

Ilchester Elementary PTA Newsletter

November 15, 2016

DATES TO REMEMBER:

November

15 – PTA Meeting in the Media Center at 7:00pm

16 – Last day to submit Boosterthon Pledge Payments

18 – Square 1 Art Orders Due

December

12 – PTA Meeting in the Media Center at 7:00pm

BOOSTERTHON UPDATE

The Ilchester Cheetah Chase Fun Run (Boosterthon) collection is almost complete. If you have not submitted your pledge payment, please do so by **November 16** so that we can complete our budget for this school year. As soon as all pledges are counted, we will let you know how much the generous sponsor donations made for the PTA. We have a lot of programs to support!

Boosterthon was our 'main' fundraiser this year; however, since it was the first time we used this program we could not predict how much money we would raise; hence, we still held a general donation option (just like every other year when many smaller fundraisers were held). At the beginning of this school year our bank account was low – too low to pay for all the items in the large budget that the PTA requires to support our students and staff.

We are still holding Restaurant Nights because if you're going out to eat anyway, why not let the restaurant donate some money to us? And if you're buying holiday gifts anyway, why not purchase some of them from Square 1 Art and let that company give us some money? And if you're shopping at Giant, Shutterfly, TinyPrints or Office Depot anyway, why not let them give us some money?

The PTA is always working diligently with one mission: **To support our school!**

Square 1 Art

Square 1 Art for all students has been shipped and the order forms should be coming home over the next couple of days. The students worked hard on their masterpieces! Please consider purchasing keepsakes for holiday gifts and special occasions. The deadline to order is **November 18**. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser for our school.

FAMILY FILE

Please submit your Family File information today. It is not only important that our school have your student's emergency contact information, but the PTA uses the information to create our school Directory.

CANDY FOR THE TROOPS

Thanks to everyone who donated leftover Halloween candy! We will let you know how much was collected in the next newsletter.

PTA VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AVAILABLE

PTA President

The position of Ilchester Elementary PTA President is available for the next two-year term of 2017/18 through 2018/19. This is a position that will be voted upon near the end of this school year. Requirements are many and the current President would be glad to give you an overview. Time availability and flexibility is also necessary to fulfill activity requirements. If you are interested, or just want to find out more, please contact Beth Benoit at bethbenoit428@aol.com.

New "Dad" Program Chairperson

The PTA is seeking a Chairperson to get a new "Dad" program up-and-running at Ilchester. Ideally, we would like a Dad or Grandfather to chair this committee, but it is not necessary. A program outline has been written and we would love to get it started right after winter break. The program would get Dad volunteers to sign up to spend a day at school by greeting the buses, interacting with the students, possibly popping into PE and lunchtimes, and adding more male presence at our school, etc. (This is not a safety program – we do not need that and it is not what we are seeking.) If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Beth Benoit at bethbenoit428@aol.com.

Moms & Dads on Campus Chairperson

The PTA is seeking a Chairperson to coordinate our Moms on Campus and Dads on Campus days in the spring. These are one-day programs each that encourage Moms and Dads to come spend recess and lunch with their student/s. Grandmothers and Grandfathers are also welcome, or other relative special to your student who would like to spend the time with them. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Beth Benoit at bethbenoit428@aol.com.

REWARDS PROGRAMS

Giant A+ School Rewards

Here's an easy way for you to help earn money for IES while you do your grocery shopping! If you have a Giant card, you can enroll your card in Giant's A+ School Rewards program, and you'll earn money for our school every time you shop! The rewards from this program go directly to the school, not the PTA.

If you have already enrolled your card in the past and don't need to make changes, you do not have to do anything. If you are new to IES or would like to add or change the schools you've designated, please go to **giantfood.com**. Under **savings and rewards**, you can click on **A+ school rewards**, and then it will take just a few minutes to follow the steps that will help our school. You will need to have your card number handy. When you enroll, you can designate up to two schools. If you don't have an account on the website, you will need to create one prior to designating your card for **school rewards**. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Heather Tom at heathertom@gmail.com.

Shutterfly and TinyPrints

This is a year-round rewards program. It's time for holiday cards, extra photo prints, calendars, party invitations, etc. If you plan to order items like these, try Shutterfly or TinyPrints. Simply enter the site through this storefront link: <http://ilchesteres.shutterflystorefront.com>. For Ilchester Elementary School PTA members, TinyPrints is currently offering a site wide 30% discount with no minimum order and free shipping. This offer expires on **Dec. 31**. For any other purchases, 13% of your purchase will automatically be donated to Ilchester PTA at no additional cost to you, and coupons and promotional codes can still be used! For questions, contact Colleen Howland at colhowland1@gmail.com.

Restaurant Nights

Watch for notifications throughout the year and join IES friends for a meal!

Questions about the PTA?

Feel free to contact Mrs. Beth Benoit, PTA President, at bethbenoit428@aol.com.

*"Showing gratitude is one of the simplest yet most powerful things humans can do for each other."
- Randy Pausch*

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

Happy Thanksgiving!