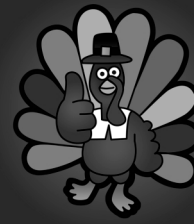


Brewster Korn

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION



NOVEMBER 2009



FROM THE BOARD...

The BKPTA is fully aware of the nation's economic situation and its impact on our small community. We too are feeling the strain with limitations placed on our fundraising efforts.

Please be aware that you are by no means required nor should you feel obligated to donate to every cause, or participate in every activity sponsored by the BKPTA. What we try to do as a board is offer an array of activities that celebrate the diverse interests of our members and our Brewster Korn community while providing a quality product/service we can be proud of.

Participating in our family portraits on November 8th may not have interested you, but our CD's being recorded on the 24th of November may. Participating in our ice cream social next June may not interest you, but our Parent's Night Out on February 6th may. We understand that writing checks out every month for every activity can become financially burdensome.

Budget cuts in the district have caused BKPTA to step up and "pick up the slack" on programs that our district simply does not offer, or that our curriculum does not support but are enriching to a specific area of the curriculum. That being said it is imperative to know that our efforts are at the mercy of the Brewster Korn community. We as a board thank you for all of your interests and participation thus far and hope that you will explore all of the options available to you. It is likely that something(s) interest you enough that you can make a contribution to the BKPTA and thus to your child.

We are truly thankful for everything you contribute and wish you and your family a wonderful and very Happy Thanksgiving!

Debbie Sokol
President BKPTA



FAMILY PORTRAITS

We had a great turnout at the Middlefield Community Center on Sunday November 8th. We need to put a shout out/thank you to Kim Aparo, Janine Kozik, and Karen Woodward for their beautiful photography and to Debbie Sokol, Kim Salley and Sue Cummings for their administrative assistance with viewing/editing photos and taking orders. All of these folks volunteered their time and equipment to make this service to our families a huge success. Gross figures show around \$2200.00 for the day and that was with some no-shows due to illnesses. Hee Haw!

How your box tops have helped!

Miss Ryan's class won the October box top contest. They collected over 650 box tops and Campbell's Labels for Education. School wide the October contest brought in over \$420.00 in box tops and over 800 Labels for Education. Great job!



Be on the lookout for another contest starting soon. Spread the word and have your family and friends continue collecting box tops and Campbell's labels.

UPDATES FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE



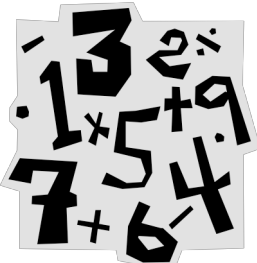
Math STARRS are rising at Korn!

The first month of Korn's Math Challenge sponsored by the BKPTA was very successful with over 50% of each grade participating to earn STARR points. Students earned one STARR point just for trying out the question and two if they got it

correct. There will be two challenges in November! Please help support this learning activity by encouraging your child to complete the problem and return the form to their teacher by the designated date.

Meeting the Math Challenge at Brewster

Kindergarten, first and second grade students at Brewster rose to the Math Challenge at Brewster working on two problems in September as well as October. Ms. Krauss's and Mrs. Foreman's AM classes tied to win a morning treat of munchkins, while Ms. Stewart's and Mrs. Ghoreyeb's class got treats for turning in the most challenges for 1st and 2nd grades, respectively! These classes enjoyed their treats so much they went on to win the October challenge as well!! Congratulations to all our Math Challenge winners!



Students at Brewster also have a chance to work on an Extra Math Challenge. While the problems chosen for the regular Math Challenges are grade-level appropriate, the Extra Challenge problems are intended for students looking for an even greater challenge and are chosen to be one level above grade. At least 10 students from each grade have risen to the challenge and have successfully earned a small prize for their efforts. Extra Math Challenge problems can be found on the bulletin board right outside the copy room at Brewster school.

***HELP WANTED: We are looking for a Kindergarten (or Preschool) parent interested in helping out with the treats/party for the winner of the Kindergarten Challenges. Please contact Oanh Stephan if you would like to help out: pots2@comcast.net.



Lab coats on, please!

Korn students are donning their labcoats and starting the scientific process by researching out projects for the Korn Science Fair to be held on January 29th (tentative date). An introductory

letter to parents containing interesting websites was sent out on November 4th and students began their library research with Ms. Lussier the following week. We have a panel of scientists ready to evaluate and give input on student project proposals so that students can answer their scientific questions as successfully and as fun as possible! Thank you to Drs. Brian Venables, Traci Turacek, Melissa Lampo, Tom Stephan, and Steve Pietrzyk for volunteering your time! More information will be coming regarding important dates for the Science Fair as well as important guidelines!

More to come from the Education Committee!

We are very excited about upcoming programs to come. We have a list full of ideas for educational clubs/activities like the Chess Club, Rummikub Club, Italian, Spanish, and French club that we hope will come to fruition. We have the highest chance of success the more volunteers we have so please give us a call if you would like to help!



Hitchcock chair

Boston style rocker and it is called a "Faithful" rocker in a black/harvest color. New B/KPTA members and anyone that attends the monthly B/KPTA meetings will be entered into a drawing at the end of the school year for this rocker.

Thank you to Scott Silver please visit www.usedhitchcockfurniture.com for other items by Scott.

CHECK OUT THE BKPTA WEBSITE

PLEASE check out the BKPTA website at www.RSD13CT.ORG.

Once on the site, click on either Brewster or Korn. There will be a BKPTA site. This site will be updated often and there is a help wanted area!



