

SCHOOLCRAFT PTO NEWS

April 2011



Fundraisers of the Month

May:

- **MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE**
Saturday, May 21st at the Ken Krum Center
- **BOX TOP CONTEST**
Now thru May 27th and the winning classroom's for each school will have their choice of either a pizza or an ice cream party!

**DO YOU HAVE IDEAS TO SHARE OR
HAVE SOME TIME TO
VOLUNTEER???**

We WANT to hear from YOU!

We still have a few positions open for the 2011/2012 school year ; Co-Vice President and Secretary. Please contact a current board member for more details, if interested.

Also, we need to implement a

Recommendations Committee.

Recommendations are simply requests from teachers / schools for the PTO to contribute to their special needs. In the past, this has included scholarship money needed for fieldtrips, overhead camera projectors, special speakers and more. The committee would be responsible for reviewing the recommendations, monthly, and voting on if it should be passed on to the meeting for vote or not.

We would also like to find a few volunteers to be on a **Spirit Wear Committee.** The committee would be responsible for selecting merchandise, filling orders and selling merchandise at home games.

What Happened at the Meeting?

Mr. Doug Knobloch presented highlights from the February School Board meeting where our new Superintendent, Dr. Wayne Stitt was introduced. Dr. Stitt is currently a principal at Sturgis High School and his contract in Schoolcraft starts July 1st. You all will have the opportunity to **meet Dr. Stitt** before he comes in to position as he has accepted an invitation to attend our next PTO meeting **on Tuesday, May 10th at 6:30 pm in the Upper Elementary library.** Please mark your calendar and plan to join us. Refreshments will be served, and as always, free childcare will be provided.

Mr. Knobloch also went into detail about the upcoming budget revision and implications of the Governor's budget proposal. Currently, Schoolcraft shows a deficit for this year. As for the 2011 / 2012 school year, this district will receive \$470 less per student. Plus, there is a Government mandatory 20% pension contribution increase for all school employees. Further, our district student count has gone down 20 students since the spring. Totally taking everything into consideration, the district is looking at a potential million dollar revenue loss. If we keep doing everything as we've been doing, we'll completely go through all funds held, including the millage funds, and will be broke. Because of the revenue loss, the district was forced to give notice (pink slip) 18 teachers and Principals from all four schools. With this being said, there is a **Regional Enhancement Millage vote on May 3rd.** We are asking and urging each of you to get out and vote. This is critical to the success of Schoolcraft!

One recommendation was brought forward for the Middle School. The PTO was asked to provide for scholarship funding for up to ten (10) students to go to 7th Grade Camp who would otherwise not be able to attend due to financial hardship. This recommendation was approved.

Staff Appreciation luncheons are scheduled on May 3rd for EE, UE, HS and May 10th for MS. All hostess volunteers are on board and ready to go! EE - Angie DeYoung #679-2021, UE - Jolie Warnaar #679-5998, MS - Suzanne Sloan #720-1206, HS - Darby Fetzer #679-4947. If you signed up at the beginning of the school year to help with this function, you should be hearing from a hostess soon. If you did not sign up previously and are interested in donating items, please contact one of the above hostesses. We appreciate your support! Without you, we would not be able to provide this luncheon for school teachers, principals and support staff.

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