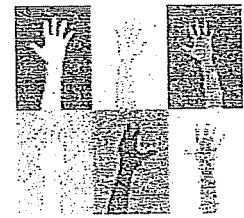


Greetings to all Moorsbridge families, both returning and new to the school ...



I hope that everyone is having a relaxing and enjoyable summer. The 2011-12 school year will be starting in just a few weeks – Michigan summers seem to go by way too fast!

As parents and guardians of Moorsbridge students, we each determine how we can best assist our children in becoming healthy and productive individuals as they grow into young adults. The ways that we can best guide them along this journey may be as a parent, team coach, church leader, civil servant, scout leader, school volunteer or some combination of these important roles. As a school volunteer, there are a variety of volunteer opportunities available to you:

1. “in-classroom” opportunities which are coordinated by teachers and other school staff;
2. extracurricular/after-school opportunities (i.e., scout leader, team coach, etc.) which are coordinated through sponsoring organizations; and
3. PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) volunteer opportunities which support our school and are available on a regular schedule, intermittent schedule or for a specific event or activity.

Like many other parent/teacher organization, our PTO organization is focused on serving our school community. This is our mission statement:

The Moorsbridge PTO is a nonprofit parent teacher organization whose membership includes all parents, legal guardians and school staff at Moorsbridge Elementary School.

The mission of the PTO is to provide assistance and resources (financial and human) which will serve to, but are not limited to:

1. improving and enhancing our school facilities and the learning environment;
2. supplementing educational programs and materials;
3. creating stimulating learning experiences both in and out of the classroom;
4. fostering closer relationships between home and school; and
5. encouraging community-wide participation in school activities and events.

It is our belief that through the collaborative team efforts of this organization, that any sponsored event or activity and any goods or services provided or purchased, will be made in the best interests of the school and the students. Annually, the organization will look to the school staff to provide direction in the form of needs and priorities.

As the returning PTO President, I want to provide each of you the opportunity to learn about our PTO organization and the resources (human and financial) that we provide to our school. To learn more about our PTO organization and the volunteer opportunities, note the following dates on your calendar:

<i>PTO Kick-off Meeting</i>	Aug. 31, 2011 (Wed.)	3:30-4:30 p.m.	Moorsbridge (Comm Rm)
<i>New Student/Family Reception</i>	Aug. 31, 2011 (Wed.)	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Moorsbridge (Lobby)
<i>Welcome Back Coffee</i>	Sep. 6, 2010 (Tue.)	8:45-9:30 a.m.	Moorsbridge (Comm Rm)

We are an organization fueled by volunteers and it is due to our volunteers that we are able to host the following activities at our school: Junior Achievement, Accelerated Reader, Road Rally, Movie Nights, Harvest Festival, Spring Carnival, Donuts with Dad, Muffins with Mom, Media Center Support and much more including field trip monies, classroom/teacher monies and enrichment program assistance. Over the years, some activities/events have been discontinued due to the lack of a volunteer coordinator (e.g., Geography Club, Imagination Destination, etc.). We are open to new ideas and programs with the appropriate volunteer leadership. Attached is a PTO volunteer form for you to complete and return to the school office or at our Welcome Back Coffee on September 6th.

We have a few open PTO positions for the upcoming year – MoorNews committee co-chair and WatchD.O.G.S Dads committee chair. Additionally, we are in need of a PTO President beginning in October as my family will be relocating to another state. Please contact me if you are interested in any of these positions.

We realize that many parents/guardians have work schedules, other volunteer opportunities, service involvements that may limit your availability to volunteer; but if you have an interest or the time please come to a PTO meeting or contact myself to learn more. We realize that PTO meeting times may be a limitation for some interested parents/guardians, but we do annually assess the schedule and attempt to schedule the PTO meetings for dates and times to maximize attendance based on input from our families. Over the course of time, we have tried many different scenarios – daytime meetings, evening meetings, after school meetings and a mixed medley during the year. With each scenario, there are pros and cons and we have yet to find a meeting time that works well for everyone. Please watch for the full PTO Calendar of Events and meeting times that will be sent home during the first week of school.

Thank you for your input, suggestions, enthusiasm and time!

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2011-2012 Moorsbridge Elementary PTO Volunteer Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

I would like to volunteer to work on the following committees/events:
(Please circle all that apply.)

Committees (continuous volunteering throughout the school year):

Accelerated Reader	Junior Achievement (taught in Grades 2, 4 & 5)	Project Charlie (taught in Grades 1 & 3)
Beautification	Movie Nights (3x per year, Nov. - Mar.)	Watch D.O.G.S Dads
Health Promotions	Media Center	Yearbook
Hospitality	MoorNews Broadcast (5 th graders only participate; any parents may volunteer)	

Committees/Events (one-time during the year):

Battle of the Books (4 th & 5 th graders only; Spring)	Carnival (March)	Holiday Shoppe (early December)
Book Exchange (One week - Spring; usu. March)	Donuts for Dad (May)	Magic Night/Family Night (to be determined)
Book Fair (2x per year; 1 week in Fall & Spring)	Fall Harvest Festival (late October)	Muffins for Mom (November)
Book Tops (2x per year; Fall & spring)	Fundraising/Flower Power (Spring)	"Road Rally" Fun Run/Walk (primary fundraiser - early October)
		Staff Appreciation Week (early May)

New Student/Family reception (last week of August before school starts): YES NO

For more information please contact Julie Mellor,

PTO President, at mellor67@yahoo.com

Please return this form to the school office.

Thanks so much for donating your time and talent!!!