

# Moorsbridge Elementary

PTO Newsletter

October 2009

## Thank you Road Rally Supporters!

Thank you to everyone for making the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Moorsbridge Road Rally Fundraiser a success! Although the weather was not ideal, I can proudly say a good time was had by all.

To date, we have received \$14,000 in Road Rally pledges. Funds collected will be used to support the 2009-2010 PTO budget. The PTO supports a variety of programs and activities at Moorsbridge including Accelerated Reader, the KSO Symphony Program, field-trips and classroom needs. With the proposed cuts in state education funds, your donations will help ensure our students and staff will continue to operate at the high level we have come to expect from Moorsbridge.

Thank you to all of you that volunteered your time to work at the rally, came to cheer on your student(s), and made donations. Without dedicated volunteers and parents interested in our school, activities like these, and their positive results could not take place. Thank you for your continued support!

Gail Kristin  
Road Rally Chairperson

## Health and Wellness Committee

Moorsbridge is in need of a Health and Wellness Committee. The main purpose of this committee is to help Moorsbridge do head checks. We are in need of approximately 4 people to serve on this committee. One of whom would coordinate the volunteers with the schedule from the school. This needs to be done every 4 to 6 weeks and you will be trained on how to perform these checks. In the past we have had parents with hair care, or medical experience. If you are interested in coordinating or working on this committee, please contact the office.

## MOMS!!! MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

Moorsbridge Muffins for Moms  
Thursday, November 5th 8:05 - 8:30am  
Join your child before  
school for muffins and drinks!!!

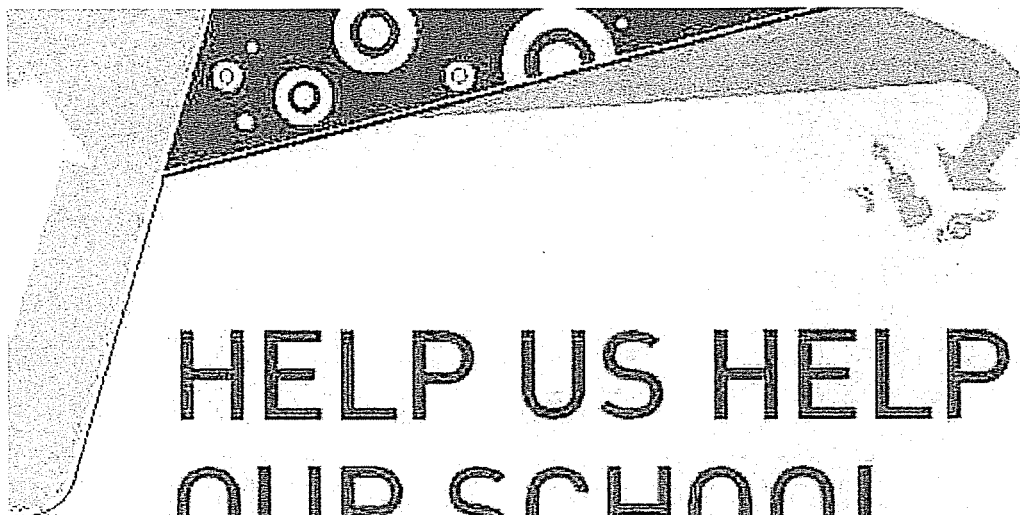
*Next PTO Meeting Monday, November 11th at 8:45 pm in the Community Room*

Newsletter deadline - Friday, November 13 (submit via e-mail to [sarahkominek@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahkominek@yahoo.com))

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# SKI PASSES

Don't forget to order your discounted passes to Bittersweet ski resort in Otsego. The cost for the student card is \$12 and the adult card is \$10. If you have any questions contact [wgrile@portageps.org](mailto:wgrile@portageps.org).



## HELP US HELP OUR SCHOOL.

Did you know there's an easy way to help us raise money for our school — for books, band uniforms, reading programs and anything else that can use extra funding? It's called Take Charge of Education, and it's helping our school right now.

Here's how it works: Visit [Target.com/lcoe](http://Target.com/lcoe) or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate our school, then use your REDcard whenever you shop. When you use your REDcard (Target® Visa® Credit Card, Target Credit Card™ or Target Check Card™), Target will donate up to 1% of your purchases to the eligible K-12 school of your choice.\*

Don't have a REDcard? It's easy to apply. Get started in person at any Target store or go to [Target.com/redcard](http://Target.com/redcard).

Grandparents, alumni, friends and neighbors are all welcome to participate in the program. The more people we involve, the harder the program works for our school. If you're already participating, thank you! Check out our school's progress anytime at [Target.com/lcoe](http://Target.com/lcoe).

\*Subject to Take Charge of Education program rules. Target donates an amount equal to 1% of Target Visa Credit Card, Target Credit Card and Target Check Card purchases you make at Target and Target.com, and 5% of Target Visa Credit Card purchases you make anywhere else Visa credit cards are accepted, to the eligible K-12 school of your choice. See Target.com/lcoe for details.



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## HOW IT ADDS UP

Your school's progress is detailed online, just like the example below. Visit [Target.com/tcoe](http://Target.com/tcoe) and enter your school's name and state to see:

- Your school's last payout from the program
- The amount your school has received from Target to date (since 1997)
- Your school's progress toward the next payout, updated daily
- How many people have enrolled in the program and designated your school

## HOW YOU CAN DO MORE

As more people join the program and designate your school, there's no limit to the funds your school can receive. Here are some tips for increasing your next donation:

- Use the online fundraising tools at [Target.com/tcoe](http://Target.com/tcoe) to promote the program at events, in the media and on your school's website.
- Copy the flyer on the opposite side of this sheet and distribute them at school events.
- Don't forget to thank your school community for designating your school and using their REDcards.



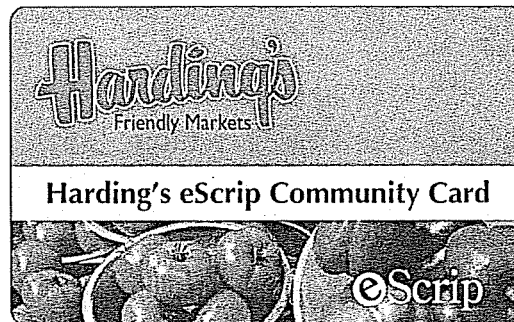
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## Play It Safe: Tips to Prevent, Recognize and Treat Concussion

Children who play sports either recreationally or for a school team may be at risk of getting a concussion or brain injury. Concussions are caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head, and can range from mild to severe.

### Preventing Concussion

Every sport is different, but there are steps you and your children can take to protect themselves from concussion. Karen Bergman, RN, PhD, Neuroscience Coordinator at Bronson Methodist Hospital advises children wear the right protective equipment such as helmets and padding. "Helmets should fit properly, be well maintained, and be worn consistently and correctly," commented Bergman. Additionally, children should always follow their coach's rules for safety and practice good sportsmanship at all times.

### Signs and Symptoms of Concussion

"The signs and symptoms of concussion can show up right after the injury or may not appear or be noticed until days or weeks after the injury depending on the type and location of the trauma," explained Bergman.

If your child has experienced a bump or blow to the head during a game or practice, look for any of the following:

- Loss of consciousness (even briefly)
- Memory problems or confusion
- Imbalance or dizziness
- Behavior or personality changes
- Headache or "pressure" in head
- Nausea or vomiting
- Double or blurry vision
- Sensitivity to light or noise
- Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy or groggy

### Treatment for Concussion

If your child reports symptoms of concussion or you notice the symptoms yourself seek medical attention. A health care professional will be able to decide how serious the concussion is. "In most cases, the symptoms will resolve in time with rest," Bergman said.

One of the biggest challenges related to treatment is knowing when to let a child return to

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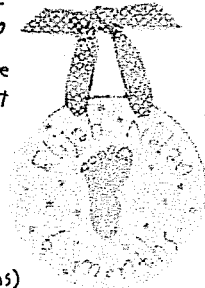
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Contact Sarah to schedule an appointment  
 (appointments preferred - kits available for walk-ins)

sarah@creativeclayworks.com 269-743-9740

for more info: SugarandSpiceDay.com  
 creativeclayworks.com coming soon!

Need a break? Have some errands to run? Want a night out? Looking for a babysitter? Rachael Daniel and Haley Labian are looking for more clients. They are both Red Cross certified, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Honor students and extremely responsible. Your children will be in excellent hands with Rachael and Haley. Have more than one child? They will gladly babysit together. They even live in the same neighborhood. Call Rachael at 353-3193 or Haley at 372-3331 to get on their schedule.



### Gail Cummins

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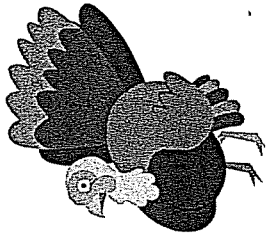
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# November 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Savings Ends Turn Clocks Back	2	3 Election Day	4 Hat Day! Market Day Online Orders Due by Noon	5 Muffins for Moms 8:00 am	6 No School for Students Records Day	7
8	9	10 PTO Meeting 8:40 Market Day Pick-Up 4:00-6:00 Gilmore Piano Assembly 9:00 & 9:55	11 School Picture Re-Takes Veteran's Day Program 6:30	12	13 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Cookie Dough Fundraiser Starts	14
15	16 SBDM Team Meeting 4:00 Book Fair Report Cards Sent Home	17 Book Fair Open Late Conferences	18 Book Fair 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade KSO Grile & Triemstra During Music	19 Book Fair Open Late Conferences	20 Book Fair Movie Night 6:00 Pizza 6:30 Movie 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade KSO Thomas & Kirshman During Music Pajama Day!	21
22	23	24	25 No School	26 No School Thanksgiving	27 No School	28
29	30					