

DMS PTO Newsletter



October 2005

FALL FESTIVAL FUN!!

Fall is here...leaves, apples, pumpkins, and, of course, the **DMS PTO Fall Festival!** Come enjoy this fun-filled family event, which will be held rain or shine from 10:00am to 2:00pm on October 15th at the DMS playground. There will be live music, free admission, a moon walk, pumpkin painting, yummy food and bake sale goodies, sack races, a fabulous raffle, and much more.

Volunteers are still needed for Festival events. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Ellen Knizeski (535-3125) or Stella Hillegass (536-8803).

The PTO is also looking for donations of "gently-used" children's books and videos and bake sale items for Fall Festival. If you would like to donate books or videos, please drop them in the collection box outside the DMS office before Oct. 13th. All types of baked goods are needed for the bake sale, including individually wrapped cookies and brownies, quick breads, cakes, caramel apples, or other yummy treats. Call Alisa Morrison at 535-1737 for more details, or just drop the items off at the bake sale table at Fall Festival.

Looking Ahead...

Upcoming important dates

Memory Book Meeting	Oct. 13
Fall Festival	Oct. 15
Meet the Candidates Night 7:30pm, DMS Cafeteria	Oct 19
PTO Meeting 7:00pm, DMS Media Center	Oct 27
Skate Night	Nov. 10
Fall Book Fair	Nov. 14-18
Book Fair Family Night	Nov. 15
PTO Coffee 9:00am, DMS Cafeteria	Nov. 18

DMS Scholastic Book Fair

The time is coming quickly for the annual fall Book Fair at Deans Mill School. This years' Fair will be held the week of November 14th - 18th; Family Night will be Tuesday, November 15th. There will be more information coming in your child's backpack. We will be calling volunteers the end of October or early November. If you haven't already signed up to volunteer and would like to, please contact either Ann Schrempp (599-4726) or Paula Bovino (535-0315). Lots of great books and gift ideas coming soon!

School Spirit Day Every Friday!

Join the DMS community each week and wear your DMS t-shirt or any green shirt! Wearing green on Friday is a fun way to show school pride!

To contribute to the November Newsletter please contact Debbie Downie at ddownie01@snet.net by October 30th

Meet the Candidates Night

The DMS PTO is sponsoring a "meet the candidates for Board of Education" community forum on October 19th at 7:30 in the DMS cafeteria. There are 8 candidates for four open seats on the Board of Education. This is a great opportunity to come meet them in an informal setting, and ask any questions you may have about school related issues.

Skate Nights are Back!

Mark your calendars for Skate Nights. Dates for this year are: November 10 5:30 - 7:30, January 13, 5:00-7:00 and March 31, 5:00-7:00. Come join the fun when the DMS PTO reserves the Galaxy Roller Rink in Groton for DMS families. Admission is \$3.00 per skater. Rentals are available @ \$1.50 for roller skates and \$4.00 for rollerblades.

Cartridges for Kids-Recycling Fundraiser

Send in your empty ink cartridges and help DMS raise money. Cartridges may be placed in the container near the elevator. We send the cartridges to the *Cartridges For Kids* program and they send us a check! It's a great way to recycle and make some money at the same time!

Target-Take Charge of Education Program

DMS is participating in the Target-Take Charge of Education Program. Our school ID Number is 39229. If you shop at Target, consider using your Target Visa or Target Card to help raise money for DMS. DMS receives a rebate of up to 1% of the total purchase. To sign up for the program go to Target.com or call 1-800-316-6142. As of August 2005 DMS has received \$83.51.

After School Enrichment (ACE)

DMS PTO is looking for volunteers to teach classes or help out in the upcoming Fall ACE program. If you are interested, call Robin Swenarton at 572-1491 or Sue Lyon at 535-0755 or look for the flyer in your child's backpack.

Think Green!

Spruce up your doors and hallways for the winter holidays! The Evergreen fundraiser is about to start! The fundraiser will begin in October; delivery will be the first week of December. Many volunteers are needed the night of pick-up/delivery. Look for a flyer in your child's backpack in mid-October with more details! Call Alexa Garvey 599-1771 or Michele Nolan 599-3272 if you would like to volunteer.

Thanks from the PTO

Thanks to all who attended our September PTO meeting! It was great to see lots of new faces as well as old friends! The next evening meeting is Thursday, October 27 at 7:00pm in the DMS Media Center. We will have a morning coffee from 9:00-10:00am on Nov. 18 in the DMS cafeteria. Thanks also to everyone who participated in our wrapping paper fundraiser!

New to DMS?

Missy Smith-Potter, chair of the DMS Welcoming Committee for 2005-2006 invites those families new to DMS to contact her with any questions or just to say hello! Contact Missy at 599-4845 or email mymissy@comcast.net

Memory Book Meeting

Anyone interested in working on the 2005-2006 DMS Memory Book, is invited to a meeting on Thursday, October 13th, 9:15-10:15 in the DMS cafeteria. Interested persons unable to attend the meeting can contact Alexa Garvey at 599-1771 or magarv@sbcglobal.net

Yawgoog Ski Program

In the past, the DMS After School Enrichment Program (ACE) sponsored a "Learn to Ski" program at Ski Yawgoog in Rhode Island. Although the activity was a success for a number of years, recently it has become difficult for ACE to organize and run this program. For those interested in the after-school ski program, we understand that a number of DMS families are planning on skiing at Yawgoog on Mondays and Wednesday this winter.