

PTO FOX-TALES

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A Word from the PTO President

Hello and welcome to spring! It seems like the warmer weather and longer days really charges everyone back up and draws us out of hibernation. If you're looking for something to do, the PTO has plenty of opportunities. Our upcoming events for April include Market Day, Curriculum Enhancement, and Bingo Night and we are setting up for other events in May like the Spring Book Fair, KinderOlympics and Field Day.

At our April meeting (April 13, 9 AM), we will be voting to approve our slate of volunteers for the 2011-2012 school year. There are still a few jobs available, big and small, so please contact our VP Renee Kelly (renee-k@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested in serving or see the flyer in the PTO section of Virtual Backpack for more details. We'd love to have you join us!

With all that we do, it takes many hands to run a successful event. Many thanks to the following ladies:

- Lisa Quiroz, Kim Lemperis, Niki Fox, Vicki Werksman and all of the volunteers who helped put together a fabulous fun fair;
- Lori Schwartz for organizing Parent University;
- Tracee Hicks, Joanne Glatz and Missy Rasmussen for running Jump Rope for Heart and helping the 4th & 5th graders raise over \$10,000 for the American Heart Association!
- Mary McDermott for tirelessly loading, lifting and placing the Market Day orders;
- Tammy Johnson & Lisa Callero for setting up the Mad Science Assembly the kids enjoyed before the break;
- Barb Maldonado & Niki Fox for running the 3rd grade catapult event;
- Carrie Groeller for skating the night away at our first ever skate night;
- Lisa Warren and Tracee Hicks for organizing the Spring Expenditure; and

Thanks to all of the Isaac Fox families who help the PTO either through our fundraising efforts or donating your time. We could not do this without you!

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Spring Book Fair

Join us in sharing a love of reading with students at our Scholastic Book Fair. The Book Fair is a great way to connect your kids with books they want to read. If you cannot attend, you may still order books by returning the order form that will come home with your child.

The Spring Book Fair will be held:

Tuesday, May 3 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 4 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m, and Family Night 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 5 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Thank you for encouraging your child to read and supporting Isaac Fox. We look forward to seeing you at the Book Fair

Birthday Book Club

Happy Birthday!! The Birthday Book Club is a special way to share the gift of reading by celebrating your child's birthday and helping our school library at the same time.

During the month of your child's birthday, a letter will be sent home asking if you would like to participate. If so, complete the form and return it to his/her teacher.

During the student's library time, he/she will have the opportunity to look through a list of books not yet available to other students.

Once a book is selected, a note will be sent home stating the book title and cost. After payment has been received by the Media Specialists, the child's name will be permanently affixed to the front cover of the book and will be ready for check out by your child on his/her next visit to the library. The book will then be donated to the school library and made available to all of our students to enjoy for years to come. Should you have any questions, please contact the Media Specialists or Karen Kasregis 847-438-8676.



A special Happy Birthday to Jimmy K., Johnny K., Baylie P., Gus H., Sadie L., Ciarran F., Julie W., Ava I., Liam H., Anna H., Kate S., Robert M., Dylan H., Elvis C., Samantha K., Nicholas Q., Andrew W., Ryan P., Matt A., Megan M., Lucy A., Sara W., Emma R., Zach M., McKenzie A., Hanaka V., Zach G., Thomas T., Gabriela D., Daniel F., Cameron P., Andrew S., Arden C., Jacob E., David N., Trent G., Julie L., Nick P., Ashley L., Addyson S., Jake R., Alyssa H., Ian W., and Michal K.

Don't miss "Bingo Night"!!!!

Come and enjoy a family night of fun playing "Bingo" on Friday April 8th in the Middle School Gymnasium from 7 - 8:30pm.

Bingo Night will have snacks and Raffle Tickets available for purchasing.

Every child will walk out with a prize!!

We hope to see you there!!!! J

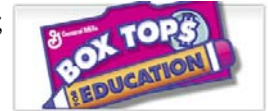
Vicki Werksman - Bingo Night Chairperson

PTO Provides Curriculum Enhancement Programs for 5th Grade

As part of the curriculum enhancement program this year, the Isaac Fox PTO provided two programs for the 5th grade classes. On March 21st, the PTO provided a program called Birds of Prey, which tied in nicely with the students' current study of wild animals prior to their trip to Loreda Taft Field Campus. Volunteers from Stillman Nature Center in Barrington brought five birds of prey to the school to show the children. These included three types of owls, a falcon, and a hawk. It was very exciting for the children to view these birds close up as the volunteers walked around the room with the birds tethered to their hands. The program also included a slide presentation with pictures of birds of prey in the wild and a discussion of the similarities and differences among these birds. The students participated actively by answering questions and asking questions of their own. Hopefully they'll see some of these birds while they're at Taft! Earlier this school year, on January 5th, the PTO brought in the American Eagle Productions theatrical group to perform an adaptation of the musical 1776 for the 5th grade classes. This musical tells the story of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and tied in nicely with the students' social studies unit. A troupe of eight actors put on the show, which was superbly done and was a unique experience for the students. These two programs made up the 5th grade curriculum enhancement program this year.

Box Tops & Labels (Campbell's and Tyson)

Thank you to all the families that are diligently clipping box tops and labels; we are continuously collecting 3000-4000 box tops/labels per month.



Congratulations to the following classrooms which collected the most box tops and labels during February & March (they will receive an ice cream or popsicle party - too warm now for hot chocolate!): K&1-Ms. Barnas' PM & Ms. Kinney's class, 2&3-Ms. Forst's class & Ms. Matuszewski's class and 4&5-Ms. Littel's & Ms. Murray's class. Great job everyone!

Keep clipping! Collection sheets are available on the Virtual Backpack, but you can always just put them in a Ziploc bag and drop them in the collection box at the display in the Red Circle. Please remember to always put your child's name & classroom on the collection sheet or Ziploc bag. Box tops do have expiration dates, so please check those before you submit!

Our final classroom challenge of the year runs through May 23rd!! The winning classes will receive a mystery prize and be added to the Box Tops Wall of Fame!!

Reminder, we are collecting BOXTOPS, CAMPBELL's labels & TYSON A+ labels. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to help count labels, please contact Laura Hunter at happyjeepgirl99@yahoo.com.

Manna Gift Cards

Looking for gifts for teachers, Mother's or Father's Day, or graduating students AND ways to help Isaac Fox raise money? Then purchase gift cards through the Manna program. IF will receive on average between 5 and 10% of each gift card's value. The sale will run April 8 - April 21. Gift cards will be distributed in early May. Questions? Contact Mary Santi at maryfs2154@sbcglobal.net or 847-438-5204. Look for the flier on the IF Virtual Backpack in early April.

Target Fundraiser

You can help raise money for Isaac Fox by shopping at Target. By using a REDcard, Target will donate up to 1% of your purchases to IF. Need a REDcard? Go to www.Target.com/redcard or apply in person at any Target store. Have a REDcard? Be sure to designate IF as your school by going to www.target.com/tcoe, calling 1-800-316-6142, or stopping at the kiosk by customer service at any Target store. Questions? Contact Mary Santi at maryfs2154@sbcglobal.net or 847-438-5204. Or look for the Target flier on the IF Virtual Backpack.

Dominick's Fundraiser

Shop at Dominick's, and Isaac Fox will receive up to 4% of your shopping purchase. Stop by a Dominick's store and get your free Fresh Values card. Then go to www.escrip.com and click on "1. Sign up - it's free". Follow the very easy steps to designate IF as your school. Questions? Contact Mary Santi at maryfs2154@sbcglobal.net or 847-438-5204. Or look for the Dominick's flier on the IF Virtual Backpack.

Junior Knights Scholastic Chess Tournament

The Junior Knights Scholastic Chess Tournament will be held in the LZMSS cafeteria on Saturday, May 14. Grades K-8 can participate. There is a \$15 entry fee due by May 9. For more information contact Lisa Warren.