



## *Back-to-School Store*

*August 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> 2008*

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### **SCRIP NOTE:**

*2008-2009  
Co-Chairs*

*Denise Cartwright*

*Betsy Farquhar-Bradish*

*Look for more information in your Summer Packet*

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## The President's Corner

It's hard to believe the 2007-2008 school year is coming to an end. There is still work to be completed! The 8<sup>th</sup> graders are "gearing up" for their upcoming Washington, DC trip and the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration. This committee is fine-tuning their final preparations. The Back-to-School Store Team even has their action plan in place!

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**What's Still Missing?**

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We need to fill important Officer and Chair positions for the 2008-2009 School Year. LMS PTO encourages creative ideas and we hope volunteers can take on challenges that meet their skills and talents. If positions are not filled, the inevitable task of eliminating programs will be necessary. Details listed on pages 5 and 6.

We "Celebrated Good Times," during the Staff Appreciation breakfast and lunch. Our personal thanks goes out to the LMS families that supported this event by donating "disco balls," to make one of our "Last Dances," of the year a HIT! We were thrilled to have the opportunity to let our bus drivers and staff know how much we appreciate all that they do! A special thank you to our creative and diligent Staff Appreciation Committee. Ladies, you do outstanding work!

During April's meeting, the PTO approved plans, as proposed by Luxury Landscapes, to beautify the one entrance across from the YMCA. The landscaping will not only add to the curb appeal of our school, but it will help with the water pooling at this entrance.

We want to take this opportunity to thank our PTO Officers: Tracy Robinson, Andrea Wood, Betsy Owens, Linda Linkens, Gena Williams and Charlie Moushey. Through your service and leadership, you have enhanced our children's learning experience.

Additionally, we want to thank our Committee Chairs. Denise Cartwright, Cheryl Barthel and Carol Cole made up the SCRIP and Kroger teams. Because of their efforts, during the past two years, it has not been necessary for our PTO to take part in any additional fundraising projects. The SCRIP/KROGER team has diligently kept track of individual student accounts for those families participating in these fundraising programs. The Back-to-School Store, The School Store, Directory, Book Fairs, and all of the programs our students, teachers and families have grown accustomed to would not happen without you. Your hard-work and dedication is so greatly appreciated.

Lastly, a heart-felt thank you goes out to our volunteers whose students are moving on to the high school. Betsy Owens, Linda Linkens, Cheryl Barthel, Cathy Eckhart, Carol Cole and Ginger Kucan, you will be greatly missed! Your leadership, enthusiasm and commitment will be our guide for success. It has been an honor to work with you!

Wishing you all a relaxing summer!

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*IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS!*

## *Liberty MS Staff shows Appreciation for their Volunteers*

# Many Thanks to Our Volunteers!

Please Join Us For Our Annual  
**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION GATHERING!**  
 (presented by LMS staff in appreciation of all you do!)

Wednesday, May 21

2:00—4:00 pm (stop in anytime!)

LMS Foyer and Courtyard; next to the Attendance Office



*Thank You*



*Mark your calendar for Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.*



### **PTO SPRING CLEANING SALE-Friday, May 23 (during school lunch periods)**

All Logo Wear will be offered for at least 50% off the original price!

Sweatshirts-\$10.00      T-Shirts-\$5.00-\$7.00

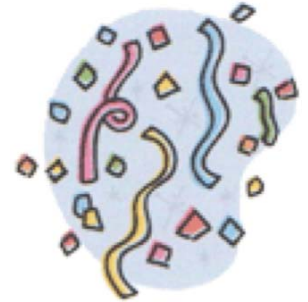
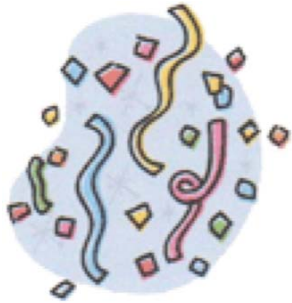
Drawstring Backpack-\$5.00 ***Great pool accessory!***

A limited supply of school store items will also be offered at a discount.

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### **8<sup>TH</sup> Grade Celebration**

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade celebration planning is underway. The celebration is the morning of Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The morning will begin with a special breakfast for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in the cafeteria. Following the student breakfast, there will be a ceremony beginning at 9:30 AM in the gym. The ceremony will serve as the year-end recognition assembly for 8<sup>th</sup> graders and parents are invited to attend. As you are making plans to attend, please remember space/seating is limited. Your 8<sup>th</sup> grade student may be signed-out and can leave with you after the ceremony. Come join us for the celebration.



**If you would like to help make this a memorable occasion, please contact Tina Flannery at [tflannery@columbuss.rr.com](mailto:tflannery@columbuss.rr.com) or 614-846-6629. We need assistance with early morning set-up, food donations, food servers, and clean-up. Please don't worry, ALL volunteers will be able to attend the celebration assembly.**

## *Back-to-School Store*



Once again the dates for the Back-to-School Store will coincide with the student schedule pick-up. The store will be open on August 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Look for detailed information like team supply lists and order forms to come home with your child before the end of the school year. We will need many volunteers to help make the Back-to-School Store a success. Please contact Denise All ([denisea@columbuss.rr.com](mailto:denisea@columbuss.rr.com)) if you wish to volunteer your time.

***IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS!*****Staff Appreciation**

Our LMS Staff, Staff Appreciation Committee and LMS Families “Shines On!”

By the end of the day, our Staff and Volunteers were humming, “We Are Family!” The day would not have been a success without the financial support of our LMS families. Their contributions of \$500.00 were put to good use! With the efforts of our incredible Staff Appreciation team, we were able to transform the teacher lunchroom into a “disco” café.



Our bus drivers and staff were treated to an elegant breakfast of bagels, assorted mini-muffins, delicious cinnamon pull-aparts and fresh fruit salad.

The Staff Appreciation team of Sue Bastaja, Ellen Jones, Linda Linkens, Janette Leonard, Tracy Robinson, Laura Sams, Kathy Southworth and Andrea Wood prepared for round two, lunch. Before our staff could enjoy their lunch faire they had their picture taken in our “disco dancing” backdrop! When our staff tasted the pasta entrees of Shitake & Sun Dried tomatoes, and the “yummy” Spinach & Proscuitto from Culinary Classics they couldn’t help but say, (as stated so well by KC and the Sunshine Band) “That’s the Way, I Like It!” Culinary Classics’ baby green salad complimented the entrees. Andrea Wood’s chocolate fountain was also a hit!

Thanks to Mrs. Kardas for supplying the disco figure board and paints, Andrea Wood for painting the figures and Mr. Krieger, for cutting out the head holes in the disco figure board backdrop. Without their collaboration, we would not have been able to make this as memorable as we did for our staff.



We are grateful to Culinary Classics and the Beehive Bakery (they made the cinnamon pull-aparts) for offering financial assistance with the menu. Please visit these generous supports of our PTO. Beehive Bakery is in downtown Powell. Culinary Classics is the catering division of Pastaria, which is located in the North Market. A family whose children currently attend Wyandot Run owns Culinary Classics.

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**"Apples for the Students"**

**This is the type of program our PTO likes! With a minimal effort, our school was able to earn great awards!**

With only 112 families participating, we were able to earn the following: 4 Canon Mini DV Camcorders, a CD player, a much needed projection screen, 6 playground balls, 2 exercise balls and 1 football.

A greatly appreciated "thank-you" goes to those families that made the effort to sign-up for the "Apples for Students," program.

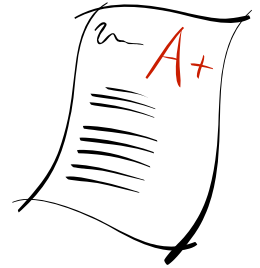
We ask those Giant Eagle shoppers that have not yet registered for the Apples for the Students program, to go DO IT! It's fast, easy and it benefits our students!

How do you do it?

- 1) Register at [www.gianteagle.com](http://www.gianteagle.com) or 1-800-474-4777.
- 2) Enter our School ID #: 3520
- 3) Shop with your Giant Eagle Advantage Card

**IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS!**

# You Can Make a Difference in Your Child's Middle School Experience!



Liberty Middle School PTO is currently organizing officers, committee chairs and event volunteers for the 2008-09 school year.

The PTO provides valuable resources for our teachers and students. It also supports and offers the following worthwhile programs:

- Kroger and SCRIP Gift Card Programs: Fund PTO programs and student DC accounts
- Book Fair
- School Sound System
- Liberty Bell newsletter
- School Beautification
- School Directory
- Author Visits
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration
- Parent Programs Team (PPT)
- Staff Appreciation

**Research shows that a student's success is *directly* related to parental involvement.**

**We count on you. Think about where YOU can use your talents to support this dynamic organization! After all.....**

## IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS!

# OLMS PTO VOLUNTEER INTEREST FORM

*(Check areas of interest, descriptions on next page)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

- Officers:** ( x ) President (filled) ( ) Assistant Treasurer, SCRIP report  
 ( x ) Vice-President (filled) ( x ) Secretary (filled)  
 ( x ) Treasurer (filled) ( x ) Reporter, PTO newsletter (filled)

- Committee Chairs:**
- ( x ) SCRIP (filled) ( ) Kroger Contact
  - ( x ) Logo Wear (filled) ( ) School Store
  - ( x ) Book Fair (filled) ( ) Parent/Teacher Conferences Dinner
  - ( ) Beautification ( ) Directory
  - ( x ) Staff Appreciation (filled) ( ) 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration
  - ( x ) PPT Representative (filled) ( ) Web-Page
  - ( x ) Volunteer e-mail List (filled) ( x ) Badges (filled)
  - ( ) Nominating Committee ( x ) Back-To-School Store (filled)

**If you are interested in chairing any of these positions, please contact  
 Laura Sams at [csams@columbus.rr.com](mailto:csams@columbus.rr.com)**

## *IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS!*

### **Duties of Board Member and Committee Chair Responsibilities**

As stated in the PTO by-laws, "officers shall be elected annually in the Spring Quarter and shall assume their official duties at the end of the school year. This is with exception of the Treasurer, who serves for the fiscal year, August 1 to July 31. The term of office is one year."

"All Committee Chairpersons are responsible for keeping the OLPTO Board informed about the activities of the committee. The chairperson is responsible for getting all pertinent information to the Reporter. A wrap-up report should be submitted to the Board at the conclusion of the committee's activity."

All officers and committee chairpersons are responsible for providing all official material and an updated committee folder at the end of their term.

#### **Officers**

**President:** Presides at OLPTO meetings; appoints chairpersons of standing and special committees and performs other duties when deemed necessary.

**Vice-President:** Performs the duties of the President in the absence of the President. Assists President when deemed necessary.

**Secretary:** Records the minutes of the meetings and handles all official correspondence.

**Treasurer:** Has custody of all funds of the OLPTO; keeps an accurate account of receipts and expenditures; makes disbursements as authorized and presents a financial report at every meeting. An auditor that has been appointed by the Sustaining Committee, as outlined in the By-Laws, will examine the Treasurer's accounts annually.

**Asst. Treasurer:** Responsible for the accounting of all SCRIP funds. Presents a SCRIP financial report at each OLPTO meetings

**Reporter:** Informs membership of upcoming events, meetings and information that pertains to the OLPTO through the news media, district and school publications. Writes and distributes the OLPTO newsletter, "The Liberty Bell," via OLPTO website.

#### **Committee Chairs**

**SCRIP Chair:** Responsible for committee which includes Kroger volunteer and distribution volunteer. Develops plan to sell Kroger and SCRIP cards. Orders gift cards and distributes them. Tracks earnings and reports information to Vice-President. Prepares Summer Packet. Sends Reporter monthly submission with order form.

**Back to School Store:** Contacts principal for team supply requests, coordinates volunteers, prepares order, contacts vendors, sets-up, implements and cleans-up event, and prepares deposits.

**Logo Wear:** Takes inventory, orders and sells logo items at Back-to-School store, school store and school functions.

**School Store:** Coordinates volunteers, orders and maintains inventory, prepares deposits.

**Book Fair:** Contacts vendor, coordinates volunteers, makes deposit, completes orders, works with school librarian for book requests.

**Parent/Teacher Conference Dinner:** Contact Principal for date and staff numbers, coordinate committee and volunteers, plan, set-up and clean up.

**Beautification:** Plans new beautification projects and maintains outdoor gardens with assistance from staff, students and other parent volunteers.

**Directory:** Solicits for advertisements, consults with PTO regarding style, types, edits, obtains printing quotes, shows officers proofs, has directory printed, and distributes the directory.

**Staff Appreciation:** Coordinates volunteers, plans, sets-up, implements and cleans-up event.

**PPT Representative:** Attends monthly meetings, communicates information at PTO meeting and to the Reporter for a newsletter submission.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration:** Contacts principal for teacher contact, coordinates volunteers, plans, executes and cleans-up at event.

**Volunteer E-Mail List:** Develops PTO volunteer list, generates requests for volunteers by Chairs.

**Web Page:** Designs and updates existing OLPTO website. Volunteer with web design skills is helpful.

**Nominating:** Proposes a slate of candidates for New Board.

**Badges:** Creates badges for Officers, Committee Chairs and volunteers that frequently help in the school.



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|     |   |                                     |     | 1<br><i>SCRIP<br/>Orders DUE</i>                                      | 2<br><i>SCHOOL STORE</i>  | 3  |
| 4   | 5<br><i>Band<br/>Concert<br/>7:00 PM</i>    | 6                                   | 7   | 8<br><i>Orchestra<br/>Concert<br/>7:00 PM</i>                         | 9<br><i>SCHOOL STORE</i>  | 10   |
| 11  | 12<br><i>Choir<br/>Concert<br/>7:00 PM</i>  | 13                                  | 14  | 15<br><i>PTO Meeting<br/>9:30 AM</i><br><br><i>SCRIP<br/>Delivery</i> | 16<br><i>SCHOOL STORE</i> | 17<br><i>OLMS Music<br/>in the Parks<br/>Contest</i> |
| 18  | 19  | 20<br><i>2 HR.<br/>Late Arrival</i> | 21  | 22  | 23<br><i>SCHOOL STORE</i> | 24   |
| 25  | 26<br><i>MEMORIAL<br/>DAY<br/>NO SCHOOL</i> | 27                                  | 28  | 29  | 30                        | 31   |



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| 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19    | 20 RE | 21  |
| 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26    | 27    | 28  |
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