



Afton-Lakeland

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September 5, 2014

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Congratulations...

...to Dee Giesregen! She won the PTA's Back to School Open House raffle and will receive a Subway gift card!

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 raises money to enrich our school.

Strong parent involvement
improves school quality

How You Can Help...

- Join PTA
Membership is a great way to keep informed about our school. Membership is 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 user name/email address.)
- **Participate** in the *Innisbrook*, *Art to Remember*, or *Give To The Max* fundraisers this fall.

How PTA Fundraising supports A-L Educational & School Support

- \$20 per pupil stipend for teachers' classroom wish lists
- *Technology: the PTA invests strongly in technology every year. We put SmartBoards in every classroom, helped to purchase an entire computer lab (30 stations), provide teacher training, and much more...*
- *New this year – The PTA is taking on the school yearbook. More on this below...*
- *Daily planners for students in grades 3 – 6*
- *Library book replacements*
- *Publishing center*
- *Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center, annual field trip for 6th grade students*
- *Kindness retreat for 5th grade students*
- *Prairie Fire Theater Workshop*
- *Annual events including 6th grade graduation, field day, safety assembly*
- *Stipends to physical education, music department and specialists*
- *Bus rental for kindergarten registration day*
- *Custodial and grounds improvements*
- *School safety patrol expenses*
- *Recognition gifts for retirees and staff*
- *Teacher appreciation luncheons*
- *Emergency clothing funds*

Family Events

- *Refreshments & Raffle for Back to School Open House*
- *Family Dance*
- *Flu Shot Clinic*
- *All-school Science Fair*
- *Family Ice Skate Night*
- *Ice Rink expenses: heating gas & skate sharpening*
- *I Love to Read Night*
- *Bike, Walk & Roll to school day*
- *School Carnival*
- *Guest Speakers for PTA events*

It's Innisbrook Season Again!

Our annual fall fundraiser begins today. Look for a packet in your Friday folder. This fundraiser features a variety of gift wrap, gifts and chocolate (the wrapping paper really is very high-quality & the rolls are huge!). Our school keeps 50% of the profit. The products are fun for kids to sell to neighbors, relatives & friends. Products will arrive in November in time for holiday gift giving. We can reach our goal of \$15,000 if every student sells 8 items.

School Yearbook!

The PTA is taking on the school yearbook this year. We are looking for volunteer parents to take student pictures for their class. This can be done during a field trip, class party, or on the playground... Sign up to volunteer on the PTA website or contact a board member below.

Family Dance

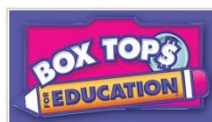
Kick up your heels at the ***Splish Splash- End of Summer*** Family Dance. Wear your summer favorites and join us on Friday September 26th from 6:30 to 8:30pm. There will be a DJ! Snacks! & Photo booth background! Admission is free (bring a food shelf donation). Parents must attend to chaperone their children. Volunteers are needed to decorate, serve refreshments and clean up. Sign up to volunteer on the PTA website or contact Laura Seipel at seipell@stillwater.k12.mn.us.

Flu Clinic coming to Afton-Lakeland

Stay healthy. Protect your family from the flu. Get vaccinated every year. PTA will host a flu clinic at our school on Friday, September 26th from 3:30 to 6:30pm. There will be plenty of Flu Mist available this year.

Save Your Box Tops

These little squares of cardboard add up to a lot of money for our school! Our goal this year is to raise \$4200. The classroom that collects the most Box Tops each month will win the travelling trophy, a special treat, and get their picture put on the Box Top poster. The first Box Top collection date is Friday, September 26.



Clip the Box Tops, place in a Zip Top bag, and give to your classroom teacher.

We are looking for a new BoxTops coordinator for this year. Duties include: collecting & counting BoxTops monthly; creating hallway poster to track progress; delivering treats to the top collecting classroom each month. Contact the PTA (contact info below) if you can help...

Welcome to new teachers!

The PTA wishes to welcome new teachers and staff:

Lisa Bonhus – 1st Grade
Sarah Terpstra – Student Advocate
Allysha Bowers – Art
Robin Vought – Band
Jody Dick – 45 Express
Pixie Huninghake – Kitchen staff
Nancy Ousley – Media Specialist
Megan Hodgkin – Building Secretary

We are proud of all our teachers who dedicate themselves to our children and bring excellence to our school. Thank you to the new teachers for choosing Afton-Lakeland. We wish the best and thank you in advance for enriching the lives of our students.



We still have a need for Event Chairs:

Box Tops (monthly)
Aluminum Can Recycling (4 times a year)
Flu Clinic Coordinator (fall)
Teacher Appreciation Luncheons (twice a year)
Pasta Dinner (fall)
Facebook Coordinator
Labels for Education Coordinator

Important dates...

First PTA meeting	Mon, Sept 8, 6:30pm
Innisbrook Fundraiser	Sept. 5 – Sept. 22
Family Dance/Flu Clinic	Fri., Sept. 26, 6:30pm
Teacher Appreciation Lunch	Oct. 23 (conferences)
Scholastic Book Fair	Nov. 17 – Nov. 21
Pasta Dinner & Science Fair	Tues., Nov. 18
Give to the Max	Tues., Nov. 13

Visit the PTA website: <http://www.aftonlakeland.my-pta.org> - Contact us @ aftonlakeland@my-pta.org - Find us on Facebook
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