

2006-07 PTO FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES:

Yankee Candle: This fundraiser is always a tremendous success! Catalogs and order forms are distributed the first week of school. The sale runs September 11 – September 22. Volunteers will be needed to help total orders and distribute merchandise upon delivery. Estimated delivery is mid to end of October.

Citrus Sale: For many years, MMS has been selling quality oranges and grapefruit from Florida. Volunteers are needed for totaling orders, unloading cases of fruit from the truck, checking orders as people arrive for pick up, and loading cases into cars.

Evergreen Sale: We hope to enhance everyone's home and holiday spirits with these beautiful evergreens! Look for the catalogs and order forms to come home during October. Delivery and distribution will follow after Thanksgiving. Help is needed tallying orders and distributing greens.

Basket Raffle: Our Basket Raffle, held in April, is a huge fundraiser! Our efforts will once again be combined with Deans Mill School. More than a hundred baskets are beautifully displayed and raffled off during an exciting evening at MMS. This is a very well organized event, and many volunteers are needed.

School Store: Items for sale include pencils, pens, erasers, highlighters, reeds and oil for musical instruments, etc. The store will be open one day per week, throughout the year, during lunch. Volunteers are needed to operate the store.

Book Fairs: Mark your calendars for the Fall Book Fair scheduled for late fall, and the Spring Book Fair, usually scheduled in March. Volunteers are needed as cashiers, and to help with setting up and taking down display tables.

Staff Appreciation Week: During National Education Week in November, the PTO recognizes our teachers and staff for their dedication to the students by treating them to a mouth watering array of casseroles and delicious baked goods. Volunteers are needed primarily for the cooking and baking.

Welcome Committee: This committee assists all newcomers into the MMS family community. Volunteers are needed to help answer questions and offer companionship.

MMS/PTO Newsletter: The newsletter serves as an essential link between home and school. This newsletter is mailed home and will be available for online viewing via www.stoningtonschools.org. Deadline for submission is usually the 15th of every month. Submissions may be put in the PTO mailbox located in the school office, or emailed to Marion Dodd at mkyffdodd@hotmail.com. Volunteers are needed for copying, labeling, and stamping.

Cultural Enrichment: During the school year, our PTO provides a variety of performances to enrich the cultural experiences of our students. These include, but are not limited to, curriculum based assemblies, community awareness, and child safety awareness programs. Volunteers may be needed on the day of performances. New suggestions are always welcome!

Box Top Program: This program asks that all MMS families collect "Box Tops for Education" stamps off grocery products that participate in the program. We hope to see much participation!

MMS Directory: Special Thanks to our school directory coordinator, Jane Connelly, for undertaking this time consuming project. We will need volunteers to help distribute the directories.

Eighth Grade Party: This party is held at the end of the school year to allow students to celebrate their last year at MMS. Eighth grade parents are encouraged to help plan this special event.

Spring Bulb Sale: This fundraiser brings beautiful spring bulbs and flower kits to the MMS Community. Volunteers needed to tally orders and help with distribution.

Library Volunteers: Needless to say, the library is a very busy place! With the constant movement of resource materials, it becomes a never-ending job to keep it updated and organized.

Duck Race/Hot Dog Sales: This fundraiser brought in over \$1,000 a few years ago and we've decided to do it again this year. Volunteers needed to sell hot dogs and soda on race day, usually held in April.

8th Grade Graduation Refreshments: Every year we look for two parents from the 7th grade class to coordinate the refreshments for the 8th grade closing ceremonies. This takes place on the morning of the last day of school.

As you can see, we are a very active PTO. We pride ourselves on coming together for the good of our children, school, and local community!