

**DATES TO
REMEMBER:**

Sept 25th: Lee Walk-A-Thon at Lee Elementary

Sept 28th: McFall & Page Fundraiser Packets due

Oct 13th: McFall PTO Meeting 9:15 a.m. at McFall Elementary

Oct 20th : Lee PTO Meeting at 9:15 a. m. at Lee Elementary

Oct 20th: General PTO Meeting at 7:00 pm at Lee Elem Room 202

Oct 21st: Pizza Hut Nights at Caledonia Pizza Hut 4:00- 9:00 p.m. Eat in or carry out! Page Elementary to Host!

Nov 10th: McFall PTO meeting at 7:00 p.m. McFall Library

Nov 17th: General PTO meeting 9:15 a.m. at Lee Elementary Room 202

Nov 17th: Lee PTO meeting 7:00 p.m. at Lee Elementary Room 202

Nov 18th: Pizza Hut Nights at Caledonia Pizza Hut 4:00- 9:00 p.m. Eat in or carry out!

Thornapple Kellogg Elementary Schools

PTO Newsletter



FALL 2009

👋 Welcome back Students, Parents and Teachers 👋

WHAT IS THE PTO?

The PTO is an organization composed of parents, guardians, teachers and principals. The TK PTO includes McFall, Lee and Page Elementary schools. Each has its own PTO board. The three PTO boards meet once a month along with parents and teachers to discuss ways we can help our children and our schools. The PTO sponsors many events, some of which are listed below. We also coordinate volunteers to help with different projects at each school.

WHY DO WE DO IT?

We want to promote the welfare of our children in school and related activities through field trips, performing arts, science and special assemblies. We want to encourage a closer relationship between home and school by providing educational and instructional forums open to the community and by funding special activities and providing parent volunteers as necessary. We want to develop a united effort of parents and educators to provide the best physical and emotional education. We want to financially, physically and emotionally provide support to the staff at our schools for the welfare of our children through special activities and fundraising.

THE OLD AND THE NEW... PTO FUNDRAISER BEGINS

McFall and Page Elementary have begun the traditional PTO product-based fundraiser via Frankenmuth Catalogs and on-line orders, while Lee Elementary, in keeping with its "Green" status, and in response to parent requests, will experiment this year with a non-product based Walk-A-Thon fundraiser. These fundraising efforts are our main source of income and help fund activities and outings for your children, including:

- McFall – Barnyard Express, Fallfest, Winter Craft, Walking Program, 100th Day Activities, Author Visits and the Reading Program
- Lee – Clay Project, Character Awards, Assemblies, Musicals, Author Visits and Winter Exporation Program
- Page – Musical, Clay Project, Field Day, 5th Grade Year-End Celebration, StarBase, Honor Roll Awards.

While your tax monies go for the educational resources of the school, i.e., teacher salaries, textbooks, operating expenses, etc., many extracurricular experiences your children benefit from would not happen without you and your support of your PTO. As we all know, schools are beginning to cut back and one of the first to be deleted is "extras". We believe those "extras" are important activities that help shape the lives of our children.

The Lee Elementary Walk-A-Thon is scheduled on Friday, September 25, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at Lee Elementary and donation forms are due on that date. The Frankenmuth Fundraiser packets for McFall and Page Elementary are due September 28th and 29th.

Thank you in advance for your support!

We're on the Web! www.tkschools.org/parents/PTO/pages/default.aspx

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WHO are the TK PTO**Board Members?**

Executive Board

President: Open
Vice President: Cinnamon Mellema
Secretary: Tammy Johnson
Treasurer: Chris Mol

Page Elementary

President: Bridgett Czarnecki
Vice President: Marisa Rakowski
Secretary: Jennifer Craven
Treasurer: Tammy King

Lee Elementary

President: Annie Halle
Vice President: Aimee Johnson
Secretary: Tammy Johnson
Treasurer: Melissa Losey

McFall Elementary

President: Chris Mol
Vice President: Cinnamon Mellema
Secretary: Rebecca Hoskins
Treasurer: Michelle Fabiano

McFall Elementary

We're off to a great start! Thank you to everyone who signed up at the Open house to help with the PTO. We have great activities planned for our kids this year! If you want to help volunteer at any of the activities listed below, please call Chris Mol at (616) 250-0094 or Michelle Fabiano at (616) 891-2425.

- We are looking for volunteers from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. to help set up, serve food and clean up during the McFall Fall Fest activities on Saturday, October 31.
- Publishing Parents is where parents help the teachers with administrative tasks such as stapling, sorting, laminating, binding, cutting, etc. You can volunteer every week, once a month or once a year. Contact Chris Mol at 616-250-0094.
- The first BoxTops collection is October 5th through the 22nd! Send in your BoxTops!
- Please come and help with the Middleville Scarecrow competition! It is a great way to meet parents and kids. We will be putting the display together at McFall on Saturday, September 26th at 1:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Cinnamon Mellema at 795-2622 so we know how many doughnuts and how much cider to have ready.
- Clip and save Spartan UPC Codes -- we earn 2 cents for each Spartan UPC code!
- Clip and save Tyson A+123 Labels – we earn 24 cents for each label.
- You can enter your Coke Rewards codes online and donate your points to McFall Elementary!
- Clip and save the Campbell Soup labels to help the school earn points!

Lee Elementary

- Don't forget about our participation in Meijer Community Rewards. Lee PTO's number is 186968. Enrolled members shop Meijer, simply paying with cash, PIN-based debit card or linked Meijer credit card. Purchases made with a linked Meijer credit card earn 1% and cash & PIN-based debit card and a swiped Meijer 1 Card (sm) earn 0.5%.
- Lee Elementary and PTO will be holding a Fundraiser Walk-A-Thon on Friday, September 25, from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. If you are interested in helping, please call Tammy Johnson at (269) 795-3729, or contact her via e-mail at pto@tkschools.org.
- Lee Elementary BoxTops Competition will start September 28th and go through October 22nd. Make sure you turn in your BoxTops. Remember to ask your neighbors, family members and friends to save them for you!

Page Elementary

Fundraiser has begun. Packets were sent home with students the first week of school. Orders and money are due September 28, 2009. Product will be delivered October 26 and can be picked up during conferences. If you are not interested in selling, donations can be made to Page PTO and 100% of straight donations stay at Page. You will receive a letter for tax purposes for your cash donations. Checks can be made out to Page PTO.

Box Tops collection drive will be October 5-22. Our theme for this fall is "Falling for Box Tops". Watch for more information to be sent home with your student. The top weekly collecting 4th and 5th grade classroom will receive a candy or popcorn treat to eat while Mrs. Raymer reads them a story. An extra recess will be given out if a class wins more than once. The top collecting 4th and 5th grade classrooms will receive cider and donuts during the first week of November.

Pizza Hut Fundraiser

Mark your calendars for Pizza Hut Night! The PTO will hold a fundraiser from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21st, November 18th, December 16th, 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Caledonia Pizza Hut. The TK PTO earns 20% of the sale whether you dine-in or take-out and gift certificates too! We have raised over \$1,000 since January! More details will be sent home with your child.

