



Pioneer Pages

PEAK VIEW ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER



September 2009 ▪ a publication of the Peak View School Parent Teacher Association

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Welcome back to Peak View Elementary School! The PTA hopes you and your family have had a great start to the school year. We want to continue our focus of building the best school community possible. Towards that end, it's exciting to bring you our first monthly newsletter of the year. This is how we communicate with you about PTA activities and events. The primary goal of our PTA is to support our talented educators here at PKVES and to help them provide our children with the best education possible.

We have already been busy planning events and making purchases that we think will enhance your child's education. We are excited to have been able to purchase a K-5 school subscription to "BrainPop" for use in the classroom, and our own set of sensors for the Smartboards. Last year the teachers had to borrow the district set of sensors. Google "brainpop" and "smartboards" – these are amazing educational tools, and your support of the PTA has been instrumental in bringing these items and many more to our school.

Our Innisbrook fundraiser kicked off last Wednesday and we need your continued support so PTA can budget for more great student resources and programs! PTA is working hard to make Peak View the best learning environment for our students, but we can't do it without your contributions of time and service! Have a great school year and please share with me, or any of our PTA officers, thoughts and ideas you may have!—Cindy Noftinger

HARVEST FEST –OCT. 24th!

*Harvest Fest is almost here.
Get ready for lots of fun this year!
Food, games, prizes too;
Come and enjoy all that's new!*



If you are interested in helping, please contact:
Sherrie Dumler skdumler@comcast.net
Betsey Branner rbbranner@comcast.net

ATTENTION WATCHDOGS:

DADS: Come find out what it means to be a "Watchdog" for your child.



This year, we are organizing our Watchdog pizza party in a different fashion. We would like to invite families new to Peak View and those returning families who have not yet participated in the Watchdog program. Our returning Watchdogs have heard the introductory presentation several times already, so we plan to celebrate all our Watchdogs and their service to Peak View at an event later in the school year instead. Stay tuned! For those new dads who would like to learn more about our Watchdog program, please join us in the cafeteria on **Tuesday, September 15th from 5:15-6:00**. An invitation will be sent home in your child's backpack in the near future so we can get an accurate head-count. The Watchdog program will begin on **Monday, September 21st**. The sign-up calendar will be available at upcoming evening events for you to select your date(s). Each volunteer needs to have a 2009-10 registration form on file which will be sent home soon as well. We look forward to working with you this year! Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.--Jackie Schmidt

PTA LEADS THE WAY!

WOW!! We are off to a great start! Thank You to everyone who has joined the PTA. Our goal this year is 100% membership! Every classroom that reaches 100% membership in the PTA will receive EXTRA RECESS and ICEPOPS!

If you have received a King Photo Community card for joining, please use it every time you go to the store because our school benefits from every purchase! Also, don't forget that you get discounts at Sarah's Ice Cream and Franco's with your membership. If you have not already signed up, please come see me at the PTA table at Back to School Night. --Barbara Shafqat, Vice President

CHICK-FIL-A NIGHT

We will hold our first Chick Fil-A Spirit night on **Monday, September 28 from 5-7 pm**. Come eat some chicken and support the PTA! Chick Fil-A will donate 5-15% of total sales during those hours, depending on how much money is brought in. We will need 5 parent or teacher volunteers to help with drinks, the dining room, and the playground. Anyone willing to help please call *Kathy Iudica 434-8481*.

GO WILD FOR PEAK VIEW!



Our *main fundraiser* for the 2009-2010 PTA has started and all of you should have received your Innisbrook and cookie dough catalogs on Sept 2nd. We are very excited about this fundraiser and encourage all of you to take a look at the new products offered this year. Your orders are due by **Sept 25th**. If you prefer not to place an order, we are pleased to accept direct donations to Peak View PTA and these will count towards your child's totals for the fundraiser competitions. Peak View PTA receives 50% of every order and the proceeds from this event fund all of the PTA student events, parent programs, and classroom donations. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Albertson (574-2288) or Joni High (434-2079).

PTA REFLECTIONS PROGRAM 2009-2010

"BEAUTY IS..."



Reflections is a program sponsored by the National PTA every year. This program encourages students to express their artistic talents through Literature, Dance Choreography, Musical Composition, Photography, Film/Video Production, and Visual Arts. The theme for this year is, "Beauty Is...". Please encourage your student to think about what the theme means to them; then, help them choose a category or categories to enter their theme-based project(s). **Entries will be due mid-October**. More information will be sent home with your student in the near future. If you have questions, please contact *Yolanda Hausknecht* at yolandahausk@comcast.net or 908-7690.

EARN MONEY FOR SCHOOL:

Our merchants programs will be starting up in September. It is not too early to start sending in Campbell's and Tyson's Labels and Box Tops for Education. Look for further information in the next newsletter regarding the labels and local store participants.



TEACHER APPRECIATION:

We would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help with teacher appreciation this year! We started off the year providing a snack for the teachers on "Meet Your Teacher Evening." They sure enjoyed all the good food! With the help of many volunteers, we will provide monthly Pay Day treats as well as other meals throughout the year for teachers and staff. Special surprises also await teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week in early May. If you have any questions, please contact: **Amy Garren** at awgarren@yahoo.com or **Tracy McCray** at missstracy8@hotmail.com

THE PEAK VIEW PARENTING EXPERIENCE:

Although summer break is over it doesn't mean that quality time with you children needs to be over. The PTA Parenting Committee is dedicated to the involvement of parents, families, and the community with Peak View and our students. Our Curriculum and programs will stem from the National Standards for Family- School Partnership and will be a basis for our continued effort to strive for excellence in our school. Working toward these standards of excellence will allow Peak View to apply for the Phoebe Apperson-Hearst National PTA Family School Partnership Award. Many of the same programs and opportunities that you enjoyed last year will still be offered, yet new programs are under consideration to encourage your involvement. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer, please contact the Parenting Committee. --*Laura Naftel*, Committee Chair sixnaftels@comcast.net.

UPCOMING PEAK VIEW EVENTS:

Watch D.O.G.S. Pizza Party	Sept. 15
<u>Parent Informational Meetings:</u>	
-Kindergarten & 1 st grade @ 6:15 pm	Sept. 15
-2 nd grade @ 7:00 pm	Sept. 15
-3 rd & 4 th grade @ 6:15 pm	Sept. 16
-5 th grade @ 7:00 pm	Sept. 16
Chic-Fil-A Night	Sept. 28
School Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm	Oct. 8
Golden Corral Night	Oct. 14
Harvest Fest	Oct. 24
CiCi's Night	Nov. 10

Peak View Elementary School (540)-289-7510

641 Lawyer Road Penn Laird, VA 22846
<http://www.rockingham.k12.va.us/PKVES/pkves.htm>

Marcy Williams, Principal

mwilliams@rockingham.k12.va.us

Jackie Schmidt, Assistant Principal

jschmidt@rockingham.k12.va.us

Cindy Noftsinger, PTA President

438-8586 or president@peakviewpta.org

