



Afton-Lakeland PTA

November 7, 2014

What is the PTA?

PTA Supports our Students, School & Families

- PTA is a non-profit volunteer parent/ teacher organization.
- PTA's goals are to support our school, enhance our students' educational experience & build community.
- PTA organizes family events and raises money to enrich our school!

How You Can Help...

- Join PTA! **Membership** is a great way to stay informed about our school, and it's free! *Come to a meeting...Register on our website to receive PTA news.*
- **Volunteer** for one of our many PTA events. Check out volunteer opportunities on our website at www.aftonlakeland.my-pta.org (Log-in first with your username/email address.)
- **Participate** in the *Innisbrook, Art to Remember, or Give to the Max* fundraisers this fall.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 8th at 6:30pm. All parents are encouraged to attend!

Innisbrook: If you have not picked up your order yet, please do so in the school office.

Looking for pictures!

Did you take pictures at the family dance? The PTA is looking for photos to use for the yearbook. If you have some, please send them to aftonlakeland@my-pta.org or to any of the PTA board members. You can also post to our Facebook site. Thank you!

GIVE TO THE MAX DAY

Reminder! Mark your calendar!

Give to the Max Day, **Nov. 13, 2014**, is fast approaching! Our school GiveMN website is <https://givemn.org/organization/Pta-Minnesota-Congress-236>. Donations are tax-deductible! This 24-hours of giving is a great opportunity to raise money for our school. In past years we have used funds to purchase iPads, SmartBoards and Chromebooks. This year we are excited to raise funds for the **Media Center Makeover!** Our goal is to raise \$10,000 for our new Media Center plan, which includes:

- * a more collaborative, multifunctional space
- * a Genius Bar for device troubleshooting
- * soft seating for lounging with a good book
- * modular furniture that can be used to accommodate classes, PTA meetings, staff training, etc.

We want the Media Center to be the destination of choice and the centerpiece of our school.

More information is available on Afton-Lakeland's webpage, on the GiveMN website (to donate, search "Afton-Lakeland"), and on the PTA website. Double your donation that day by being one of the first to donate and help us earn a **\$1,750 dollar-for-dollar match** made possible by some generous parents. You can also schedule your donation ahead of time! Contact Rachel Kaul with questions: rachel@rachelkaul.com

Cub Scouts

Interested in joining Cub Scouts (Grades 1-5)? The A-L Pack is especially in need of Tiger Cubs (1st graders). Activities include: Pack & Den meetings, field trips, Polar & Summer Camp, Pinewood Derby, Blue & Gold Banquet, volunteering at Food Harvest and so much more. Next meeting is Monday, November 17th at 6:30pm at St. Croix Valley United Methodist Church (16600 7th St. S., Lakeland). Questions: contact Nick Welsch at 651-214-0692 or surver400@yahoo.com.

SCIENCE FAIR~PIZZA DINNER~BOOK FAIR



The **Science Fair** is coming up on ~~Thursday~~, **Nov. 18!** It's a time to choose a project, do research and plan a display! Some students have already signed up! This exciting, annual PTA-sponsored event is highly recommended for all students (projects are a graded requirement for all 6th graders and 5th graders in 45Express.) The science fair exhibits will be on display for families to see during the annual Pizza Dinner & Book Fair that evening. To register, volunteer, and access science fair resources, go to <http://aftonlakeland.oursciencefair.com>. A flyer was sent home in students' Friday folders. Contact Sara Kubiak at sara@peppermillpr.com for more information.

From early reader picture books to the latest sci-fi novels to cookbooks for dad, the Book Fair has it all! The **Fall Book Fair** is **Nov. 17-Nov. 21** and is the perfect time to purchase a book for your student, a relative, or find something on a teacher's "wish list". Sign up to volunteer on the "Volunteer" section of the website.

Our annual **Pizza Dinner** (formerly Spaghetti Dinner) will be held on ~~Thurs.~~, **Nov. 18** during the Science Fair and Book Fair. Many volunteers are needed to help with the event including set-up, ticket sales, serving, and clean-up. We are also asking for volunteers to bring baked goods for dessert. Go to the Volunteer page on the website to sign up!

Important Dates...

Give to the Max - ~~Tues.~~, Nov. 13
Scholastic Book Fair - Nov. 17 - Nov. 21
Pizza Dinner & Science Fair - Tues., Nov. 18
Dec. PTA Meeting - Mon., Dec. 8, 6:30pm



Yearbook

The PTA is looking for parent volunteers to help take pictures of their child's class for the school yearbook. This can be done during a field trip, class party, or on the playground. Sign up on the PTA website or contact a board member. Some volunteers have already signed up, but we need one for each class. You can take the pictures yourself or act as a coordinator and find others to take them. Below is the sign-up list to date. Thanks to Amanda Beale for volunteering to coordinate the yearbook this year!

- a. K (Misgen) - Liz Johnson
- b. K (Matthews) - Anita Kroma
- c. K (Schneider) - Shannon Von Wald
- d. 1st (Bonhus) - Kim Jaeger
- e. 2nd (Loer) - Julie Ownbey
- f. 3rd - Kristen
- g. 3rd - Brianna
- h. 5th (Kostynick) - Jenny Wilcox

Fundraising Opportunities

* Box Tops: These add up to real dollars for our school. Help us collect them and bring them in for the next collection date - Tues., Nov. 25th.

Milk Moola & Donuts to Dough: More dollars for our school! Next time you're in Kwik trip and reach for a box of Glazers donuts or something to drink, save those price ovals and caps and bring them to school!

* Target - Take Charge of Education: Remember, you can link your RedCard and 1% of your Target purchases go to A-L!! Painless! We recently received a check from Target in the amount of \$4500! Go to <http://target.com/tcoe> for more information and to link your card.

