



Southeast Elementary

PTO Tidbits

October 2013

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov. 11-14 Conferences
- Nov. 11-14 Book Fair
- Nov. 12 Fundraiser Pick-up
- Nov. 12 Staff Hospitality Dinner
- Nov. 18 PTO Meeting 6:30
- Nov. 19 Wendy's Night
- Dec. 9 PTO Meeting 6:30
- Dec. 17 Wendy's Night
- Dec. 17 SE Spirit Night
- Dec. 20 Fall Parties
- Jan. 13 PTO Meeting 6:30
- Jan. 21 Wendy's Night



PTO Overview

The purpose of PTO is to promote academic and social enrichment of Southeast children. Last year, our PTO was proud to support the purchase of 30 mini iPads, a yearbook for each student, Grades 3-5 Student Planners, paint for the United States map on the playground, and National Geographic, Time Kids or Scholastic subscription for each student.

The PTO also provides funding each year for 5th Grade Graduation and T-Shirts, Kindergarten Graduation, Principal's Corner, Field Day, Running Club, the Summer Reading Program and two \$400 scholarships to Southeast graduates through Dollars for Scholars.

We have a very exciting year ahead with many opportunities, big and small, for you to become involved with Southeast PTO. Please look over this newsletter and email us at southeastpto@gmail.com if you have any questions about your Southeast Elementary PTO!

PTO Meetings

Do you find it difficult to attend the meetings? Southeast PTO offers **FREE** child care for the parents attending meetings! *Please note: children must be potty trained.* We appreciate how precious your time is, and do our best to limit meetings to no more than 1-hour.

If you are unable to attend meetings, we still want your ideas and participation. The more we work together, the more we can succeed!

We hope to see you at **6:30 on Monday, November 18** in the Southeast media center for our next PTO meeting.

Find Us Online

Did you know that Southeast Elementary PTO has a Facebook page and a website? Visit the website <http://southeastpto.weebly.com/> for important PTO information, and 'Like' us on Facebook to receive in-time reminders and see pictures from PTO events.



Fall Fundraiser

We recently completed our annual fall fundraiser with Believe Kids. Thank you to all who participated. The orders are still being tabulated by Believe, however, we anticipate profits from this fundraiser to be **\$10,500**. The profits this year are being used to enhance technology within Southeast Elementary.

Fundraiser Pick-up: Parents will be able to pick up their items during parent-teacher conferences on **November 12th from 3:00 - 7:00 pm.**

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 needs in the following areas:

- **Newsletter Editor:** The newsletter will act as the primary communication for the PTO. The editor will communicate (via email) with the PTO officers and committee chairs, volunteers, teachers and staff to compile articles. The editor will proofread submissions, determine article layout, and send the final draft to the Executive Committee for approval.
- **School Supply Coordinator:** The school supply coordinator will work with the principal to obtain a school supply list for the upcoming year, research supply kit options, prepare a flier and order form to be sent to families in May, compile orders, and coordinate delivery either to homes or classrooms before the first day of school.

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

Book Fair Volunteers Needed

Southeast Elementary PTO is a proud supporter of the Scholastic book fair. The book fair will be held in conjunction with parent-teacher conferences, November 11-14, and we are seeking parent volunteers to help make the upcoming book fair a success. Volunteers are needed to set-up and tear down, run the register, assist with book selection and restock the inventory. Please contact Sylvia Bergeson, SE Teacher-Librarian, at sylvia.bergeson@ankenyschools.org if you have questions.

To add your name to the volunteer list click [here](#) or visit the “**PTO Volunteers – Get Involved!**” section of our website <http://southeastpto.weebly.com/>

A Note from the Teacher

Hello Southeast Family! We are off to a great start in the Art Room, but I want to work to get more families involved in Artsonia. Artsonia is a free, online website where I post our student's artwork.

There are many benefits of this program such as; boosting student's self-esteem, increasing parental and family involvement, and enrichment of our school Art program.



A few things you might not know about Artsonia...Southeast Elementary is ranked as the top participating school in Iowa because of the number of artworks posted, the number of comments left for students, and the number of fan club members we have. If you make a purchase from Artsonia, our school gets 20% of that purchase back in the form of a gift card to an art supply store. Please encourage your student to write an artist statement (how they felt about their artwork) and encourage your friends and family to leave a positive comment for your student. This program is WIN-WIN! Visit the Artsonia website [here](#).

If you are not getting emails about your student's artwork being online, please contact me! Thanks for your support!

Mrs. Brooke Jetmund, Southeast Elementary Art
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Wendy's Night

Our first 2 Wendy's nights of the year (Sept 17, Oct 15) were a great success, raising **\$289** and **\$284** for the Southeast PTO. For those of you that don't know, our local Wendy's generously donates **10% of ALL sales** from 5:00-8:00pm on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. To add to the fun, balloon artists from Amazing Balloon Twists have been on hand creating free balloon sculptures for the kids.



The class with the highest percentage of students attending wins a Frosty party!! We also draw one winner from each grade for a free kid's meal coupon. So be sure to turn in your ticket at the table inside the door or when you go through the drive through. Extras tickets are available if needed.

In September, Mrs. Skarin's class won the Frosty party with 15 out of 25 students attending!! Our October winner was Mrs. Jones' class with 10 out of 19 students attending! Great job!!

We hope to see you at the next Southeast Wendy's night on **November 19**. Mrs. Forret, Mrs. Koster and Mrs. Powers will be there to greet you!!



Photos from Ms. Skarin's Frosty party

Yearbook Photo Submission

Don't forget to turn in pictures of your kiddos at school or during activities to our yearbook committee! As you take photos of kids in the classroom, at school, and on fieldtrips, we would like you to share them with us. We would appreciate receiving photos of special events and fieldtrips or group photos of the kids having fun at school. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book for everyone!

Email pictures to us at southeastptoyearbook@gmail.com - Please include Student's Name, Grade, Teacher's name, & Activity

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Using your Target REDcard is an easy way to help raise money for our school! Target donates 1% of your REDcard purchase every time you use your Target Credit Card or Target Check/Debit Card. As an added bonus, you receive 5% off each purchase using your REDcard.

For the period August 2012 – July 2013, Southeast Elementary PTO received **\$2709.63**, so be sure to visit www.target.com/tcoe or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate **Southeast Elementary** school. Encourage grandparents, friends and neighbors to designate Southeast Elementary! The more people we involve, the harder the program works for our school.

Don't have a REDcard? It's easy to apply. Get started in person at any Target store or go to Target.com/redcard

Staff Hospitality Dinner

On **Tuesday, November 12**, please help the Southeast PTO show our teachers and staff how much we appreciate them! After a normal work day, the staff spend the entire evening at school for conferences and are unable to leave to have dinner. **With your help, we bring it to them!**

You can sign up to provide an entree or side dish. To add your name to the volunteer list click [HERE](#) or visit the “**PTO Volunteers – Get Involved!**” section of our website <http://southeastpto.weebly.com/> Please indicate on the sign-up what you plan to bring so we do not have too many duplicates.

Please have your contribution to school by 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12. You can send the food with your child if you are unable to bring it and the teachers will make sure it gets to the lounge. Also, please label the container with your child's name and teacher's name so it can be returned to you. Thank you so much!