



PTO FOX-TALES

OCTOBER 2009

A word from the PTO President

The kids have been back to school for a month now and are settling into routines, but we are just getting started! We had a great turnout for our Family Celebration. Over 425 people enjoyed dinner, games, a cakewalk, a DJ, tie-dying t-shirts and a trivia contest on a beautiful night. Our gift wrap fundraiser went well thanks to all of the families who supported us and your children. We appreciate it. The room moms have been selected and are sending home information about where they will need help in the classrooms. Look for those sheets coming home in your children's backpacks. The book fair is coming October 14-16. This is a great place to shop for a gift for teachers!

Thank you to everyone who sent in volunteer sheets. Without your help, we could never provide all of the programs to the school, staff and students. Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions, concerns, or ideas. Enjoy these beautiful fall days!

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UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- 10/1 Entertainment books go home
- 10/2, 9, and 23 After 3 Science Classes
- 10/6 Rope Warrior after school
- 10/7 Walk to School Day
- 10/13 Innisbrook Pick Up Day 3-6PM
- 10/14-16 Book Fair 10/15 Family Night
- 10/9-21 Jewel Shop and Share Days
- 10/ 24, 25 Landscaping with the Girl Scouts
- 10/27 Market Day

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PTO NEWSLETTER GOING GREEN!
 The PTO newsletter Fox-Tales will be going green in January – it will no longer be printed and distributed. Read it on SIGN!



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.

A special Happy Birthday to Ian I, Ryan N, Albert S, Thomas K, Hannah Z, Nicholas A, Kelly M, Kayla M, Emily R, Peter P, Sedona B, Chase B, Connor F, Isabella R, Angela J, Tyler J, Madison Z, Kole K, Nick B, Lauryn J, Katie K, Andy D, Natalie D, Jack D

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



Support 5th grade TAFT!

5th graders will be selling snacks & baked goods at the Book Fair Family Night, October 15th and on the PTO Movie Night, November 6.

Join the 5th graders at Culver's, Tuesday, October 20 from 5:00-8:00. 10% of all sales will go towards TAFT. There will also be a 50/50 raffle.



Fox Friends

We would like to say a big thank you to all those who donated to the underwear and school supply drive. There were many happy children picking out new underwear at the Emmus House Community Dinner. We will be able to give out sixty bags of supplies to local families in need later in the year.



6,000 Labels and Counting...

What a great start to our year! Every classroom participated in the September Box Tops & Campbell's Labels challenge. With more than 6,000 labels collected in our first month, it was a tough competition between the classrooms. Thirty-five students completed the individual challenge of submitting 50 or more labels during the month. These students were rewarded with special Bag Tags to hang on their backpacks. Congratulations students! Our winning classrooms (based on top class on average) for September were: Ms. Matuszewski, Ms. Kunkel and Ms. Bonadonna.

Our October challenge is officially on – It's a Spooktacular time as we go "Batty with Box Tops" this month. Visit the SIGN site for collection sheets or stop by the table in the lobby to pick up collection sheets. This month's challenge will reward winning classrooms in the categories (K-1, 2-3, and 4-5) with special treats for their fall parties. This challenge runs through October 23. **Be sure to place your name and classroom information on the bottom of completed worksheets.** Additional Box Tops, Campbell's and Tyson labels can be submitted for the challenge via baggies, additional collection sheets, or envelopes.

New Addition to the Collection Program –Isaac Fox joined the Tyson A+ Program! Start saving red Tyson Foods labels marked with the A+ program and turn these in just like you do for the other Labels programs.

Seeking volunteers that would like to help assemble our 6,000+ labels for submission to Box Tops & Campbell's programs. Volunteers are needed in October – contact Christy Kessler to volunteer at: ckessler@earthlink.net



ISAAC FOX FAMILY PARTY

Thank you to everyone who baked treats and volunteered their time to make this event so successful. The tie-dye T-shirts look great and we hope everyone got to meet some new people as well

as reconnect with those they haven't seen since last school year.



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Many of the teachers and staff sent wonderful pieces of trivia about themselves and the school to use at the Family Party. We weren't able to get to the trivia game so we will do it in the PTO newsletter.

For the next several months, we'll have trivia questions at the beginning of the newsletter and the answers towards the end to test your knowledge and help you get to know the school and staff better.

Questions:

1. What year did Isaac Fox open?
2. Name two teachers that have been teaching at Isaac Fox since opening day.
3. Was Isaac Fox a real person? Is he Mrs. Fox's (4th grade) great grandfather?
4. Who are the two teachers who go to Great America together every summer and braved the Superman ride this past summer?
5. Who went to Costa Rica and the Canadian Rockies this past summer?
6. Who went white water rafting and caving in West Virginia this past summer?

Renaissance Knights



Sign up for the second session of chess that will start Friday, October 16th. Check SIGN for the flyer with more information.

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 4:00 pm. Each session will cost \$62 per student and includes instruction, supplies, water and an 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.



**~Destination Book Fair ~
Read Around the World**

We will be hosting our Fall Book Fair on 10/14-10/16. Each child will visit the Fair with their class and will have an opportunity to purchase books. Mark your calendars for our Family Event on 10/15 where you can shop and enjoy the fun! Remember...books make great holiday gifts! You can also select books for your child's teacher to help build their classroom library.

Don't miss this opportunity to light up your child's face with the excitement of reading a good book!
See you at the Book Fair!



Store Fundraisers

The Jewel Shop and Share days

Oct. 19, Oct. 20 and Oct. 21. Do your regular shopping at Jewel on these dates and 5% of your total purchase will be donated to Isaac Fox. Identification slips (which you give to the cashier) will be available on SIGN in mid-Oct. Questions? Call Mary Santi at 847-438-5204 or e-mail her at maryfs2154@sbcglobal.net.

Dominick's will contribute up to 4% of your total purchase each time that you shop on any day of the year. To sign up: get a free Fresh Values card at any Dominick's, visit www.escrip.com, click on #1 Sign Up - It's Free and follow the six easy steps. Questions? Contact Mary Santi at 847-438-5204 or e-mail her at maryfs2154@sbcglobal.net.



Landscaping

Let's get Isaac Fox ready for the winter months! We have already asked the Girl Scouts to incorporate this activity into Make a Difference Day. The dates set aside are for:

Saturday 10/24 10am - 1 pm
Sunday 10/25 Noon - 3pm
Friday 11/6 3pm - 5pm

We will be working in the front and you can come for all of the hours or as many that will fit in your schedule. The supplies that you will need to bring with you are gloves, weeding tools, clippers and hedge trimmers. We will supply the bags for gardening refuse. Thank you ahead of time for your help.



Special Needs Liason

This is a new position to our PTO this year. The goal is to attend the Special Needs Support Network (SNSN) of Lake Zurich meetings and report pertinent information back to the PTO. The SNSN is a group that is set up to support and educate each other on the topics that are currently happening with our children. We meet twice monthly.

The morning meeting meets at Alpine Chapel from 9-11am and is set up to support and educate each other on the topics that are currently happening with our children. This meeting creates a great networking opportunity to learn about specialists in the areas of your child's needs. It also is a place to get questions answered. It is an informal setting and all are welcome to attend. Many of our topics apply to ALL students and great information is always available.

Once a month we will also host a speaker on a given topic. These meetings will be held at Ela Library from 7:00 - 8:45 in the meeting room. The topics will be broad ranged topics that can apply to most families and their children. If you have an idea for a topic or speaker - please pass it on to me and we will try to get it scheduled. This is an excellent opportunity to meet other parents, share information and learn ways to help your children.

October 5th - 9:00-11:00

Alpine Chapel - support/networking

October 26th - 7:00 - 8:45

Ela Library

Speaker - Josh Price and Peter Rasterilli
Social /Emotional Development through the school years.

November 9th - 9:00 - 11:00

Alpine Chapel - support/networking

November 30th - 7:00 - 8:45

Ela Library

Speaker Alice Belgrade Behavior Plans

If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Glatz joanne_glatz@yahoo.com or 847/726-8828



Jr Great Books is a fantastic new program to Isaac Fox. It's essentially a book club for kids lead by parents. Instead of reading whole books, the children get one book with a number of short stories, folk tales, fables, etc. Each week they read one story and then get together to discuss it. We meet once a week for about 1 hour. Prizes, incentives, snacks and more make this a lot of fun for your child!! The program lasts for 6 weeks starting mid-Jan and ending before spring break. It's a great way to get your child to read a little more and get together with friends, have a snack and talk about what they read.

Details are still being worked out, but if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Joanne Glatz for more information 847/726-8828 or joanne_glatz@yahoo.com



PARENT UNIVERSITY

MIDDLE SCHOOL NORTH MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
NOVEMBER 4, 2009 7-9 PM

Parent University – Part 1 is a FREE event open to all interested parents. This November Parent University will be hosting a session called “Active Parenting of Teens”. This session will be led by the distinguished Bob Leece, who holds a Masters Degree in Guidance Counseling and has over 37 years in the education field. His presentation will touch you and leave you empowered to take an active role in your child’s life...it’s never too early to start!

Please e-mail Lori Schwartz at parentuniversity@yahoo.com if you are interested in attending this event. We would like to have a count of the number of people planning on attending this worthwhile event! There will be no child care offered during this session. We look forward to seeing you there!



Don't Forget To Mark Your Calendars...Our 16th Annual Celebration of Parent University – Part 2 is scheduled for Saturday, February 27, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – held at Lake Zurich Middle School North – Hawthorn Woods. Look for details regarding breakout sessions and the keynote speaker in an upcoming PTO newsletter.



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. See SIGN for registration. Contact Kim Kelly at kktkakjk@comcast.net or 847-651-9578 with questions.



Fall Grants

Thanks to you, the PTO began the year with a successful fundraising effort and we will be able to offer grants for educational resources this fall. Parents are often in a great position to make effective suggestions for the use of our extra monies. Do you have an idea that could enrich the learning experience for our students? Tell us your idea by filling out an expenditure request form available in the school office.

The deadline for all expenditure request forms is Friday, October 9th. Please return your completed requests to Susan Evans in the school office by 3pm that day.

If you have any questions, please contact Allison Reichel at jareichel@comcast.net or Lisa Warren at swarren852@aol.com



GETTING TO KNOW YOU Answers:

1. Isaac Fox opened in 1993.
2. Mrs. Layton (3rd grade) and Mrs. Polancich (music teacher) have been teaching at Isaac Fox since opening day.
3. Isaac Willard Fox came to Lake Zurich in 1871 after the Chicago fire and built his house in what is now Nestlerest Park. He was a prominent member of the community and the school was named after him. Mrs. Fox has looked at her family tree and Isaac Fox does not appear to be a relative of hers.
4. Mrs. Brooks (principal) and Mrs. Layton (3rd grade) go to Great America together every summer. Mrs. Brooks was surprised at the real sensation of flying on the Superman ride.
5. Mrs. Lyons (kindergarten) went to Costa Rica and to the Canadian Rockies.
6. Ms. Johnson (5th grade) went white water rafting and caving.