



# Odyssey PTA Newsletter

## January News From The PTA Board



January brought a lot of fun and merriment. "Rudolpha the Red-nosed Reindeer" visited most of the teachers on January 8th (the day before the students came back). She brought lots of goodies for the teachers and staff of Odyssey PTA!

We had an amazing assembly on January 23rd. Talk about fun! The PTA finally got to recognize Mrs. Suarez's class for their amazing job with the Sally Foster Fund-raiser. Gennarose in Mrs. Suarez's class finally got her grand prize as top seller. Mrs. Weyer and Mrs. Schroeger finally painted their hair red and

blue for the students—see this newsletter in color on the website: [www.odysseypta.org](http://www.odysseypta.org). After that, teachers put on a great skit to illustrate STARS (ask your students about it). Lastly, we announced all the Butter Braid awards! See the article inside. The kids went nuts when they saw Faith. (Thanks Mrs. Rebitski for bringing Faith to school for us)

We have lots of plans for the late winter, early spring time frame. Most of which are family and community building opportunities. We are planning a spring dance, a family fun night, a spring

bazaar, and a garage sale. We hope that you will volunteer for some of these events, if you can.

*We invite you, if you haven't already, to join the Odyssey PTA. Even if you can't volunteer nor attend a meeting, your financial support is invaluable.*

**Our next PTA meeting is February 20th. It will be coupled with BAAC. Elections will be held at this meeting. We will meet in the Cafeteria at 6:30 PM. Childcare is available free of charge, so please join us!**

## Box Tops

The plan was to collect box-tops the last week before break, but, of course, the weather threw a monkey wrench into that plan.

Robin says that she is going to collect Box Tops on February 2nd, and that we could print the totals next month.

Once a month we will honor the top producing class with a trophy to display in their classroom, stickers to wear home so everyone knows they won, as well as a gift for the class straight from their teacher's wish lists. Students can turn in their monthly Box Top labels at any time. Money generated

from the Box Tops will go to Teachers' Wish Lists. The thing the teachers want the most is books for their classroom. Help support our teachers in their odyssey for more books!!



## Odyssey PTA:

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## Campbell's Labels

**Please note the way we save labels has changed!!!**



**Only cut UPC codes!!** Wrappers without UPC codes do NOT count! The box they come in (with UPC code) will count!!

You can also go to: <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/> to learn more about the program.

## Membership Corner

Our PTA is counting 142 members by now! We have a total of 5 officers, 79 family members, 7 grandparents, 31 teachers, 2 staff, 4 community members and a whopping 14 business members!

Thank you to all of you for joining our PTA - it is amazing to see the support



from our families, teachers/staff and our community.

It's not too late to join the PTA - Membership fees are \$ 10 for an individual, \$ 15 for a family (2 adults) and \$ 25 for a busi-

ness. We would love to welcome you on board. Even if you can't volunteer nor attend a meeting, your financial support is invaluable.

Alex Eichelberger

The ever-membership-envelope-waving lady



cation program from Lowe's. More information is available at the following web address:

[www.ToolboxforEducation.com](http://www.ToolboxforEducation.com).

Hooray for Odyssey! Hooray for Scott Eichelberger! Hooray for the bike racks!!



## Lowe's Grant Comes Through!

Odyssey has received a \$4,800 **Lowe's Toolbox for Education** grant for more bike racks at school!

We are thrilled to announce that Lowe's has awarded Odyssey Elementary funding for more bike racks at school. Our grant application was based on allowing more kids to get some healthy exercise and protect the environment by riding to school. However, they needed a safe place to put their bikes. Now, thanks to Lowe's they will have that place!

**Scott Eichelberger** applied for the grant and did all the writing for us. The students will be thrilled to have the extra places for their bikes, and the PTA is very excited that this grant has been awarded to us! Christy Schroeger, President of the PTA, said that she thought this was very exciting news!

All K-12 schools in the United States are eligible for the Toolbox for Edu-

## Nomination Committee Announcements

The Nomination Committee's job is to suggest to membership of the PTA alternatives for positions on the Executive Board and Chairs of Committees. These are merely suggestions, not replacements by any means. Anyone may volunteer to run for any position. Any Nominee can accept or decline their nominated position. Our PTA membership will **vote** on all positions next month (**February 20th**) at the PTA meeting.

Here are the findings:

**PTA President**—Christy Schroeger

**PTA Vice President**—Peggy Davide

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**Membership Chair**—Alex Eichelberger

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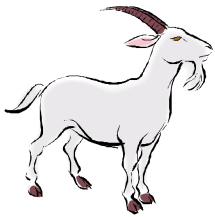
**Yearbook Chair**—Jean-Michel Bertrand

We are still looking for a Literacy Chair! Contact Christy Schroeger 574-8375



## Fundraising Update

After an amazing assembly, the announcement was made that we sold 983 Butter Braids! That not only paid for the popcorn machine but gave us quite a bit extra to put towards the needs of



the school! Our original goal was for 400 Butter Braids; we more than doubled it!!

Seven teachers/ staff members had to kiss the mystery animal. A beautiful goat named Faith. Those teachers were: Mrs. Thompson, Asst. Principal (agreed to pucker up if we sold 400); Mr. Esposito, Technology

Teacher (goal 500); Mrs. Weyer, Principal (goal 600); Mrs. Whitson, 2nd Grade (made a deal with her class if they sold 25—they sold 51!); Mrs. Horn, 5th Grade (her class had the most Butter Braids sold—71); Mrs. Chapman, Music Teacher (chosen by a Top Selling Student); and Mrs. Suarez, 1st Grade (chosen by a Top Selling Student).

Also at the assembly, Mrs. Weyer and Mrs. Schroeger finally painted their hair! Mrs. Schroeger dragged Mr. Schroeger up for a painting as well.

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Popcorn Friday on January 26th pro-



duced over 500 bags of popcorn! We would like to thank Sandy Gizzi, Alex Eichelberger, Tambria Miller, Peggy Davide and Joshua Killett for their hard work!

Our next Popcorn Friday is: **February 23rd**. Bags are only 25 cents!!

## We Need Your Help

We are planning to have a **Spring Bazaar on March 17th**. We are looking for anyone that would be interested in selling their wares at this event. They can be homemade crafts, DSA companies, etc. If you are interested, please contact **Peggy Davide**—mipeg1@msn.com or 570-4324. We can also use a few more volunteers to help run the event.

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April will also bring a **Family Fun Night**. We will have a spaghetti dinner in the

cafeteria, games in the gym, Reading Counts in the Library (the winner with the most points gets to shadow the Principal for the day!), movies in the Art Room and so much more! We could use some volunteers to help with the event. Please contact **Tammy Luedtke**—luedtke24@msn.com or 648-7935.

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In early **May**, if weather permits, we are going to have a **garage sale**. We will sell parking spaces at the school to give people the opportunity to sell items in



their home. If you are interested in running this event or if you are interested in helping with this event, please contact **Christy Schroeger**—574-8375 or christy@odysseyppta.org.

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Also, we are planning a **May dance or Spring Fling**. Please contact Melissa Shetler—597-4148 or MelissaShetler@comcast.net if you would like to volunteer.

## Dates to Remember:

**Dominoes Pizza**—February 5th  
**CSAP (3rd gr. Reading)** - February 13 & 14th

**Chick-Fil-A**—February 15th

**BAAC/General PTA Meeting**  
(w/elections) —February 20th

**Yearbook Meeting**—February 22nd @ 4:15

**Skate City**—February 21st

**Popcorn Friday** —February 23rd

Coming Soon:

**Spring Bazaar** — March 17th

**Family Fun Night** — April

**Spring Fling**—May

**Garage Sale** — May

## Library Books & Teacher Wish Lists

Mrs. Talbot has ordered over \$5,000 in books thanks to your generous donations! About \$2,500 in books were ordered to go with the Math Trailblazers Curriculum. The other \$2,500 + was spent on various other books for all grade levels.

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Finally, after much delay, the PTA has delivered all of the Teacher's Wish Lists. Items ordered include: Over \$750 in classroom books (some of

which included dictionaries, thesaurus's and more). Over \$300 was spent on die-cuts for the teacher's workroom. We purchased necessary items for teachers that included magnifying lenses, writing center, whiteboards, scales, lummi sticks (Music), a mat cutter (Art), yarn balls (Phys. Ed.), a DeWalt 4-piece set (Building Manager), a calculator w/tape (Office), class sets of calculators, book tubs, Tubaloos, pocket charts and more!

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### Special Thank-You's

Tammy Luedtke, Tambria Miller, Peggy Davide, DeDe Bolke, Melissa Shetler, Sherry Shepherd, and Alex Eichelberger.

These ladies are always there. They are always lending a hand. They are always helpful. You are very much appreciated for all that you do! You are the backbone of this PTA. Your support has been invaluable.

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Christy Schroeger would like to thank Mrs. Weyer and Mrs. Thompson for "Comet." He's a happy and furry little hamster that has brought much joy to the Schroeger house!

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