



MORRIS SCHOOL PTO

EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND FUNDRAISERS

“Working Together For the Good of Our Children”

- **Welcoming Committee** - This group coordinates a reception for parents who are new to the Morris School community and remains a contact for new families for information or guidance. **Chairpersons:** Jody Schwab Prunier & Rick DiGrigoli
- **Refreshments** - We often need people to bake, contribute drinks, or bring healthy snacks for various functions. This is a great way to help make our events successful. Parents helping with this committee may be called upon 4-5 times a year. **Chairperson:** Melissa Pehlert
- **Fundraising Committee** – This committee plans and oversees PTO fundraising events. **Chairperson:** Liz Weibrecht
- **PTO Advertisers** - This group will help to maintain the hall PTO bulletin board throughout the school year. **Chairperson:** Jody Schwab Prunier
- **Yearbook** - Fifth grade students and parent volunteers produce a wonderful keepsake every year. We especially need parents who are willing to proof read. This committee meets on Wednesdays after school. **Chairperson:** Karen Bertelli
- **Recess and Lunch Supervision** - Volunteer parents monitor the playgrounds during recess and also help children during their lunch. Scheduling is flexible. **Chairperson:** Judy Hopper
- **Tools for Schools** - Educational equipment can be earned by accumulating credit through the Price Chopper AdvantEdge Card. Register online at www.pricechopper.com /tools for school, or fill out the form that is sent home with your child. **Chairperson:** Maria Sibley
- **Trash to Treasure** - The teachers and staff can always use recyclables and other home “discards”. The PTO will distribute the “wish list” to student/families: volunteers collect and sort donated items. **Chairperson:** Melanie Fletcher
- **Box Tops for Education** - Please save your food product “Box Tops” labels. Your family & neighbors should collect them too! Put them in the school front lobby collection box. They get turned into “free” money helping to purchase school products & equipment. **Chairperson:** Amy Novitsky
- **Memo Pads** – The youngest student in your family will bring home a pad that can be used for communications with the teachers. Enjoy these memo pads with our compliments. Additional pads will be available for purchase. Contact **Chairperson:** Maria Sibley
- **Birthday Celebrations** - All children’s birthdays are honored during a special once a month lunch celebration. Volunteers help with these festivities. **Chairperson:** Amy Novitsky

September 2011

- **School Directory** – The PTO produces the “most popular book” of students’ names, addresses, etc. to facilitate communication for our school community. Volunteers are needed to enter the information on the computer, proof read, make copies, and assemble the directory. **Chairperson:** Renee Far
- **School Pictures** – On September 15 & 16, 2011, parents are needed to make sure everyone looks good before each picture is taken. You will help to comb hair and straighten collars. **Chairpersons:** Jody Schwab Prunier & Rick DiGrigoli
- **Gardening Committee** - Volunteers maintain the garden outside the school’s main entrance year ‘round, when weather permits. Weeding (lots of it!), planting, mulching, and watering help to make the garden grow, and look beautiful . Other gardens around the school also need attention. **CHAIRPERSON NEEDED!**

- ☐ **Open House** - Volunteers help out on Thursday September 22 from 6:15pm -8:15pm **Chairpersons: Jody Schwab Prunier & Rick DiGrigoli**
- ☐ **Apple Squeeze** – Volunteers needed to help during the Saturday of Apple Squeeze (Saturday September 24th) to help run games, snack sales and pony rides. **Chairperson: Lisa Nelson**

October 2011

- ☐ **Fall Family Activity** - This fun, social event allows families a chance to get to know each other. Most recently, this activity has been a night of crafts, games and snacks, but new ideas are welcome! Volunteers are needed to plan the event and do whatever is needed to make it happen. **Chairpersons: JS Prunier & R Digrigoli**

November 2011

- ☐ **Book Distribution** – Books are distributed to every Morris student free of charge through the PTO Literacy Partnership. Volunteers are needed for planning and distribution of books in the classrooms that day (date to be determined). **Chairpersons: Heather Heim**
- ☐ **Food Pantry Collection** - Non-perishables are collected and brought to the local food pantry. The children are acknowledged for their contributions to the food pantry. Volunteers are needed to help collect food outside each of the classrooms for a week. **Chairperson: Aviva Wichler**
- ☐ **Thanksgiving Gathering** - Morris students gather together for a meal & perform for each other at Thanksgiving time. Volunteers decorate and set up, prepare some foods, help with food service, supervision, and clean up. This event takes place in the gym. **Chairperson: Jamie Roberts**

December 2010

- ☐ **Children's Book Fair** - In December, we sponsor a week long book fair during the time of parent/teacher conferences. Volunteers are needed daily for set up, sales, and clean up. **CHAIRPERSON NEEDED!**

January 2011

- ☐ **Game Night** - This is a fun event, which takes place in the school cafeteria. It is a chance for families to get out together and play Bingo. Volunteers help with set-up, collecting money at the door, making popcorn, serving refreshments, and cleaning up. **Chairperson: Jamie Roberts**
- ☐ **Family Skate Night** - We have a night of fun on the ice. Volunteers help set up and help clean-up. Everyone has a great time, even if they don't ice skate. **Chairpersons: Laura Hahn & Kathy Tisdale**

February 2011

- ☐ **Parents Night Out** - This evening event will be a fundraiser benefiting the Morris PTO and will be a parents-only event. **Chairpersons: Shari Haddad & Jen Sacon**
- ☐ **Science Fair** - This group will help organize a science fair for grades K-2 and 3-5 in the spring. The kids love the opportunity to show what they've learned. **Chairpersons: Nerissa Bardfeld & Jody Schwab Prunier**

March 2011

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- ☐ **5th Grade Party** – Volunteers needed to supervise and run activities for 5th Grade students who will enjoy an evening to themselves planned with a party they won't forget. **CHAIRPERSON(S) NEEDED!**

April 2011

- **Art Show** – In the spring the walls and halls of the school come alive with the Children’s Art Show. All students have at least one exhibit. Volunteers put up and take down the artwork. **CHAIRPERSON(S) NEEDED.**

May 2011

- **3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade MCAS Ice Cream Social** – After all the hard work the students put in for the MCAS tests they deserve a little ice cream. Parents are needed for about 1 to 2 hour(s) of time to serve ice cream to the students and to clean up. **Chairperson: Kelly Abdalla**
- **Staff Appreciation** – The PTO spends one week honoring the entire Morris School slate of employees by having special breakfasts, lunches, snacks, desserts and/or gifts! **CHAIRPERSON(S) NEEDED!**
- **Book Swap** – Bring in the “old” books that you’ve already read and watch your child glow when s/he comes back with several “new” ones. Volunteers are always needed on this fast moving day. **Chairperson: Liz Weibrecht**

June 2011

- **Kindergarten Ice Cream Social** - A few kindergarten parents are needed to help purchase the ice cream, paper goods, and toppings as well as assist the kindergarten teachers in serving and cleaning up. **CHAIRPERSON NEEDED!**
- **5th Grade Class Picnic** - The 5th grade class has an all-day picnic/field trip. Chaperones are needed. If you have a student in the 5th grade this is a great opportunity to help with your child’s class. **CHAIRPERSON(S) NEEDED.**
- **End of the Year Movie/Cookout** – Everyone looks forward to this end of year event. Volunteers will help with the setup, cooking and clean-up that is needed to run this event. **CHAIRPERSON(S) NEEDED.**
- **Field Day** - In June, an athletic field day is held for all grades. Volunteers run the games, help cover classrooms while teachers have lunch, provide water, etc. **CHAIRPERSON(S) NEEDED.**
- **Kindergarten Bus Riders for Fall 2012** - Volunteers ride on all of the buses during the first couple of days of school to assist our newest students and calm their nervous parents. Bus riding requires a short commitment of time. **Chairperson: Jennifer Reinholt**
- **Welcoming Committee Fall 2012**- This group coordinates a reception for parents who are new to the Morris School community. Throughout the year, this group will assemble information that might be useful to people who have just joined the Morris School community. They will contact new families, welcome them and offer them information and assistance as they get to know the school and community. **CHAIRPERSON(S) NEEDED!**
- **Donations:** We encourage all parents to get involved with PTO school events. However, if you cannot do this, and since the PTO funds activities benefiting everyone, we will gladly accept your cash donations. Thank you very much in advance! **Chairperson: Jennifer Reinholt**
- Don’t forget to visit the Parent Resource Center located in the school library. Parents are welcome to come in and check out any resource material. See our librarian, **Karen Joyner** for details.