



PTO FOX-TALES

SEPTEMBER 2009

A word from the PTO President

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year! How can summer be over when I'm not sure it ever started? Whether you have been at Isaac Fox for years, or just entering the school for the first time, we are glad to have you as part of the Isaac Fox Family.

Every parent of an Isaac Fox student is a member of the PTO (Parent Teacher Organization). Our school has a tradition of parent involvement and I would expect this year to be no different. The parent involvement through PTO enhances our children's education, lends positive support to the teachers and staff and builds a strong community. You should have received a PTO volunteer form in your first day of school packet. This will replace a round up that some of you may be used to in the past. Please fill it out and return it to school prior to September 4. You can always contact me if you have any questions or concerns about what you may be volunteering for!

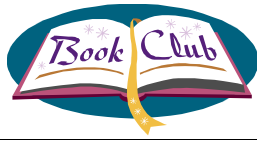
You should be receiving information about our fall Gift Wrap fundraiser. This is our major fundraiser of the year that pays for much of the programs we provide. Last year we provided money to pay for:

Curriculum Enhancement programs through all grades
Cultural Arts assemblies
Art Appreciation classes for 1st & 2nd grade
Field trips
Teacher expenditure requests & more

We also use our monies to support the teachers and staff with conference dinners, a back to school luncheon, teacher appreciation week and a monetary gift to help the teachers purchase items for their classrooms that the district doesn't cover. Supporting the PTO programs bring many extras to the school that aren't possible on the school budget. My hope is that all Isaac Fox Families will participate in the Gift Wrap sale; however if you choose not to participate in the sale, monetary donations are gratefully accepted.

As you can see we are a very diverse group with a lot to offer to the school. We need volunteers to help run these programs, no experience necessary - just a willing attitude and hands to help! Please contact me if you have any questions about our programs or if you'd just like to say hello. I'm looking forward to meeting you and we're looking forward to a great new year at Isaac Fox!

Anne Close
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Birthday Book Club

Happy Birthday!! The Birthday Book Club is a special way to share the gift of reading by celebrating your child's birthday and helping our school library at the same time.

During the month of your child's birthday, a letter will be sent home asking if you would like to participate. If so, complete the form and return it to his/her teacher. During their library time, your child will have the opportunity to look through a list of books not yet available to other students. Once they have selected one, a note will be sent home stating the book title and cost. Once payment has been received by the Media Specialists, your child's name will be permanently affixed to the front cover of the book and will be ready for check out by your child on his/her next visit to the library. After your child has had the opportunity to read this book, it will be donated to the school library and made available to all of our students to enjoy for years to come.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Media Specialists or Jan Robertson (847-540-8628).

Thanks to all the Birthday Book donations from last Spring. A special Happy Birthday to Sammie V, Brandon K, Leyna K, Ian R, Sydney M, Kayla S, Anna G, Alex G, Patrick O, Brady P, Erin D, Sophia R, Kimberly S, Kyle N, Ivan C, Amanda R, David N.

Target Fundraiser

In September, Isaac Fox will receive around \$700.00 from Target. This is now an annual check instead of a semi-annual one. For anyone that has a Target REDcard, it is easy to designate Isaac Fox as the recipient. There is one of three ways to designate Isaac Fox as your school or to apply for your own Target REDcard:

1. Go to www.target.com/tcoe
2. Call 1-800-316-6142
3. Stop by the kiosk near customer service at any Target store.

Questions? Call Mary Santi at 847-438-5204



ATTENTION MONEY MAKERS!

The holidays are just months away. With this in mind, the Isaac Fox PTO will hold its 3rd annual Holiday Marketplace on Friday, November 13th, from 6:00-9:00pm. We are lining up local businesses and crafters to sell their wares. Once again, an 8' table and advertising with your company name will be included in the \$45.00 donation to Isaac Fox School.

Contact Risa Levitan at risalevitan@sbcglobal.net or (847) 726-7860 to register.



Giftwrap Mania Hits Isaac Fox!

Stop “Monkeying” around and place your orders! Time is running out to participate in our main school fund-raiser. The sale is now in progress and will end on Friday, September 18th. Thanks to the Innisbrook Program, we will receive 50% of the profits from our total purchases.

Proceeds from this event help subsidize many of our school’s programs including Curriculum Enhancement, Cultural Arts Program, Field Day and Parent University. Whether it is corporate holiday gifts or remembering family and friends, there is something for everyone! Mark your calendar for Tuesday, October 13st from 3:00 – 6:00pm to pick-up your order.

If you have any questions or need assistance with on-line ordering contact:
Kim Kelly (847) 847-7044
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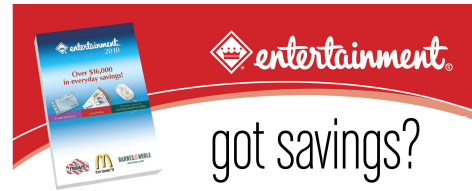


SPIRITWEAR

Welcome back Students and Parents!! We wanted to remind all families that every Friday is Spirit wear Day. Show off your school spirit by wearing your favorite Isaac Fox attire. Please look for our Fall Flyer coming out in the next couple of weeks. We look forward to another great school year ahead of us.

Kim Hahn and Donna Newby
Spiritwear Team

Entertainment Books



Only \$20.00 per Book

GREAT SAVINGS on the things you use every day, including:

- STEAK AND SHAKE, BUCA DI BEPO, DOMINICK’S, TGIFRIDAYS, DICK’S SPORTING GOODS, DUNKIN DONUTS, SOUTHWEST AIRLINES, SEAR’S.COM, EXPEDIA, Absolutely FREE offers, such as:FREE PRETZEL-AUNTIE ANNE’S, FREE WATER-WALGREENS, FREE COFFEE-CINNABON...*And thousands more!*



Starting this year all Market Day orders will be placed on-line at Marketday.com Remember to select Isaac Fox Elementary/Middle School South for your organization

Our second sale is underway! Orders must be placed by September 26 by 11:00 p.m. Pick up date will be Tuesday, September 30 at 3:00 p.m. in the Isaac Fox Cafeteria.

* Volunteers are needed * Questions – Contact Mary McDermott 847/550-9077

Renaissance Knights



Junior Renaissance Knights held chess classes at Isaac Fox and Charles Quentin for the past two years. They will be at Isaac Fox again this year on Thursdays starting September 10th. We will have five sessions of six lessons each throughout the school year.

All levels of experience are welcome, however the class is limited to the first 28 students to register and will be offered initially to children in grades 2 - 5. The chess classes will be held in the art room after school until 4pm. Each session will cost \$62 per student and includes instruction, supplies, water and a after school snack.

Junior Renaissance Knights will provide all the equipment, your child just needs to arrive with the desire to learn more about the game of chess. Registration forms for the first session came home with the students, look for future registration forms throughout the year on SIGN.

Save the Dates

Parent University - Part I

Wednesday 11/4/09 (7pm-9pm)

And

Parent University

Saturday 2/27/10 (8:30am-12:30pm)

Stay tuned for further details



Landscaping

Hi! My name is Irene Rock and I am very excited to take on the Landscape committee this year. The only experience I have is the love of gardening. I am looking forward to beautifying Isaac Fox's landscape - though - I have to commend the committee who did a wonderful job last year. My goal is not only to maintain the grounds but also to approach some areas around the school that have been a little neglected. I would like to invite families, girl and boy scout troops, or any other groups to become involved to help me reach these goals.

A few areas I will need help with this fall, we will focus on general weeding, possibly some mulching, pruning of shrubs and bushes and planting bulbs. (The plan is to do this in the month of October) In the spring, we will face weeding and general clean up from the winter months, possibly mulching again. (The plan is doing this mid-end of April the beginning of May)

The areas I would like to see revitalized are by the Kindergarten entrance and behind the school (back entrance and by the library). We will concentrate on clean up and new plantings. Plant donations would be very welcome for this project. (We're good on Day Lilies, Echinacea, Grasses and Daisies) I am also willing to listen to any new and creative ideas for better ways to keep Isaac Fox beautiful, flowering and definitely green.

*Please note that I will have more specific dates set up once I have my volunteers and their availability in place. Feel free to reach me at i_g_rock@yahoo.com or 847.540.6814



Health and Safety

Getting to school is safe again. The new 5th Grade Safety Patrol takes to the streets beginning Tuesday, September 8th. Be sure to pay attention and thank all the Crossing Guards on your way across the street. We also had some great helpers get us started this year. A special thanks goes to: Joe L., Grace M., Grace M., Steven M., Ryan N., Tyler and Michael P., and Andrew R. for helping us cross the streets the first couple of weeks of school. Big thank you's also go out to Pat Lavin and Regina Nix, our parent volunteers who help EVERYONE stay safe.

SAVE THE DATES

Destination BOOK FAIR

10/14/09 through 10/16/09
Stay tuned for further details



Box Tops & Campbell's

Labels for Education

Welcome back students, staff and parents to another great year at Isaac Fox! We're kicking off our campaign in September with classroom challenges between grade levels with "Back to School with Box Tops & Campbell's Labels". Look for details to arrive next week in student backpacks and stop by the display table at the upcoming Curriculum Nights. Parents – if you have a product/service you would like to donate to students/classrooms for the rewards associated with the challenges, or if you are interested in helping out with Box Tops, please contact Christy Kessler at ckessler@earthlink.net. Help us reach this year's goals for Box Tops of \$2,600 and 10,000 points from Campbell's. Spread the news to friends and family about clipping Box Tops & Campbell's labels and get clipping, clipping, clipping for Isaac Fox!



ISAAC FOX FAMILY PARTY

Join us at the school for the Isaac Fox Family Party on Friday, September 11th 6 – 9pm. The cost is \$10 per family for fun, music, dancing, games and light sticks for the kids . You can pre-order meals from Woody's and T-shirts to tie dye. More information and order forms should have come home with your student or go to SIGN to get the info. RSVP by Friday, September 4th. Call Lisa W. at 847-540-8654 if you have any questions, need more information or can bring some baked goods for the cake walk game.

Letter from Shari Gullo:

Bill Coon, Jr. graduated from Lake Zurich High School a couple of years ago. He was one of the seniors that was chosen to speak at his class's graduation ceremony. When Bill was just 3 weeks old he had a heart transplant. In May he developed heart failure and is now on the transplant list once again. He not only needs a new heart, but a kidney as well.

Bill's mother, Ann, was a substitute teacher for our district for many years and several teachers that are presently employed by the district had Bill as a student.

I am a friend of the family and am in the process of putting together a prayer pouch or box for Bill. The container will be filled with prayers, cards, letters, etc. for him. If any of the district's teachers, or families would like to contribute to this project they can send them to me:

Shari Gullo
585 Cypress Bridge Road
Lake Zurich, IL 60047

The letters should be marked on their contribution if they want it to remain "forever private". They may wish to make their prayer tangible, but remain unread. Some people have e-mailed me prayers to include. They can be sent to me at pizzabones@msn.com. I will cut and paste them and print them out on nice paper. If this is done, people should include their name and if they would like, their address.

It is not necessary for people to know Bill in order to participate. Most of the prayers that have been received so far are from strangers who know of Bill's situation and are praying for him.