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A Letter From Our New PTO President!

Welcome back! I'm excited to be your new PTO President! My name is Ana Klawitter and this past Tuesday I was voted in to fill the big shoes of a good friend of mine, Joan Trivella. As the new president, I cannot thank Joan enough for all that she has done for our school and community. I have been involved with the PTO for many years, am a Brooklyn native and work in the school system. I have 4 children within the elementary and middle schools and Woodstock Academy. I am proud to say that we have a strong Board and have been working hard together. I look forward to seeing many of you at our meetings and events and thank you for your continued support.

- Annie Klawitter, PTO President until 2010!!

PTO meeting dates for the 2008-2009 school year:

We will be having our monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of the month in our NEW PTO Room located in the Rose Wing. (Formerly Mrs. Leahy's classroom). In the event of a holiday, meetings are the second Tuesday of the month. Please plan to join us. You CAN make a difference!

Boundless Playground Update

The beautiful new playground is currently being utilized by our pre-school and kindergarten students. The Boundless Playground Committee is still accepting orders for bricks and donations. To obtain a brick order form, please call the pto mailbox or contact diane wimmer. There are also forms in the elementary school office. The older, elementary playground is in such poor condition that it has become unsafe and is not currently usable. It will be replaced or repaired as soon as possible. We will post information as it is received.

SpiritWear

We welcome a new spiritwear coordinator, Ginger D'Abrasco! Ginger will be on hand at most of our events selling items throughout the year. Should you need an order form, please contact the PTO mailbox.

Congratulations are in order!

Congratulations to Brooklyn Middle School's Meagan Ferreira, Connecticut Young Scientist Finalist! Meagan entered the Discovery Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge and in addition to earning the top spot in Connecticut, she was one of forty-four students selected as a national semifinalist. The national judging panel was amazed at the quality of the work submitted this year stating, "Our judging task was very difficult." Good luck to Meagan as she moves on to high school! As we open the 2008 -2009 school year, we look forward to another year of outstanding student performance at Brooklyn Middle School.

Submitted by Al Yanku, Principal, Brooklyn Middle School

Mark Your Calendar

PTO Fall/Winter Events:

- Sept 17 Back to School Cookout/Open House
- Oct 24 Halloween Party
- Nov 7 Mother/Son Dance
- Nov 13 Parent/Teacher Conferences BES
- Nov 12 Parent/Teacher Conferences BMS
- Dec 1-5 Holiday Store
- Dec 13 Holiday Event

Dates subject to change – see future flyers for confirmation and details

PTO Fundraiser Important Dates:

- Sept 12 Yankee Candle/Green Bag Orders Due
- Oct 24 Yankee Candle/Green Bag PickUp Date
- Sept 26 Grandma's Pies Kickoff
- Oct 10 Grandma's Pies Orders Due
- Nov 13 Grandma's Pies PickUp Date

To Contact The Brooklyn PTO:

Backpack Express: Send a note in your child's backpack labeled Attn. PTO Mailbox

Call: 774-7577, press 9

Email: PTO@brooklynschools.org

Don't forget to Peel Clip & Save!



Please keep peeling Nestle water labels, clip Campbell's labels (UPC only) and clipping BoxTops for Education throughout the year. We will keep you posted on contest dates for these items!



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