



# Bay Park PTA Newsletter

February 2010

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**We have our first Spring Carnival meeting Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> in the evening.** We need all your help. Please meet our new Chairs: Christa and Max Folkers. We are very pleased that they have stepped up to the challenge and look forward to another successful event!

Kids Magic Mile is coming up in a month and forms are due by Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> to Mr. Doerner or Mr. Formo. We are hoping to match our previous record of 140 participants on our Bay Park Team and when we enroll a large group our school receives about \$700 that goes towards our jogging club and new books for our students. It is a fun time and all children receive a free book and medal after the race! Hope to see you there!

We are in the middle of the school year, and we need to start thinking about next year and who will lead our PTA. We will have a major transition of most of the board positions. Please contact Dara Bilow at thebilows@yahoo.com if you have an interest in any position.

Our first ever Applebee's fundraiser was fantastic! Thank you to Demi Woodson and Allison Rogers for coordinating and thanks to all the hard working parents and teachers who waited tables, took orders, and ran the restaurant for two hours.

Our next PTA meeting is February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the library, with childcare provided. Everyone is welcome. Please feel free to contact the PTA with any questions or concerns. Thank you!

*Lynne Bonenberger*  
PTA President

### Quote Of The Month

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“The greatest danger for most of us is not that we aim too high and we miss it, but we aim too low and reach it.”

- Michelangelo

### Foundation News:

In honor of Valentine's Day and to support the 5th Grade Committee, we will be selling Candy Grams in the breezeway before and after school through February 10th.

The Valentine Candy Gram is a Valentine message along with candy that will be delivered to the children in their classroom. Each one is \$1.00, a card and candy are included in the price. Parents, students and staff are all encouraged to send a treat to their friends!



## Fantastic Flapjack Fundraiser

Our first ever Flapjack Fundraiser was a HUGE success! What a wonderful morning.

Bay Park Elementary teachers, PTA/Foundation members, moms, dads, and even grandmas were in full force helping with serving, bussing, greeting and seating!

Everyone who participated deserves a huge high five for the incredible turnout, and the equally incredible profits earned.

Our PTA raised \$888.00 - not bad for two hours of work. We are so lucky to have such wonderful support at Bay Park.

Special thanks to our Applebee's connection Heidi Harren and our amazing staff/volunteers: Robin Berridge, Heather Dakan, Mr. Doerner, Laurie Flounders, Mrs. Heinze, Melinda Hom, Shawn Kuffner, Cathy Lackmann, Bruce McGirr, Mrs. McGirr, Elaine Woodson, Wendy Hardy,

Mrs. Michalec, Nina and Allen Peugh, Dianne Seriva, Suzanne Smith, Casey Sprague, Liz Weis, Alba Wylie, and Mrs. Yates.



-Thank you again,

Allison Rogers & Demi Woodson  
First Vice Presidents  
Ways & Means/Fundraising

## Western Carnival Needs To Rustle Up Volunteers

Hey cowboys and cowgirls, it's that time of year again! We are gearing up for the Western Carnival.

We are in need of any and all help we can get. There are many fun jobs ready for your creativity and spark.

Some of the different areas include: food



and snacks, games, photos, decorating, set-up/tear-down and many, many more.

Have a great idea for a new area, booth or activity? We can't wait to hear it!

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and it takes a lot of people working together to pull it off.

You are guaranteed to enjoy your-

self and make new friends.

The first volunteer meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 10th at 6:30pm in the library.

There will also be a raffle for those in attendance. Please come and check it out.

Also, look for regular carnival updates in future issues.

## Variety Show Gears Up To Feature: TALENT THROUGH THE YEARS (In honor of Bay Park Elementary School's 70th Anniversary!)

Break out your dancing shoes and warm up your voice. Our annual Variety Show is on the way.

Please try to incorporate the theme in to your act! Students are limited to performing in one act only and must be 3 minutes or less.

Rehearsals begin March 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 in the auditorium.

Students MUST attend one of

these dates to sign up, turn in their permission slip, bring their music and be ready to perform their act.

The remainder of the rehearsals are scheduled for April 8th, 22nd and possibly one on April 29th. Our evening performance is on April 29th at 6:00 p.m.

We will also perform the show for our students during the school day (TBA).

Permission slips are available in the office.

Please contact Patty Moreau- [pjmoreau@san.rr.com](mailto:pjmoreau@san.rr.com); or Amy Bickle- [amybic@msn.com](mailto:amybic@msn.com) with any questions.



# Junior Achievement Well Underway

By Lauryn Rice

You may have heard from your child that they made donuts in class or are learning about needs and wants, or the city and



region they live in. If they are talking about money, and jobs, and businesses, and government more in the past few weeks, it's because they are all learning about financial literacy and economics in a wonderfully age-appropriate way through a joint effort of the PTA, teachers, more than 40 parent volunteers, and Junior Achievement, a local non-profit educational organization.

We launched our in-class program in most all classrooms K-4 in the past 3-4 weeks with great reviews. The kids love it. The teachers are excited about how the program integrates with their curriculum, and we are hearing comments from parents like Cathy Lackman who says, *"My daughter has decided to open a donut shop based on her instructions in Jr. Achievement in 2nd grade!! She is working on her business plan now and we are constantly hearing about her new ideas!! Way to go PTA!!"*

For the 5<sup>th</sup> graders, the program was coordinated and taught by the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers over 5 weeks and culminated in a field trip to JA Biztown on

January 27<sup>th</sup>. It was an amazing experience for kids and volunteers alike. We had 25 parent volunteers who helped the students truly run a city for the day.



The kids ran the government, and the businesses, they were producers and consumers, they paid taxes, balanced checkbooks, created marketing plans, broadcast the news, sold their products and services, collected money, ate at a local restaurant, and were completely exhausted by the end of the



day, as were those of us who volunteered. Some of the comments we've received in letters were:

*"I was an ad executive. I learned that it's hard being an adult. You have to make deposits before you buy anything, you have special responsibilities, and it takes a lot of teamwork to get the whole business running. I now know why my mom and dad are so tired when they get home."*

*"It was fun working with money, computers and especially people. I learned to spend my money wisely and how hard my parents work very day and I learned some lessons for adulthood. Thank you."*

*"Thank you very, very, very much! JA Biztown has been one of my favorite experiences ever."*

Thank you so much to all of the teachers and parents for their support of the program. Special thanks to all of our volunteers for helping us offer such a wonderful experience for our students. And extra special thanks to Ms. Ioannides and Mr. Wade, who coordinated, taught and supported the Biztown experience for all of their students as well as students in Ms. Howe and Ms. Ranbarger's classes.

You can support this effort too, by continuing the conversation at home, helping your children to take responsibility at home, earn and save money, spend it wisely and learn more about how they are an integral part of their family and community. We hope you have as much fun as we have doing it!



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**Bay Park PTA Wants You!**

Looking ahead to next year, the PTA needs parents to serve as board members. There are many different positions in all areas of interest. Come on out to our next meeting, make new friends and consider joining the team. It's a great way to make a difference for our kids and have some fun in the process!

Need more information?

Don't hesitate to contact Dara Bilow at [thebilows@yahoo.com](mailto:thebilows@yahoo.com)!

**If you can't reuse it...recycle!**

Each Friday is "Recycle Friday".

Bay Park Elementary recycling program info:

**Plastic bag recycling:** We take all plastic grocery bags for recycling. You are welcome to also recycle zippered plastic bags (Ziploc): These must be clean, dry, and the zip part must be snipped off (it's a different type of plastic). Did you know you can recycle bread bags? Bring them in.

**Batteries:** Household batteries are welcome. We can't accept batteries that have leaked or burst as this is a safety hazard.

**Toner Cartridges:** We accept all ink/toner cartridges for recycling. The school earns \$3.00 for each toner cartridge recycled, so keep 'em coming!

**Juice Pouch Brigade:** We have recently started collecting used juice pouches for upcycling. Juice Pouches are NOT recyclable but the school has partnered with Terra Cycle to "Up Cycle" these pouches into new products. Bay Park Elementary receives \$.01 to \$.02/ each pouch upcycled, depending on the brand. Remember, we only accept juice pouches NOT boxes. Check out [www.terracycle.net](http://www.terracycle.net) to find out how upcycling works and shop for some fun products made from used juice pouches.

If you're interested in recycling and want to help out, please email

Monica Astorga: [emails2mon@yahoo.com](mailto:emails2mon@yahoo.com)

**UPCOMING EVENTS: Mark your Calendars:**

February 9.....Foundation (5:30)/PTA meeting (6:30)in the library

February 10.....**Spring Carnival Meeting- 6:30pm**

February 12.....**Kids Magic Mile forms due**

February 12 & 15.....President's Holidays, NO SCHOOL

February 19.....Student Recognition- 2:45pm

February 26.....Parents, Picnic and Play grades 1 & 4

