

**Woods Charter School
September 25 PTSA Meeting
6:00 pm**

Attendees:

The September PTSA meeting followed the first Woods Charter School dinner at the new school location. In addition to Woods teachers and administrative personnel, 56 parents/other family members attended the PTSA meeting.

Agenda, Discussion and Decisions:

Attendees were welcomed to the new Woods School and PTSA officers, as well as school personnel and volunteers were introduced.

Participation in the PTSA was strongly encouraged in order to provide the funds needed for PTSA sponsored events, supplies and equipment. 59% of families are currently participating.

Treasurer's Report

Beth D'Amico presented the budget for this year. New this year, is designation of \$100 for teachers to obtain needed supplies, equipment..

Families can make donations to Woods designating where they would like the funds to go.

More Woods calendars are available for sale. They include all Woods events and meetings, as well as pictures of students and personnel. The bookfair currently has calendars, as well as magnets (\$7) for sale.

Lunch Program Update

Great news – a kitchen permit has been issued, which will allow food preparation at Woods. Families were asked to fill in the excel spreadsheet on-line, if possible, to order each month's lunches. Contact Adrienne Leinbach if assistance is needed. In addition to lunches, the PTSA sells healthy a la carte items. A volunteer is needed, who can set up an easier spreadsheet for entering lunch orders.

Boxtops and Campbells Soup Labels for Education

This program is coordinated by Allison Crutchfield and Andrea Orbich. The goal is to bring in \$1000 for the school this year. There is a contest for each homeroom. The homeroom with the highest number of boxtops gets an ice cream party in December. The contest continues to run in the spring, with an ice cream party awarded again in May.

Boxtops have to be organized in batches of 50, so organizing them in this way before turning in would be helpful. Expiration dates should be checked to ensure boxtops can still be used. With respect to soup labels, the UPC code and soup guy must be turned in for each label.

Woods Talent Show

The Woods Café' Night venue is being reviewed. More information to follow. The event is still scheduled for November 7, 2008.

Playground/Outdoor Space Fundraisers

Three fundraisers are underway to raise funds. The immediate need is for a school playground fencing and surfacing. Information is available near the front office.

1. Families can buy bricks to include their family name(s). Bricks have been donated so this is an opportunity to really help the school. The PTSA voted to purchase a PTSA brick for the school.
2. Read-a-thon Kickoff - Patricia Hume is coordinating the Read-a-thon. Pledges are \$0.10 for each minutes of reading. Families and friends can pledge. Volunteers are needed to help tally reading pledges and minutes during homeroom. Please contact Patricia Hume for more information.
3. Sales of the Tarheel Country Guide for Woods families, friends, or for holiday gifts etc. will also bring in funds to help with the playground and other outdoor space. Andy's Restaurant in Pittsboro continues to hold a breakfast for Woods the first Saturday of each month.

Andy's donates funds to Woods. Families are urged to eat at Andy's on these dates.

In addition to fundraising for the playgrounds and outdoor spaces, efforts are underway to address any local requirements related to land use.

Grocery Cards

Sale of grocery cards continues to be a critical fundraiser. For September and October, Woods will receive a \$2600 profit, but three times that amount is needed. Chatham Markeplace and Weaver Street Market allows you to use your credit card and get credit card points, as well as money for Woods. It was noted, that Chapel Hill Staples will also allow you to designate Woods to receive funds for purchases there. This will be confirmed. Since Harris Teeter no longer participates, families were asked to link their cards to Woods Charter School. Families were urged to participate in this important program.

Woods Volunteers Still Needed

Please sign up to volunteer to fulfill your monthly commitment to Woods and use your talents to help the students and school.

Science Olympiad

There will be a coaches meeting October 1st at 3:15. Coaches are needed.

Sports Booster Club

A barbecue will be held October 25 from 5-9 at Woods. There will be a raffle, as well.

Funding for Library/Media Center

There are no current fundraisers for the library. The PTSA is giving thought to whether some profits should be designated for the library program.

Families can donate books to the library. They will be stored in the unfinished space at Woods temporarily.

The meeting ended by calling out the winners of the raffle prizes.