



Southeast Elementary

PTO TIDBITS

December 2013

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec. 13 Scrip Orders Due
- Dec. 17 Wendy's Night
- Dec. 17 SE Spirit Night
- Dec. 19 Scrip Sent Home
- Dec. 20 Scrip Orders Due
- Dec. 20 Winter Parties
- Dec. 26 Scrip Home Delivery
- Dec. 27 Scrip Orders Due
- Jan. 2 Scrip Home Delivery
- Jan. 3 Scrip Orders Due
- Jan. 9 Scrip Sent Home
- Jan. 10 Scrip Orders Due
- Jan. 13 PTO Meeting 6:30
- Jan. 16 Scrip Sent Home
- Jan. 17 Scrip Orders Due
- Jan. 21 Wendy's Night
- Jan. 23 Scrip Sent Home
- Jan. 24 Scrip Orders Due
- Feb. 10 PTO Meeting 6:30
- Apr. 5 Fun Night
- Apr. 14 5th Grade Choral Festival



Spirit Night

Mark your calendar for Southeast's Spirit Night on **Tuesday, December 17th**. This special event is designed to encourage elementary age students and families to attend high school basketball games to show support for the Ankeny Hawks and Hawkettes.

The game will start at 6:15 pm in the main gym and will feature the Ankeny Hawkettes vs. Dowling Catholic. Activities involving Southeast students will be held during halftime.

All students will be provided with a free admission ticket and a free popcorn ticket; courtesy of Northwest Bank, our business partner. These items will be sent home with students closer to the date of our Spirit Night.

There will be a reserved section in the gym for Southeast families. We hope to see you there cheering for the Hawkettes. Wear your Ankeny Hawks / Southeast Elementary apparel!

Stop by Southeast Wendy's night before or after the game and our school gets 10% of ALL sales between 5-8 pm!

Papas and Pajamas

The PTO is working on a new family event to be held in late April. It will be a night of fun for Southeast students and their dad or other important adult male in their life. The kids can come in PJ's or other comfy attire and listen as local celebrities read bedtime stories. There will be advance registration and the kids will be able to indicate their top choices of stories to listen too. There will also be a snack provided.

We are looking for parent's help in two ways:

- 1) Help to decorate the rooms. We will need help planning and decorating each of the story rooms. We will also need a host for each room that evening to help get guests seated and to introduce the reader.
- 2) If you are or know any local celebrity who would be willing to read a book to an audience of kids and their special guest for a couple hours, please let us know.

Contact Kelly Heuton kellyheuton@gmail.com or [515-210-6843](tel:515-210-6843). Thank you!

Wendy's Night

We enjoyed another great turnout for our November Wendy's Night. Over **\$313** was raised for the Southeast PTO. The balloon artists from Amazing Balloon twists were on hand making amazing balloon sculptures free of charge! Mrs. Longtin's class was the winner of the Frosty Party with 14 out of 25 students attending.

The next Southeast Wendy's Night will be **Tuesday, December 17**. Ms. Maze and Mrs. Heller will be there to check you in! Please remember that Wendy's generously donates **10% of ALL sales** from 5-8pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Any purchases before 5pm or after 8pm are not counted into our sales.

Southeast Spirit Night begins at 6:15 on the 17th, so be sure to swing by Wendy's for supper before you go!

The PTO will have a limited number of \$10 gift cards available for purchase, by cash or check, at the check-in table. The gift cards, purchased thru our scrip program, earn an additional 4% .



Photos from November Wendy's Night

We Need You!

Are you interested in volunteering with the PTO but not sure how you can help? There's always room for more volunteers and we need people with a wide range of skillsets. We have immediate need in the following area:

Treasurer-Elect: The Treasurer-Elect will assist the Treasurer and perform other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Board, Board, or general membership. The Treasurer-Elect shall become the Treasurer at the end of the Treasurer's term.

If you are interested in these opportunities, or if you have questions, please email southeastpto@gmail.com

Campbell's Labels for Education

From soup, cereal and snacks to dairy products, beverages and food storage – your kitchen's probably full of eligible Campbell's *Labels for Education*[®] items. Southeast PTO collects labels year round and redeems them for outdoor recess items, such as jump ropes and balls, so get clipping to start earning free stuff for our school! Please clip **ONLY** the UPC code, the entire label is not needed. Labels can be deposited in the PTO box outside the school office.

Fifth Grade Choral Festival

All 5th graders are invited and encouraged to participate in the 3rd Annual Ankeny 5th Grade Choral Festival on **Monday, April 14, 2014**. The choral festival is an opportunity for 5th graders to learn and perform choral music with other 5th graders from across the district. Southeast Elementary is a part of the south feeder which also includes: Crocker, East, Prairie Trail, and Terrace Elementary Schools. This is a great way for 5th graders to see if they might like to be in 6th grade choir next year with a short-term commitment.

Registration information will go home after winter break. Registration will be online in an easy to use Google form and is due **Monday, January 13, 2014**. 5th graders will get to meet and rehearse with vocal music teachers from Ankeny middle schools and high schools. Rehearsals will begin in February or March and will be on Mondays & Thursdays from 7:30am - 7:50am in the Southeast music room.

Generous donations from Ankeny Elementary PTOs and other donors, allow participation to be **free** for all students. The day of the festival, participants will be taken by bus from Southeast to Ankeny High School at approximately 1:45pm. Students will participate in whole group warm-ups, smaller sectional/part rehearsals, and whole group rehearsal. A snack and dinner ("sack lunch" from Ankeny food service) will be provided.

The festival performance is at **6:30pm** in the **Ankeny High School Auditorium** and will be conducted by 6th & 7th grade vocal music teachers from both Parkview and Prairie Ridge Middle Schools. Students should wear their nicest jeans to school the day of the performance and will be provided with a choral festival t-shirt that day to wear for the performance.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact the Southeast General Music Teacher, Marie Shilkaitis at marie.shilkaitis@ankenyschools.org

Scrip Gift Card Fundraiser

The PTO recently introduced a new ongoing, **no-sale** gift card fundraiser called Scrip. We are excited to have raised **over \$600** for the PTO in only three weeks!

Scrip orders (either online or paper forms) are collected each Friday and sent home with your child or available for pick-up the following Thursday.

As we come to the end of the holiday buying season, **we encourage you to begin, or continue, using Scrip gift cards for your everyday purchases like gas and groceries.** You buy face value, you get face value and your PTO earns money! A family using gift cards for these every day purchases can earn their PTO an estimated average of approximately \$20 per month!

We will continue to process orders over winter break. Orders will be processed as follows:

- ◆ Orders sent to school or placed online by noon Friday, December 20 will be hand delivered to your home on Thursday, December 26 (or after if more convenient for you).
- ◆ Orders placed online, or delivered to the scrip gift card team, by noon Friday, December 27 will be hand delivered to your home on Thursday, January 2 (or after if more convenient for you).
- ◆ Orders placed online, or delivered to the scrip gift card team, by noon Friday, January 3 will be available for normal distribution on Thursday, January 9.

More information on the Scrip program and **printable order forms** can be found on our website <http://southeastpto.weebly.com/> Select **Fundraising** from the menu bar and then **Scrip Gift Cards**.

For questions, or more information on how to continue with your orders over winter break, email southeastptogiftcards@gmail.com

Southeast CARNIVAL

Fun Night!



APRIL 5, 2014

4 - 7 P.M.

COME ONE.
COME ALL!



FUN
GAMES
FOOD
PRIZES

Scrip Gift Card Fundraiser

The PTO will be hosting a silent auction during Fun Night. Each grade level has selected two basket themes for the auction. In order for this to be a success, we are asking families to donate items for the baskets in their child's grade level. Visit our website <http://southeastpto.weebly.com/> and select **Fun Night** from the menu bar to see basket suggestions and sign up to donate an item.

If you own or work for a business that would like to donate a good or service (massage/spa treatments, photography, pet boarding/grooming, Thirty-One, Tastefully Simple, Mary Kay, etc.), please email southeastpto@gmail.com and we will either create a basket for your item(s) or find a basket to place your item in.

Silent Auction Baskets:

Kindergarten - Ice Cream Basket and Breakfast Basket

1st Grade - Game Night Basket and Books & Coffee Basket

2nd Grade - Iowa State Cyclones Basket and Iowa Hawkeyes Basket

3rd Grade - Movie Basket and Grilling Basket

4th Grade - Golf Basket and Beverage Basket

5th Grade - Car Care Basket and Baking Basket