

# PTO NEWS

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## Fall Get-Together

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On Sunday, September 21st the PTO held another successful Fall Get-Together. 107 children and adults attended the gathering and were entertained by Larry Ippel. The popular social event is designed to allow families to meet other families in their child's same class while allowing the children to showcase their dancing and singing abilities. Sugar cookies, apple juice and water were served.

PTO held their annual Booksale Fundraiser at the Fall Get-Together which raised \$243. This is the exact amount the PTO raised last year. The left over books will be donated to Garfield Elementary School in Maywood who is starting a Preschool for special needs children. Due to the fact that almost all of the children who start Kindergarten at Garfield do not know their alphabet or colors and have little or if any written materials at home, Garfield was extremely appreciative of the donation. The leftover cookies and beverages were donated to the Academy.

A big THANK YOU to the following persons for their help in organizing and working the event:

Fall Get-Together Chairs

Amy Werthmann  
Lara Vergoth

Fall Get-Together Committee

Marcia LaPorte  
Renata Matuliauskaite  
Sara Schmitz  
Norah Scott

Booksale Chair

Joan Richards

Booksale Committee

Mariannell Bassett-Dilley  
Joan Rockey  
Paula Maggio  
Keith Richards

Any questions about the Fall Get-Together can be directed to Amy at [awerthmann@comcast.net](mailto:awerthmann@comcast.net) or Lara at [lvergoth@lakebook.com](mailto:lvergoth@lakebook.com). Any questions about the Booksale can be directed to Joan R. at [jhelena\\_r@yahoo.com](mailto:jhelena_r@yahoo.com).

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## 2008 – 2009 Fundraiser Projects

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All of the PTO's proceeds raised during the 2008-2009 school year will be donated to the Academy as follows:

- \$1,000 to Niki for downstairs preschool class room supplies
- \$1,000 to Donna for upstairs preschool class room supplies
- Remaining funds to the Academy to install a sidewalk on the east side of the building. This will replace the gravel walkway.

Last year the PTO was able to raise \$7,000 and donate all of the funds back to the Academy.

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## Snack Preparers – help requested

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### Halloween Party

The PTO's first in-class holiday party is fast approaching. PTO volunteers will be donating snacks & napkins to your child's Halloween party in October.

**The PTO needs your help** in either baking or purchasing snacks/cookies or buying napkins. These items are dropped off with your child at school on the day your child attends. Parents do not to attend the party.

There are three parties sponsored by the PTO volunteers: Halloween, Holiday (Dec) and Valentines. If you would like to help with the snacks or napkins for any of these parties, please contact Mariannell Bassett-Dilley at [bassettdilley@gmail.com](mailto:bassettdilley@gmail.com).

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## Sock Hop Raffle – help requested

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The **PTO needs a Co-Chair for the Sock Hop Raffle** to be held in February. This is the PTO's next social event for parents & children. Marisa Green will be Co-Chair for the second year and needs someone to help on the organization/administrative side. Please contact Marisa Green at [marisagreen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marisagreen@sbcglobal.net) to volunteer or learn more about the position.

Not ready to be a Co-Chair? Then please sign up for the Sock Hop Raffle Committee. The PTO needs your help for SMALL tasks in fundraising, organization or day of activities. Don't feel comfortable fundraising? The Sock Hop Raffle Committee has plenty other positions available. Please contact Marisa Green at [marisagreen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marisagreen@sbcglobal.net) to volunteer, learn more about the possible opportunities or to discuss a donation idea.

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## PTO meeting minutes

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Thank you to Amy Werthmann for preparing the minutes!

**Academy of Movement and Music  
PTO Meeting  
September 15, 2008**

**Present:** Joan Rockey, Mariannell Bassett-Dilley, Marisa Green and Amy Werthmann

The first item discussed was the Fall Get-Together/Book Sale scheduled for Sunday, September 21. Currently, 30 people are attending the a.m. session and 25 have RSVPd for the afternoon session. Joan Rockey will check with Joan Richards to see if she (Joan) needs more volunteers for the book sale. Amy Werthmann and Lara Vergoth are co-chairing the social part of the day and are set with volunteers. Book sale volunteers to date include Joan, Joan and Mariannell. We decided to leave the price of books at \$1 each.

**Sock Hop/Raffle:**

For the second year, Marissa will co-chair the Academy raffle with a new to be named co-chair. Committee members possibly include: Paula Maggio, Laura Hunnewell, Brenda Massaroni and Amy Werthmann. We discussed beefing up the special raffle items such as the Hello Kitty bike in order to generate more excitement and ticket sales. We will start contacting Academy families for any special items to use as prizes. Marissa will contact Laura about donating and helping out again this year.

**Volunteer Positions:**

All board and committee positions have been filled for the year except for the Sock Hop Raffle Co-Chair.

**Fundraising:**

If anyone has fundraising ideas, please contact Joan Rockey at [joan\\_rockey@ooc.net](mailto:joan_rockey@ooc.net). Possible ideas included Kiddieland and The Perfect Dinner.

**School Signage:**

Joan received a thank you letter from Stephanie Clemens for the funds the PTO raised for the new building signage. Signage is located above the garage area near the school's main entrance and on the Lake Street side.



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