



WILDCHATTER

METCALF PTO NEWS AND NOTES

PTO MEETING CANCELED FOR NOVEMBER

The November meeting was scheduled as our first TOPIC MEETING for the 2007-2008 school year. We did not receive any new topics for discussion at this time, therefore we chose to cancel the meeting. Please note, if you have topics you would like to have discussed at the OPTO meetings with administration present, please send them to Heather Marshall (HLLOUGH@ILSTU.EDU). The Next TOPIC MEETING will be held on January 10, 2008 at 6:00 in the library. All topics are due one week in advance of the meeting, but more time is appreciated.

Topics generally should be items that concern a large number of students, not limited to single student concerns. Individual concerns, as always, should be handled on a case by case basis with their teachers and staff.

In lieu of the Nov. Mtg the updates to past topics will be shared in the next Metcalf Quarterly Newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PTO Meeting:
Holiday Bazaar Set up:
Holiday Bazaar:
MONTAGE

Tues, Dec 4
Thurs, Dec 13
Fri, Dec 14
Sat, Dec 15

6:00 Library
5:30 Small Gym
All Day Small Gym
5:30 to 11 BCPAFamily

from the Dean of Students

As the first quarter of the school year comes to an end, I want to thank the entire Metcalf family for the kindness and encouragement they have shown in my first few months as Dean. It is easy to see why so many people love this place!

When I tell my family and friends what it's like to work here, I speak of the joy that our students have for being in school and the passion that our faculty and staff have for helping kids learn and grow. This is truly a special place to work.

As Dean, it is often my job to deal with safety issues. Luckily, last year's administration team did a great deal of work to put a safety plan into place. I want to thank the parents who are working so hard to make sure that our drop off and pick-up procedures are running smoothly. Our before/after school supervisors are reporting that pick-up, especially, is running very well. All but a few of our workers are in their first year at Metcalf too and I am proud of the way they are working with our students.

Our biggest safety initiative this semester is the addition of crisis kits in each classroom. The kits will be put into classrooms over the next several weeks and are designed to provide students with basic needs in the unlikely event of an extended lock-down.

Again, thank you all so much for the way you have welcomed me to Metcalf. After so many years as a classroom teacher, I am glad I made the "big switch" to Metcalf. It is truly great to work in such a nice place!

Jim Allen, Dean of Students

Got Montage Sitters??

PTO WEBSITE

Check out the new PTO website. There is a ton of information out there on all our events, the Wildchatter, Montage and coming soon, pictures!!! We will be adding an "All School Wish List" soon. We have asked the staff and PTO to list all the items our school could use to enhance the atmosphere and educational experience and would love for families to check it out. Lots of families have like new items at home that might fit a need here..so take a look!

Gracias!

FALL FESTIVAL - Thank you Jen Filipiak for your hard work and dedication and a huge thanks for all your team members and volunteers!!

Montage: Thanks to Rebecca Africano, Beth Sinclair, Anita Pancrazio, Christy Bazan and many more!
We are down to the last 6 weeks..keep going strong! Solicitors and Raffle Sellers - thank you and keep up the great work..let's get'r done!

Montage is coming - Mark your calendars for **DECEMBER 15, 2007** at the Blm Center for the Performing Arts
CHECK OUT THE LIST OF RAFFLE ITEMS ON THE WEBSITE AND INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!!

MONTAGE RAFFLE!!

PRIZES: 4 Tickets to the 2008 WORLD SERIES, \$1000 Bremer Jewellery Piece and Golf Package for 4 at ISU!!!

Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20. We are asking for volunteers to sell the tickets to families, friends and neighbors.
Sell 25 raffle tickets and receive a Free Ticket to Montage (\$25 value)

**THE MORE WE SELL THE MORE WE CAN ENHANCE OUR SCHOOL FOR OUR FAMILIES!!!
PICK UP YOUR PACKET TODAY FROM BETH (BSINCLAIR@CHESTNUT.ORG or 829-0032).**

Remember all that popcorn you bought from the neighbors???

Get Inspired!  Get Inspired!

We have so many scoopers in our school and it is so great to see.

We have seen trash pickers uppers on the playgrounds

We have seen regatta losers supporting the regatta winners

We have seen parents supporting each other in volunteer efforts and personal matters

We have seen teachers going out of their way to help wayward students

We have seen 8th graders teaching younger students through plays

We have seen smiles abound, Keep up the great Scooping!!

BOXTOPS - Class Collections have started!! **CAMPBELL'S LABELS** - Send to 4th Grade

HOLIDAY BAZAAR - Drop off anytime in the office!! **LOST & FOUND:** - Remember names in items

SPIRITWEAR - Orders are out - Check it out and send it back with the kids or to Christine Crockett

MARKETDAY - Pick up is now from 3:30 to 4:30. Yummy Foods await you!

As we walk through the halls filled with our families, remember we all have the opportunity to help someone each day and to open our minds to the work and stresses of others as we meet our own daily challenges..Have a great month!