

March PTA Newsletter Outline

Next PTA meeting – Monday, March 9, 6:30pm

All parents are invited to attend monthly PTA meetings. We will be discussing upcoming events: Prairie Fire, Carnival, Silent Auction, etc.

Recap - I Love to Read Night – Used book sale

Tables were full of used books. Three authors read to the students and two of them had stories about dogs and they brought their dogs with them. Thanks to all who came to support I Love to Read Night and to those who donated books! And a big thank you to the visiting authors – for sharing their stories! After expenses, \$142 will go towards purchasing new library books!

Recap - Family Skate Night II

Family skate night II was another hit! The weather warmed up just in time for our event after several days of icy cold weather. We hope to do another skate night this month!

Prairie Fire Theatre

Carnival

We are still looking for a lead volunteer to head up the Silent Auction in April. Donna Dalton and Trudy Berggren have agreed to help again this year, but neither can take the lead. They have done the Silent Auction for several years, so the new leader would have great support from wonderful and experienced people. The Silent Auction needs a person to coordinate the communications, meetings and volunteers. We are looking at setting up an on-line/mobile option this year. If this is something that you are interested in helping out with, please contact a PTA board member or Donna or Trudy.

Silent Auction

The Silent Auction wheels are spinning! Did you know, this year we will be using Online and Mobile bidding for our auction? This means you can spend more time at the Carnival, and friends and family can also bid from far away! We have a variety of items coming in already--but we need your support!

How You Can Help

Donate.

We need Auction items to add to our auction. If you have hobby items, business or personal services or access to unique events, we need your contribution today. We are already logging our donations in our website so everyone can view “Items For Bid” soon! Don't have something that you think is worth donating? You can create a biddable item, such as supplying lunch from a restaurant for a teacher in-service!

Register to Bid

Visit www.biddingforgood.com/aftonlakeland to be familiar with the site. Register now as a bidder, and as soon as our auction goes live April 17th, you'll be all set to start making bids! There are many great

features about our site--you can have the site text or email you when you are out-bid; you can set a "max price" on one of your bids so the software will re-bid for you automatically if you are outbid; you can even choose to be a financial sponsor or donate an item straight from the main page.

Hop online and explore! Tell friends and family! And please email if you have any questions!

Website: www.biddingforgood.com/aftonlakeland. Email: aftonlakelandauction@gmail.com

Junior Leaders

We are needing the following Junior Leaders for the events below for the 2015/2016 school year, we have senior leads in place but are in need of people to assist the Senior leaders:

- Pizza Dinner, JR Assistants (needing 2 people)
- Fall/Spring Book sale JR Assistants (have a SR leader, need 2 people for each event)

Did you know?

Afton-Lakeland PTA has a Facebook page! Connect with us on social media and get Box Top results, event reminders, get a peek into the day of your student at school, and much more! We only have 159 "likes", but many more parents than that connected to our dynamic school. Join us online:

<http://www.facebook.com/AftonLakeland>

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Box Tops

Great job Afton-Lakeland! In the month of February, you turned in 5215 (unexpired) box tops! Congratulations to the five classes that averaged 15 box tops per student in February - Fiedler, Holland, Purhmann, Bonhus and 4/5 Express! These classrooms will each receive an Extra Recess certificate. **Mrs. Fiedler's class was the monthly winner with 521 Box Tops!**

We'd love to see you duct tape Dr. Hobert to the gym wall! **An average of 20 tops per student in March, April and May will get you to your goal.** The next collection date is Friday, March 27. We know you can do it!

Target - Take Charge of Education

You can link your Red Card and 1% of your Target purchases go to Afton-Lakeland Elementary! We earn significant dollars each year from this program! Register at <http://target.com/tcoe>.

Where does your donated PTA time and money go?

The PTA provides to the school, both individually and as a whole:

- Per-pupil stipend for teacher wish lists in the classroom, 2014-15 amount: \$20 per student
- Technology; through a promotion with Scholastic book fairs, the PTA met its goal of placing a Smart Board in every classroom
- Artist teacher supplies
- Library book replacements
- Bus rental for kindergarten registration day
- Custodial and grounds improvements
- Lots of fun events through-out the year

Would YOU like to be a PTA co-chair?

The PTA is going to need a new co-chair next year. If you know someone who would make a great co-chair, contact us via our emails below! It is a rewarding experience and helps keep you plugged into what is going on at your school.

Important Dates:

March 9th – Next PTA meeting – Monday, 6:30pm in the Media Center

March 27th - Prairie Fire Theatre

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