

Parent-Teacher-Student

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April 2010

President's Message

We are already into April and this year is almost coming to an end but the PTSA still has more exciting events coming up! Please watch out for information from our yahoo group, and from our Thornton PTSA website - www.thorntonPTSA.org.

I want to thank all the parents who have donated time, food or money and contributed to the success of all our events. We could not have done it without your help. We have **Staff Appreciation Day** and **Smoothie day** coming up the first week of May as well as our last dance. We encourage more participation and volunteers to PTSA programs. Together, we can make a difference at Thornton.

More events coming up include the **8th grade dance on June 11, 2010 from 7:00 – 9:00** and a **8th grade social on June 15, 2010 from 12:30-2:30pm**. These events are exclusively for 8th graders as part of their promotion celebration. Thank you to all the parents who have donated to make these events possible. This year's theme is "**House of GAGA**". This year we don't have many volunteers to help organize these events. If volunteers don't step up we will be scaling down the Dance and Social. So, please volunteer, by sending an email to Nisha Shah at nisha_shah@yahoo.com. We need parents to help plan, organize and execute as well as help on the day of the event.

I am happy to announce that we have a full slate of officers for the year 2010-2011. I would like to thank all the dedicated parents who have volunteered their time to take on this responsibility; without them a PTSA will not exist.

Thornton PTSA Officers for 2010-2011

President – Balvir Khunkhun
1st Vice President of Programs – Michelle Soares
2nd Vice President of Membership – Lori Naylor
3rd Vice President of Fundraising – June Burckhardt
Treasurer – Carol Shadd
Secretary – Pat Marey
Auditor – Ritu Saxena
Historian – Joanne Louie

Next PTSA meeting will be May 5th 2010 at 7:00pm in the library.

Thank You.
Anjana Desai

8th Grade Activities

SAVE THE 8TH GRADE SOCIAL

The final tally that won by a landslide for the theme is **House of Gaga!** The dance will be on Friday, June 11th and the social will be after school on Tuesday, June 15th.

Nisha and I had our first volunteer meeting before the Spring Break and had a successful start. We are on our way to planning both the dance and social. Committees are forming and there is still plenty to do and we only have less than 2 months to go. **We are all going GAGA and need more volunteers. To date we have about 20 volunteers and our goal is to have at least 25 for each event. If you can't join a committee but can volunteer to help the day of the event that's ok. Don't want to volunteer alone, bring family and/or friends to help out! Everyone is welcome! IF WE DO NOT HAVE THE MANPOWER WE WILL HAVE TO UNFORTUNATELY CANCEL THE SOCIAL. Let's not disappoint these kids. So please contact Nisha Shah at nisha-shah@yahoo.com or me at betternacho@yahoo.com with your name, contact info and what you would like to volunteer for.**

These events are not possible without the parents and we want to THANK YOU for donating both time and money to both events. These events are to honor the class of 2010 and are organized, funded, and implemented solely by parents. We get no contribution from the school. **BOTH EVENTS ARE 100% FREE FOR OUR 8TH GRADERS.** To put together two successful events we budgeted to raise \$3,000. Thanks to the generous parents who donated we currently have \$2,495! That is only \$505 left to reach our goal. If you would like to donate please contact us at the above email.

So far we have secured a DJ and this year we are renting a photo booth for the dance to take pictures. These pictures are instant and can be taken with friends. RSVP cards will be going out soon - so please look out for them.

~ Betchie Terrado-Merino & Nisha Shah, 8th Grade Activities Co-Chairs

Smoothie Day

May 14th is Smoothie Day!!! Do not miss out! The smoothies will be sold during lunch time- \$1 for members and \$2 for non-members. There is a limit of 1 smoothie per student.

Thank you.

Michelle Soares- 1st VP of Programs

PTSA FUNDRAISING PROGRAMS ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PTSA thanks you for joining us at our second "Family Dining Nite Out" event that was held at Round Table Pizza on St. Patrick's Day, Wednesday March 17th. The PTSA gave out St. Patrick's Day wrist bands and enjoyed seeing families and friends. A special thank you to our parent volunteers! June Burckhardt, Lori Naylor, Shelly Dunn, Gwen Kuroaka

Watch for information on our upcoming event in May at Chipotle.



WE HAVE RAISED APPROXIMATELY \$100.00 SO FAR.

Just a quick reminder about the Thornton Junior High PTSA's exciting new fundraising program. We can earn "FREE MONEY"..... It's true!! This program donates money to the Thornton Junior High PTSA for students, staff and activities. Our goal is \$2500.00 for **Programs for Emergency Kits** for every class room. We have raised a little under \$500.00 through our new fund raising programs so with the holiday season upon us we should be able to raise that number. **We need your help!!**

Please forward this information to your extended family members...it's very simple!!

PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST ACCESS AMAZON THROUGH THE LINK BELOW OR THE SCHOOL DOES NOT RECEIVE THE CONTRIBUTION SO BOOKMARK THE PAGE!!!!

Shop online at Amazon.com and help Thornton Junior High School PTSA as we raise money for Emergency Kits for every classroom!!

Simply type in our School Rewards link below and it will send you directly to Amazon. You can shop at Amazon.com with your current existing accounts as you would normally do! But every time you shop, use our link. Whenever you make a purchase, we receive up to 15% of the purchase amount with no extra cost to you. **Purchases must be started from our link** - so save it in your favorites and access it from there each and every time you purchase.

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For questions or additional information contact:

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