



# Benson Hill Elementary PTA

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## NEWSLETTER ~ October 2008

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### Nominating Committee

At our Fall General Membership Meeting, the Nominating Committee elected were **Erica Conway, Lisa Edwards, Renée Ford** and alternatives, **Dianne Jordan** and **Allison Martz**. This committee is responsible for recognizing and recruiting the most qualified candidates for the 2009 / 2010 Executive Committee. The Nominating Committee must make its report to the General Membership 15 days prior to the election, and all candidates nominated must have been a PTA Member at least 30 days prior to election to run. Officers must be elected before April 30<sup>th</sup> to be in compliance with the Washington State PTA Bylaws.



### DATES to REMEMBER

~ October ~

6<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> **Fall Fundraiser "Sally Foster"** Order your gift wrap, ribbons, bags, etc and support the PTA. Orders will be delivered in time for the Winter Holidays.

25<sup>th</sup> **Waxen Art Fundraiser** at Kent Station Come in anytime between 10am and 8pm and make a candle for yourself or to make as a gift for someone.



We are off to an excellent start this year! Can you feel the excitement in the air? I sure can! With your help, we have already had several fundraisers that have brought in a lot of money. I want to thank Tobi Fox for chairing the Chuck E. Cheese Night, Laurie Medsker and Steve Baylis for chairing the Fall Fundraiser, Erica Conway for chairing Membership and Doug & Dianne Jordan for chairing Skate Night. If you see one of these marvelous people walking around, give them a pat on the back. They really deserve it! A lot of sweat, tears and time goes into running a fundraiser and these people are doing it with class.

Please check the calendar to see what is happening with the PTA and please involve yourself. We are here for our children and we want to make sure they have the best that we can offer.

If you haven't joined the PTA yet, I really encourage you to do so. Even if you do not have the time to volunteer, just your membership fee can do amazing things for our kids. By becoming a member you are stating that you agree with what the PTA does and that you support our school. Every child benefits from the PTA.

Our PTA meetings are held the first Monday of the month from 7:00-8:00pm in the Library. Every PTA Member is encouraged to come. We are trying to keep the meetings short because we know that your time is valuable. We have a raffle at each meeting, so you might win something! We also have free child care during the meeting.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns -- I am available.

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### Happy Halloween!!



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## Membership

Congratulations to Mrs. Jex's class who had the most PTA Membership sign-ups by September 30th and won the Ice Cream Party!

PTA is looking for you! Benson Hill PTA is still accepting membership enrollment. We need you to be apart of a wonderful organization, membership fees are used to pay for school assemblies, 5<sup>th</sup> grade camp, and class projects just to name a few. Be an advocate for your child, join the Benson Hill PTA.

Any questions please contact **Erica Conway** (206) 605-9745 or [co-vicepresident@BensonHillPTA.org](mailto:co-vicepresident@BensonHillPTA.org).



## Entertainment Book Sales

Thank you to everyone that supported the Fall Fundraiser "Entertainment Book" sale. We sold **558** books, earning **\$10** per book. Each book that a 5th Grader sold, the PTA is giving them **\$8** toward their Camp Seymour fee. Two of Mrs. Sizemore's students, **Kalvin Le** and **Anthony Thorpe** earned their way to go to camp for free. Congratulations guys!



## Family Chuck E. Cheese Night Recap

Thank you to everyone that attended the Chuck E. Cheese Family Night where 15% of all the sales were donated to our PTA giving us \$250.00.



## Hospitality

To show our appreciation to our great Teachers and Staff here at Benson Hill Elementary, the PTA is hosting a potluck luncheon and dinner on **Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**. If anyone would like to help and could donate a crockpot meal, dessert, appetizer, etc. please contact Hospitality Chair, Laurie Medsker (425) 255-2570 or [jandlmedsker@hotmail.com](mailto:jandlmedsker@hotmail.com).



## Fall Fundraiser "Sally Foster"

The Fall Fundraiser "Sally Foster" begins **October 6th** and ends on **October 20th** (any orders placed after this time will **not** be filled). 50% of your purchases support our PTA. Family and Friends can order online. Go to <http://www.BensonHillPTA.org> select link "**Fundraisers**" then the "Sally Foster" Image. Our Account Number is 63549.

For any questions please contact Laurie Medsker (425) 255-2570 or [jandlmedsker@hotmail.com](mailto:jandlmedsker@hotmail.com).



## Family Skate Night Recap

Special thanks to all who joined us for our Halloween themed Skate Night to raise money for our PTA (Parent-Teacher Association).

**114 skaters** joined in the fun and helped raise **\$171.00** for student programs.

Congratulations to our costume winners who received a Halloween pumpkin gift bag full of goodies:

**Alandra Crowley**, Ms. Deming's- Kindergarten

**Krystal Lee**, Ms. Rayburn's - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Please mark your calendars for our future skate nights

**Tuesday, January 13, Monday, March 16, Thursday, May 14.**

As a reminder, children cannot be dropped off. They **must** have a parent, neighbor or someone over 18 years of age there to supervise them.

A special thanks to **Ivan Martz** who helped work the ticket booth.

Dianne & Doug Jordan, Skate Night Committee



## Auction

The date for our Auction this year is **Saturday, May 2, 2009**. Please mark your calendar now for this amazing event. Our theme is "An Evening in Tuscany". We are starting the process of planning our auction for this year and we can use about 20 people to help during the year to prepare. (We will need another 20 the night of the auction). Keep a look out for the November Newsletter where we will announce our first planning meeting. If you have never been involved with volunteering, this is the perfect place to start. We have huge jobs, small jobs and everything in between. We need a variety of skills including, but not limited to: clerical, donations, artists, decorators, brain stormers, etc. and people to assist them. Even if you think you don't have a skill, we can use you! Our goal is to raise over \$10,000 profit for our PTA. Join us and be part of a fun, rewarding and fundraising project! We guarantee that you will have a blast working with us! If you already know that you want to be part of this incredible team, please contact one of us and let us know. Thank you!

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