

Shark Report



SCHNECKSVILLE ELEMENTARY

OCTOBER 2011

MR. BOWEN'S MESSAGE

Wow! It is amazing that September is already over. The students have settled into their new classes, and parents are settling in to the routines of school such as homework and for the most part the 4-day schedule. Communication between home and school is very important. Our goal is to have open lines of communication between home and school. If you have a concern or problem, please consider calling you child's teacher to assist you with your issue. If you feel that you need further assistance or that the issue is sensitive in nature, please do not hesitate to call me. No matter what your need is, the school is here to help you.

This year is already shaping up to be a great one. The attendance at the Visitation Day and at Open House was tremendous. I was glad to see so many of you at both events. Please continue to be involved at school and continue to help make Schnecksville Elementary a great place to learn.

LOST AND FOUND

The lost and found is located in the cafeteria. While school has just started we have already accumulated a number of items. However, there are no names on these items. Please label all lunchboxes, backpacks and jackets with your child's name so if they are found they can be promptly returned.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

How we celebrate birthdays here at Schnecksville.



First, I want to make it clear that all birthday celebrations are voluntary and students

do not have to participate in any activities related to birthdays.

BIRTHDAY TABLE

Each month the PTO sponsors a birthday table in the cafeteria. Any student whose birthday occurs during that month may sit at the table with one friend, whom they choose. The student and their friend each get a

birthday treat. We offer a healthy snack like a fruit pop. If a student does not want to sit at the table they can sit at their regular assigned table and still get their treat. We also schedule a time during the year for students who have a summer birthday.

HANDING OUT INVITATIONS

Teachers may hand out a list of students by first name to any parent who requests it. Children are permitted to distribute birthday party invitations at school provided all classmates receive an invitation. The same policy applies if all of the boys or all of the girls in a class are invited. Teachers will return invitations to parents if any student(s) in the class is/are excluded from a party. Students will not be able hand out invitations to students in other classrooms. Please refer to the PTO directory for phones numbers and addresses for students in other classrooms.

NOTE FROM NICOLE

It's hard to believe a whole month of school has gone by already. The beginning of the year is always a busy time for everyone, settling into daily routines and making every ones schedules mesh. As I settle into my first year as your PTO president I'd like to take a moment and share a little bit about myself. I am currently a stay at home mom with 2 boys here at Schnecksville; one in 3rd grade and the other in Kindergarten. I began my volunteering path as a room parent, then as a volunteer for recorded books, and last year as the VP of Social Events. I feel very blessed to be a part of a school that does so much for its students and volunteering is one way I can show my support.

As the school year gets started I'm filled with anticipation for what it will bring. As a new board we have some fun new things to add to the mix and many favorites to continue with. I look forward to meeting and working with many new volunteers as well as our returning volunteers. I encourage everyone to come check us out and see what we are all about. Our general meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 9:30am in the cafeteria.

There are many different opportunities to get involved; it's a great way to meet new people and learn about what's going on in your school. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me @ 610-530-0881 or nbarker@ptd.net. I look forward to an exciting year!

Nicole Barker
PTO President

OCTOBER AT A GLANCE

- 4 - School Store Gr. 1 & 2
- 5 - School Picture Day
- 5 - Joe Corbi fundraiser begins
- 6 - School store Gr. 3-5
- 6 - Yearbook Mtg. 9 am Cafe
- 10 - No School
- 12 - PTO Board Meeting
- 18 - Mix It Up Day
- 18 - Market Day Order Pick Up
- 12 - Class Visitation for Parents 9:15-11:15
- 13 - Class Visitation for Parents 1:15-3:15
- 14 - K-2 Skating Party 6:30-9 pm IFFC
- 18- School store Gr. 1 & 2
- 18 - Market Day Order Pick Up
- 19 - Joe Corbi fundraiser ends
- 20 - PTO General Meeting 7pm - Library
- 20 - School store Gr. 3-5
- 21 - Fall BoxTops Contest Ends
- 21 - Spirit Day- Shark spirit
- 21 - Gr. 3-5 Skating Party 6:30-9 pm IFFC
- 21 - Orders due: Nov SpiritWear delivery
- 21 - Early dismissal
- 28 - Halloween Parade



Picture Day
Wednesday, October 5th



SAVE THE DATE
Movie Night in the Gym

Friday November 11th

Movie To Be Determined –
watch for survey in eFolder!



SKATING PARTIES!

Grades K-2
Friday October 14th

Grades 3-5
Friday October 21st

6:30 – 9 pm
@ Independence Family Fun Center

Call or email Kim Bonner at
(610) 428-9140 or
kim_bonner@yahoo.com if you can
help out. Volunteers are needed.



No School
October 10th



NEW BOX TOP CONTEST!

We have a brand new BoxTops contest!! Our contest has already started and runs until October 21st. The class collecting the most BoxTops wins a trip to an **Iron Pigs Game!**



This is one of our easiest and most profitable fundraisers and best of all, it's **FREE!!!** Place all of your



BoxTops in an envelope with your child's name and grade on it and send them in today! Any questions, please contact Jeanine Snyder at 610-799-5266 or moradylcam@ptd.net.

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Spirit Wear



purchase any time! Check out www.schnecksvillepto.com for more info.

Our latest addition to the Spirit Wear family has arrived! Shark baseball caps are here and available for

Our first Spirit Wear order has been placed for September and will arrive during October. Another order will be placed in October for November delivery – we will be collecting money and orders until October 28th. Samples can be seen at schnecksvillePTO.com/spiritwear.html.

If you have any questions, please contact Vicky Conte at 484-951-9665 or candv1@ptd.net.

SCHOOL STORE



School Store hours this year are first thing in the morning. Students should go directly from the bus to the cafeteria and

quickly make their selection before the bell rings.

Store cards are available again this year. Send cash or check in an envelope marked "School Store" and we will make a card for them, so you don't have to worry about remembering or losing cash the day of. Check the web site for the form schnecksvillepto.com/schoolstore.html

Upcoming Dates:

- 10/4: 1st & 2nd
- 10/6: 3rd – 5th
- 10/18: 1st & 2nd
- 10/20: 3rd – 5th

If you have any questions about this program or would like to help out from 8:30 – 9:00 am, please contact Louella Joyner at 610-769-5208 or gwendelou@yahoo.com.

JOE CORBI'S PIZZA SALE

Yum! The PTO is doing a Joe Corbi's Pizza fundraising event **October 5th through the 19th**. Pick up at school on November 1st. Look for fliers coming home and online. Contact Vicky Conte candv1@ptd.net to help with orders and on delivery day.



GIFT CARDS

Our updated **Gift Card** order form is always available online or right outside the office. The program runs all year long and offers cards for the places you visit most, including Weis Markets, Giant Foods, restaurants, department stores and more. Have a birthday party coming up? Need a coach's gift? Consider purchasing a **Gift Card** for all your shopping and gift giving needs. **Gift Cards** can be purchased for face value and the PTO gets back a percentage that goes directly into programs for our students.

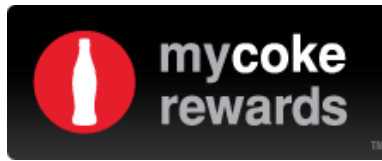
Simply fill out an order form, enclose a check made out to "Schnecksville PTO" and put it in an envelope with "**Gift Card**" on the box. Your cards will be delivered to you in about a week.

If you have any questions, contact Jeanine Snyder at morgdylcam@ptd.net or 610-799-5266. The most up-to-date order form is also available at www.SchnecksvillePTO.com on the forms page.

THINGS WE COLLECT



Labels for Education rewards us with free merchandise like playground equipment, school supplies and electronics just for sending in the UPC labels from many different products (Campbell's Pepperidge Farm, People Magazine). It's easy to do - just clip the Points from the labels and/or collect the caps and send them in to school. There is a collection bin at the main entrance. If you have questions or would like to help count and trim labels, please contact Vicky Conte at candv1@ptd.net or 484-951-9665.



MyCokeRewards also rewards us with free merchandise just for sending in the UPC labels from participating Coke products. It's easy to do - just save the codes from Coke product 12-pks or Coke product bottle caps and send them in to school. There is a collection bin at the main entrance. Or, if you already have a MyCokeRewards account, you can log-in to your account and donate points to Schnecksville Elementary today! If you have questions, please contact Vicky Conte at candv1@ptd.net or 484-951-9665.

PRINTER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING



The PTO earns **FREE** money and we help the environment by recycling used printer cartridges. Simply drop them in the collection box by the Main Entrance.



HALLOWEEN PARADE FRIDAY OCT 29TH

COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE

We'll be setting up a date for our first meeting very soon, so please watch the website

schnecksvillepto.com/outreach.html.

Please e-mail Amy McCoy

realmacs@ptd.net if you would like to help with this committee that does service projects in our school and in our community.

We will be doing the Adopt-a-Soldier Drive again in conjunction with North Whitehall Township, November through mid December. Details to follow. Please email Amy McCoy for more information or to help with this annual project. realmacs@ptd.net

CAC MEETING

October 10/20/11 7:00 Ad Center
Topic: Signs and Symptoms of At-Risk Behaviors
Presenters: Connie Harakal and Rob Thornburg

The Parkland Community Advisory Council, comprised of approximately 25 representatives from the community, serves as a liaison for communication between the school district and the Parkland Community. The major objectives of the council shall be the improvement of school-community relations and participation in the study, discussion and formulation of recommendations relative to various aspects of educational planning for the district.

The CAC has planned seven meetings and one Holiday Social for the 2011-2012 school year. Most meetings are held at 7:00PM in the Administration Center (unless another location is indicated) and are open to the public. Any district resident interested in serving on the CAC should contact the Assistant Superintendent, at 610-351-5505.

YEARBOOK

The first Yearbook meeting is set for **October 6th at 9:00 am** in the cafeteria ~ all invited!

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Pack 57 Cub Scouts are continuing the gazebo improvement project. Watch for a new walkway coming this fall with mulching and landscaping around the gazebo to follow in the spring. Thank you for your hard work and dedication!

Thank you to the September birthday table volunteers- Toni Schaller, Ed Roecker, Laura Querio and Christine Smith.



Market Day Pick Up
Tuesday Oct. 18 4:30 PM

Last Day to order online Wed
10/12 @ 11 PM

New Customers - SAVE \$5

when you spend \$25!

Enter Promo Code: **NEWFIVE** at checkout at marketday.com.

Existing Customers –

Spend \$40 and get free Breadsticks

Spend \$90 and get free Ravioli

Enter Promo Code: **OCTBONUS**

Have an hour to help once a month?
Help sort orders from 3:15-4:15. Or help with pick up from 4:30-5:30.
[Email Nina](mailto:Nina) or call 769.5898

Hearing Screenings

October 6th

NEXT PTO MEETING:

OCT 20TH AT 7 PM IN THE LIBRARY



ASSEMBLY

On October 27th the Franklin Institute came and presented a Traveling Science Assembly for the kids. The KDG through 2nd graders learned about Motions and Machines. They learned why and how things move, why machines are useful, and they also learned about gravity and friction. The kids loved the hovercraft!! The 3rd through 5th graders learned about the Human Body. They learned all about the body systems. Their favorite part was Ben the Skeleton.

A Note to Schnecksville School

To: _____

From: _____ (parent's signature)

Date: _____

Student: _____ (student's name)

(check applicable)

will be late due to _____

will be picked up by _____ at _____ AM/PM.

Kindly excuse my child on the following day or days _____ due to _____

is returning after an absence of _____ days due to illness.

(other) _____

Need a Tablet? Email
SchnecksvillePTO@yahoo.com

Next Edition: Wed Nov 2nd

Our Fall Book Fair was a huge success!

Our Book Fair profits were up almost 50% over last year's Open House Book Fair. All proceeds from this sale are used to purchase additional reading materials for the Library and Mrs. Sweeney. Daytime Fairs would not be possible if we did not have the support of our parents and many teachers commented that the Fair went very smoothly and that the volunteers were a huge help especially with the younger kids.

The PTO would like to thank all the volunteers that donated their time and helped create a fun and profitable event. Our thanks go to Melody Terrano, Laura Querio, Stacy Graham, Melissa Metzger, Lorraine Snyder, Lisa Schaedel, Molly Cygan, Wendy Wright, Michelle Wahlmark, MaryAnn Drews, Monica Kunz, Linda Dean, Kim Bonner, Michelle Kaetzel, Heather Fitzgerald, Allison Donohoe, Nina Weiss, Toni Schaller, Vicki Conte, Rachele Grimm, Jeanine Snyder and Teri Fejes.

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for more details!



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