ZMS Library Media Center.

*Spirit Wear will be selling Sweatshirts and Pajama Grams again for Holiday giving. The gift can be delivered to your special student's Homeroom/Soar before winter break with your handwritten "spirit gram" or you can arrange for pickup. Order forms will be available soon on-line, at the office & at the Book Fair.

*The 5th/6th Grade Party, the 7th-8th Grade Party, 8th Grade Dance & Field Days are being coordinated. Fun is just around the corner.

*Change A Childs Christmas is planning on collecting change from Dec. 1-5. This program allows classrooms/teams to engage in friendly competition while the monies collected go towards making a less privileged child's holiday happier! What a fun & engaging event to emphasis community service & good will! Let the penny wars begin…

*A "Mega Grant" was presented to ZMS & was utilized to purchase cameras, oversized frames for student images to be hung in hallways & computer web cams and microphones.

*Z'Run is being revamped & revitalized! The race will encourage student & family involvement as well as benefit the fitness & well being of ZMS students & staff! Z'Run will occur the weekend before the Mini…on April 25, 2009. Last years proceeds of $3572 were recently presented to Mr. Conner to assist in updating the fitness room equipment.

As planning continues on upcoming PTO activities, a couple events have taken place & reflect the hard work & dedication of our PTO members. I would like to thank everyone involved with the New Family Welcome & the ZMS Directory.

New Family Welcome was a gleaming success due to the efforts of Deb Kuller & Angie Leary. The friendly atmosphere was a true reflection of the hospitality of Zionsville! Guests enjoyed the company of administrators, staff, community leaders & fellow newcomers. The Strolling Strings did a lovely job entertaining the guests. The desserts concept for the evening allowed people to mingle & converse. Thanks to everyone who shared this evening with us; thank you to the generous local merchants that provided donations; thank you to the volunteer bakers; & thank you Deb and Angie.

The ZMS Directory was distributed at the end of September. Mary Hilton & Christina Gibson worked intently to create a practical format…they simplified the layout & condensed the information to create a user-friendly directory. Thank you both for your time & patience! Also, congratulations to Hayli Smith, the 8th Grade artist who created the front cover.

I would also like to thank Julie Rauschuber for her thoughtfulness & diligence in accomplishing an amazing endeavor. Julie has been organizing a very special project that will be unveiled next month…her devotion to this venture is extraordinary.

In closing, I appreciate your time & I am hopeful that this message outlines the goals, ambitions & accomplishments of ZMS PTO. It is through the generosity of ZMS families & hard work of our members that PTO will be able to continue to enrich the ZMS community!

Sincerely,

Frances Pokrifcak

ZMS PTO President

PTO News (Continued)

Attention 8th Grade Parents:

Here's the "scoop" . . .

We need volunteers to help staff the monthly Ice Cream Sundae Sales!

The proceeds from these sales go directly toward funding the 8th Grade Party in June.

Please take time to consider your availability to help on any of the following Fridays:

October 17; November 14;

December 12; January 23; February 20;

March 20; April 24 and May 21 (Thursday)

Work shifts will run from 10:45-1:00 during the four lunch periods.

Thanks, in advance, for contacting one of us--

Laura Dunshee; lauradunshee@indy.rr.com

Jen Kennedy; jenkennedy@indy.rr.com

Karla Thimjon; kthimjon@aol.com

Remember to keep clipping Box Top for Education and Campbell's Labels for Education

I Scream, You Scream,

We all Scream for Ice Cream!

Students bring your dollars on the following dates:

October 17; November 14;

December 12; January 23; February 20;

March 20; April 24 and May 21 (Thursday)

and purchase an ice cream sundae during lunch. The proceeds from these sales benefit the 8th grade party.

Meijer Community Rewards

Meijer Credit card holders are able to earn money for Zionsville Middle School by simply registering our code with your card. Call 1-800-962-7011 and use our school code #742693. It is that easy. If you do not currently have a Meijer Credit card, and wish to do so, applications are at the school office and available at any Meijer store. Thank you for your support.

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CHANGE A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 1st – DECEMBER 5th

Collect and save your change for the first week in December and help make someone's Christmas brighter.

ZMS Book Fair

The ZMS Fall Book Fair will be held the week of October 20 – October 24 in the Wrestling Room (located between the North and South Gyms). This event supports the PTO, the library, and especially the love of reading for your child. Parents, please remember to send money with your child as they will have an opportunity to visit the book fair during class time. This is a great opportunity to start your Christmas shopping. We will have teacher wish lists available at the check out table, as well as gift certificates. Checks may also be written to ZMS PTO and change can be given back if needed. The hours are as follows:

Monday, October 20th

7:00 a.m. - 3:30p.m.

Tuesday, October 21st

7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 22nd

7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 23rd

7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. (early release and late parent teacher conferences)

Friday, October 24th

7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Please be sure to stop by and visit us. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Julie Rauschuber @ 769-5411 or Rose Ann Mazanek @ 733-1370

PTO Wellness Committee

WALKING CRAZY!!

WOW!!! What an amazing start to the mileage club. Sign up started September 4th and within the first week we had well over 300 kids participating. The fifth graders are definitely enthusiastic participants with over 190 students signed up already. The sixth graders are close behind with 160 students walking/running. After the first week we gave out popsicles to everyone who had completed one card. (Equivalent to 5 miles) We hope all the kids are having fun while they log miles and get fit. Physical fitness habits, like walking and running can benefit your child for the rest of their life.

Please encourage them to participate! Healthy habits should be developed early.

OCTOBER'S HEALTHY HABIT

Stand Up for a Bigger Calorie Burn – More time on your feet means a slimmer healthier you. Sitting for more then 4 hours at one time causes a near shut down of an enzyme that controls fat and cholesterol metabolism, so your store more fat, rather then using it for energy, all day long. To keep this enzyme active and increase your fat burning, break up long periods of sitting by standing up – for example, while talking on the phone. (Missouri University research study)

To your better health,

The Wellness Committee (Kim Janak, Cheryl Rolland, and Erin Wilson)

Guidance News

21st Century Scholars Program

Eligible 6th, 7th and 8th grade student that enroll in the Twenty-first Century Scholars Program and fulfill a pledge of good citizenship to the state are guaranteed the cost of four years of college tuition at any participating public college or university in Indiana. If the student attends a private institution, the state will award an amount comparable to that of a public institution. If the student attends a participating proprietary school, the state will award a tuition scholarship equal to that of Ivy Tech State College. There are strict income guidelines for eligibility, so not every student and family will qualify. Parents or guardians need to fill out the application. Students and parents/guardians have access to 16 regional support sites providing services and guidance for college preparation. If you have any questions about the Twenty-first Century Scholars Program, visit the Twenty-first Century Scholars Web site at http://www.learnmoreindiana.org/college/paying/TwentyFirstCenturyScholars/Pages/home.aspx , contact your local Scholars Support site or call the Learn More Helpline at 1-800-992-2076.

I.C.U.

Operation I.C.U., Integrity and Character Unite, is a Guidance sponsored program designed to recognize students in grades 5-8, for displaying acts of thoughtfulness and respect. The program provides meaningful and appropriate challenges to students that promote character development. Operation I.C.U. sets clear expectations for students to engage in moral action in terms of civility, personal responsibility, helping others, sportsmanship, and service to school and community.

Teachers and administrators are involved in identifying students that display observable behaviors that promote good character. Once identified, these students are acknowledged by having their name read on the daily video announcements. Students also attain recognition by receiving a certificate of appreciation and a prize. These initiatives will yield positive results in student behavior, school climate, and academic achievement.

Guidance News (Continued)

Study Tables

Study Tables will begin on Tuesday, September 30. Study Tables is a staff assisted study hall for students who wish to receive help with homework completion, study skills, and organization. Study Tables will be available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:00-4:00 PM for students in grades 5, 6, 7, and 8. Due to the number of students being offered this opportunity, and in an effort to keep our student/teacher ratio low, please select 1-2 days for your child to attend. Parents will need to provide transportation for their child. Students should see their guidance counselor for the Study Tables Contract necessary to enroll.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Grade 5 and 6 Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place from October 20-24

Grade 7 and 8 Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place on October 23 with early dismissal at 10:35am

Maternity Leave

Mrs. Nonte & Mrs. Hoffman will be taking maternity leaves & will return on January 5, 2009. Janice Langford is the substitute for Carrie Nonte, 8th Grade & 5th Grade Homerooms Skura, Ertel, Hamelmann, & Steidler. Laura Weaver is the substitute for Krista Hoffman, 7th Grade & 5th Grade Homerooms Monaghan and Gray.

5th Grade Social Health

5th grade students will focus on group dynamics and how groups can exert positive and negative influences. A one-hour session is scheduled for October 16.

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week will be October 29-31. This is a program that focuses on drug prevention through creative activities. This year students will be participating in exciting grade level activities to show their awareness and enthusiasm for living drug free and making positive choices.

5th grade will be decorating Red Ribbon bookmarks to pass out to the entire study body and staff.

6th grade will be making posters to display around the school

7th grade will be creating Public Service Announcements to air over the afternoon video announcements

8th grade will be constructing mini-floats to display their healthy lifestyle choices.

Small red wagons will be used for the frame of the float. The 8th grade SOAR classes will compete for a pizza party. The winner will be determined by having students vote with pennies. The SOAR class to collect the most pennies from their outstanding mini-float design will enjoy a pizza party following Red Ribbon week. The money collected will be donated to a cause of our choice.

IMPORTANT DATES

Exploratory Finals: 7th and 8th Grade, Oct. 20-21

End of First Nine Weeks Wednesday, October 22

Grade Cards will be sent home with students on Friday, October 31

Have a great Fall Break! Monday, Oct. 27- Tuesday, Oct. 28

ZMS Sports

Cheerleading Tryouts

Attention any 7th or 8th grade girl interested in trying out for the basketball season of cheerleading! There will be a mandatory parent and cheerleader meeting on October 9th at 5:00 in room 802. All the forms, schedules, and other information on tryouts will be given at this meeting. We will also be discussing the expectations for the basketball cheerleading season which will include a detailed schedule of the games and tournaments. If you have an athletic conflict, please see Coach Faulkner in room 802. Tryout clinics will be Thursday, October 16 and Friday, October 17 from 3-5. Tryouts will be held on Monday, October 20 at 3:00.

2008 Zionsville Middle School Wrestling Club

Coaches: Vince Flecker (Phone 873-2426 Ext. 13702 **vflecker@zcs.k12.in.us**) and Randy Johnson

Who is Eligible? Zionsville Middle School 5th & 6th graders.

Important: 6th graders who would like to participate on this year's middle school team should attend this club to help them get an early start. All attendees must have an IHSAA physical on file in order to participate. Forms are in the office or www.zcs.k12.in.us go to Zionsville Middle School Athletics.

When? Starts November 10th and ends November 20th.

Where? Middle school wrestling room between the gyms. **Time?** 3:00 to 4:30pm every day.

Students will need to bring shorts, t-shirt, socks, tennis or wrestling shoes.

We will furnish headgear. There will be a short orientation meeting for parents on the first night of practice at 4:30pm to discuss what the club is about. Please fill out the information posted on www.zmspto.org and return it to Coach Flecker on or before the November 10th practice. Please email or call me if you have any questions.

ZIONSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL 7TH AND 8TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST CALLOUT MEETING 3-3:30 P.M. LGI ROOM

** Practice and Game Schedules for the Season will be handed out and discussed.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH OPEN GYM 3-4:30 P.M.

** Must have a Physical to Participate in ALL Open Gyms!!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH OPEN GYM 3-4:30 P.M.

**Attendance at Open Gyms are Optional, but highly Encouraged by the Coaching Staff!!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH OPEN GYM 3-4:30 P.M.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1ST 1ST OFFICIAL PRACTICE

** Times have not been finalized at this time, but we are planning on practicing Monday – Saturday for the first two to three weeks.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH Practice Week #2

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15 – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20TH Practice Week #3

NO PRACTICES DECEMBER 21ST – JANUARY 1ST

OPTIONAL PRACTICES ARE POSSIBLE ON JANUARY 2ND & 3RD

MONDAY, JANUARY 5TH – SATURDAY, JANUARY 10TH

**Scrimmage vs. Noblesville on Tuesday, January 6th at Noblesville ** 1st Official Game on Thursday, January 8th at ZMS (Shootout) **Shootout continues on Saturday, January 10th at ZMS

Clubs and Activities

7/8 Student Council

The 7/8 Student Council has been busy planning dress days and preparing for the fall door decorating contest. Students are also looking forward to their leadership retreat on Wednesday, October 29. This year all money collected from dress days will go to support various children's hospitals. The students have decided to donate money to Riley, St. Jude's, and Peyton Manning Children's Hospital. They have also voted to hold a "Crazy Hat Day" in which all money collected will be given to the Foundation for Children with Cancer.

American Girl Club

Come explore a different era of American history each month at the American Girl Club. Meeting the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 2:45-3:45 in the LGI room, kids participate in learning through games, crafts, snacks, and fun. September 9 featured Kaya and the American Indians of the West in 1764. Colonial America (Felicity)in Williamsburg in 1774 is the theme of the October 14 meeting. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost. For moreinformation call Susan Bigler at 769-4389.

School News

Raising Gifted Readers: An Evening with Dr. Penny Kolloff

An opportunity for all parents of students K-8

A prominent author recently stated, "If the desire to read diminishes, so does one's ability to read." Computers, hand-held electronic games, and television all compete for the attention of children. How do families set the stage for reading? What are the long-term benefits of the reading habit? Parents are instrumental in the development of their children as readers, and they have many opportunities to influence their children's reading habits and skills. Penny will describe the roles of parents in literacy development and suggest specific ways to engage children in reading. Join us for an informative and enjoyable evening.

Thursday, October 2, 2008 7:00 p.m.

ESC – Board Room

Dr. Penny Kolloff – expert in the field of children's literacy

Community Conversation Town Hall Meeting

Thursday, October 9th

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Zionsville Town Hall

1100 Oak Street, Zionsville

You are invited to attend a Town Hall Meeting designed to focus on teen decision making in our community. The topic for this Town Hall Meeting will be the issue of addictions. Dr. Mann Spitler will present on this issue by sharing the sad events that led to his daughter's death of a heroin overdose. You can visit Dr. Spitler's web site at www.mandasstory.com

This evening is being provided by the Boone County Local Coordinating Council and Tobacco Free Boone County.

Please mark the following date on your calendar for a future Town Hall Meeting:

November 18th--- Dr. Greg Sipes will present on new ways of dealing with stress that incorporate his soulful parenting techniques. You can visit his web site at www.drgregsipes.com

GoodSearch

GoodSearch is a search engine powered by Yahoo, but it has been set up so that it will raise money for non-profit organizations, like schools. The companies that advertise on the site donate the 1-2 cents per search. This may not seem like much, but if you consider the number of searches we do in a day and the number of people in our community it sure adds up quickly. The search box on our home page automatically sends the contribution to the ZMS account on GoodSearch, however there are other ways one can search using GoodSearch and still benefit our school. The home page is http://www.goodsearch.com/

Art Department

Seventh and Eighth Grade Art Club

The 7/8 Art Club list is posted outside Miss Bond's room 408. Our first meeting is Tuesday, October 14th and will end promptly at 3:50. Snacks will be provided.

Donations Needed:

Miss Bond is in need of bottle caps for an art club project. Please help the art club "go green" with a recycling/art project that incorporates bottle caps. Drop off your donations to the office or to room 408.

The art department is looking for used CoffeeMate containers to hold paint. Donations can be dropped off to the office or an art room. Students began work, last month, on "Youth Throughout History" the third ZMS mural.

The art department is in need of small plastic containers (ex. butter containers, cool whip bowls). If you have any donations you'd like to make please

Art Club

Art Club 5/6 is full and will begin in October. The meeting dates for this month are October 14, and 21.

Yearbook Order Forms

Order your yearbook early and save money! Yearbooks will be $25 until October 31 and increase to $30 after. You may order online www.jostens.com/yearbook/index.asp or at the main office. An order form is also available on the PTO website www.zmspto.org. Yearbooks go up in price after October 31!

Buy yours today and pay $25 instead of $30!

Artsonia

Art students at ZMS are amazing in participation with Artsonia, the online art gallery! Last month we were no. 1 in the state of Indiana and no. 6 in the NATION! These statistics are solely based on comments left for artists, fan clubs joined by friends and family, and the amount of art published by the art teachers online. Just this year we have added nine weeks art students to the website, not just year long students! Check out are awesome art gallery at: http://www.artsonia.com/schools/school.asp?id=4352.

Yearbook

If you have any photos for the yearbook that include students at work in the classroom or at events related to school, such as sports or clubs, please send a cd to Mrs. Goodman or Mrs. Valencourt. Thank you!

Library News

Valuable Information Resources – Free To Our Students – At School and Home

Grolier Online: Our subscription includes *Encyclopedia Americana*, *The Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia* and *The New Book of Knowledge*. In addition to encyclopedia content, Grolier Online features full-text magazine articles, current events, websites, dictionaries and atlases. Students may access Grolier Online from home by going to the ZMS Media Center homepage or by going to http://www.go.grolier.com/ Enter the username *zionsms* and the password *home*. If you have problems with accessing Grolier Online from home, please contact Sarah Seligman, ZMS library media specialist, who will contact the Grolier Online representative.

INSPIRE: Inspire is Indiana's Virtual Library on the Internet. INSPIRE is a collection of commercial databases and other information resources that can be accessed by Indiana residents using any computer equipped with an Indian Internet connection and a Web browser. INSPIRE stands for Indiana Spectrum of Information Resources and contains information that you would find in a magazine or journal plus websites, pamphlets, images, almanacs, and more. Our main focus here at ZMS is to help our students locate full-text magazine articles to support their research. We introduce the students to INSPIRE during their research class in 5th and 6th grade and review it with 7th grade students through their language arts class. INSPIRE is currently provided at no cost to all residents of Indiana as a service of the Indiana State Library with funding support by the Indiana General Assembly. You may access INSPIRE from home by going to http://www.inspire.net If you use an Internet Service Provider (ISP) that serves areas outside of Indiana (such as AOL, CompuServe and Prodigy), you will need to apply for an INSPIRE Password. The procedure is very easy and explained on the website.

Musical Notes

October Band News

The directors are so pleased and proud of the band's performance in the Fall Festival Parade!! We have received so many positive comments from the community!! In particular, thanks to parents who donated their time to walk with the band, and who donated wagons and water. I made the comment that by the time we left for the parade we had enough water to sink the Titanic! I will use the left over water for other band trips and class parties later in the year. I've already received some wonderful pictures. If you have any great pictures please email them to me so we can post them on our website! It would be physically impossible to march this parade without our parent help and we appreciate your support of your students!!

Congratulations to our Advanced Jazz Band for being selected to be a feature performer at the IMEA State Music Convention. This is a huge honor for our school and preparations are underway to make this a great success!!

The fifth grade band will have their first performance on Tuesday October 21st Eagle Hall! This is an informal performance aptly named the "Informance". Students should arrive at 6:45 (yes, we're aware that this is a change from the band handbook that says 6:15). Since this is an informal performance, students do not need to be dressed in their concert attire. Our "Informance" should not last more than 30 minutes.

Our Otis Spunkmeyer cookie sale is looking like another success. It's too early (I'm writing this in September) to determine our final profit. Delivery should be in mid to late October. I will send home an email and handout with pickup arrangements.

Charms music is up and running so please remind your students to log their practice times in the practice journal section! Don't forget to hit enter!!!

Percussion ensemble is about to begin! This group will meet after school on Tuesdays from 2:50-4 PM and is open to any 6th, 7th or 8th graders in band, no matter what instrument is played in band class.

That's all for now. We'll soon be preparing for the Veterans Day and Holiday performances so hopefully you're hearing lots of practicing at home.

Musically Yours, Miss Mullis Mr. Weirich

Strolling Strings

Thank you to the Waterstreet Family for making it possible for the Strolling Strings to participate in the Fall Festival this year! We all had a great time. The float was very cool.

Tri—M

Tri-M applications are in, and the group will have approximately 40 members this year. Induction ceremony is set for Oct. 22 (7pm). I will communicate directly with each member as to the next meeting date and procedure.

Community News

Stonegate Holiday Bazaar

The 5th Annual Stonegate Elementary PTO Holiday Bazaar is looking for vendors to share their talents and unique products with the community. The bazaar is Saturday, November 15, 2008 from 9am to 3pm at Stonegate Elementary. Please email Stonegatebazaar@hotmail.com or contact Andi Hardesty at 873-5567 or Chelle Smitson at 733-1330 for more information.

Market Days are Here!

Market Day, a fundraiser benefiting ZHS band and orchestra programs, is back in action and has many new products and promotions this year. Our fall frequent buyer program offers a free 4 pack of chickensteaks with a $35 order in December and 2 other months between September and November. Also, a raffle of Market Day gift certificates valued from $25 to $1000 is offered in October- any order in October will be eligible for these prizes! Orders for October are due online by noon on Wed,10/15; flyers must be returned by Tue., 10/14. Online orders can be placed at any time at www.marketday.com, acct.#5941. Order pickup is Mon.,10/20 from 5 to 6pm in the ZHS cafeteria. November orders will be due Tues., 11/11 (flyers) and online orders are accepted until noon on Wed. 11/12; order pickup will be Mon. 11/17- in plenty of time for Thanksgiving. Get all of your holiday pies and fixins and support ZBOP too!! Contact Dusky Loebel (733-0615 or dloebel@indy.rr.com) or Jamie Leahy (873-2962 or jleahy001@aol.com) with any questions.

October 2008

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3 5th grade to Conner Prairie 9:00 - 2:00 pm "Zionsville's Got Talent" 7:00 pm, EH
6 Staff Development 12:20 pm dismissal	7 Staff Development 12:20 pm dismissal	8	9 8 White/Silver to IRT 11:00 - 2:00	10
13	14 8 Green to IRT 11:00 - 2:00	15 Spirit wear Day 8 Orchestra to PAC/Lions Park 2:00 - 7:30 pm	16 Social Health 5th grade	17
20 Exploratory Finals Book Fair Wrestling Room 7:00 - 3:30	21 Book Fair Wrestling Room 7:00 - 3:30 Tech Final (Day 2) 5th Grade Informance (Band), 7:00 pm, EH	22 Book Fair Wrestling Room 7:00 - 3:30 End of 9 Weeks Tri-M Induction, 7:00 pm, EH	23 Book Fair Wrestling Room 7:00 - 6:00 7/8 Parent Teacher Conferences 10:45 - 6:00 N/S Gyms 10:35 am dismissal	24 Book Fair Wrestling Room 7:00 - 11:00 10:35 am dismissal
27 Fall Break	28 Fall Break	29	30	31

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