

North Columbia Elementary PTO News



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Do you realize that we have less than four months in this school year? It is amazing how fast time goes by. As a student, I can remember thinking the school year would never end. Now I find myself wishing I could go back and do more. Though I can't go back in the past, I can work in the present and future. I can work to ensure my children have every opportunity to get a good education from a quality school. What do you want for your children? Some parents think PTO is just about fundraising. Yes, fundraising is a major part because of the limitations our government puts on what they will spend our money on, but PTO can be so much more. Not only do you meet wonderful concerned parents, you get to know your school in a way that makes it personal. The only thing I would ask is that if you have not been involved with PTO, give it a second thought. If not this year, then maybe next year would be a good time to start. Who knows, you may find it so fulfilling that you'll want to be the president.

We are still humming along with the sound system project. This is a project that we don't want to rush. The worst thing we can do is jump the gun and buy something that is not adequate for long term use at our school. We have had a few people look at the outdated system, and they have given us some direction to go in. We are hoping to have final plans and cost figures very soon. If everything goes as planned, we should be able to seek approval for this needed project by the next meeting.



ARE OFF THE CHART



Before this year, I never paid much attention to how many products carried the Box Top labels. As a matter of fact, I never paid any attention to Box Top labels at all. I'm sure glad I am paying attention now. Because of the support we have had, General Mills sent us a check for \$1002.70. That is an incredible amount for doing nothing more than cutting labels from a package that's most likely going into the trash. We now have collected another \$474.00 since the last check and I am anticipating a good bit more. Please send in as many as you can and help out your school.

Top Ten Classes

Pressley-1361
Funk-1052
Smith-1000
Percival-767
Buzzell-572
Chack-522
Sorrells-520
Gambrell-515
Hardaway-447
Hayes-399

Media update

When I say update, I mean a real update. Besides the fact that the Library is now called the Media Center and the Librarian is the Media Specialist, a lot has changed since I was at school. That's just the problem I'm talking about. We need to update our Media Center to be on par with the rest of the county. The PTO would like to have your support on granting the request from the Media Center on purchasing an interactive whiteboard. Basically, an interactive whiteboard is a touch-sensitive computer screen. They are used in a variety of settings and all levels of education. The school has purchased some interactive boards for the classrooms, but because the funding for these boards can only be used for actual classrooms, the Media Center gets left out. Our Media Specialist (Misty Christiansen) needs to have all the tools available to help in the education of our children. This is a project that is worth our consideration. If you would like to learn more about interactive whiteboards, the internet has a lot of information on the subject. Mrs. Sanders is going to supply us with the final price for all the equipment and I will present it at the next meeting.



Upcoming Events
PTO Meeting
Feb. 28th @6:00pm

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