

1/20/12 PTO Meeting

**\*8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band:**

Mr. Bartz: Discussed the following

\*Help Encourage Kids to try out for Color guard/ High School Band. No experience necessary for Color guard, the 2012 fall production of the “Lion King” will need many characters. Visit [www.JoinPNBands.org](http://www.JoinPNBands.org) for questions and answers about the band and color guard program.

**\*Technology Enhanced Classrooms**

Presentation by Jessica Stanley

Benefits for Teachers: Visual and audio learners, easily display information using a touch screen monitor and computer which is then displayed on a large flat panel TV. Surround sound speakers, doc. Cameras and a microphone for the teacher. An assisted listening device and head phones are used for engaging students in Learning. A built in auxiliary box with different ports for using different devices makes it easier to project information from different audio equipment. It also helps in communication with parents via email displaying students work and progress. ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES!

Currently used in all Portage Elementary Schools and the High School. Next to be installed are the Portage Middle Schools and PCEC. Upgrade software to office 2010 also.

### **\*The Superhero Inside of You:**

Presentation by: Mike Scheidt and Rhonda C. Messinger

Choosing Portage Northern Middle School to pilot their program with hands on activity for a select number of 8th grade students. The program will result in a movie each student creates about their own Superhero movie and can invite others to see. The goal is to find out the superhero within themselves. Introducing and using Law of Attraction to show that what we focus on in our minds creates what we do with our future. The result is to engage students to get on the right path for their life. The program does have a price tag attached; the executive board will vote on the request of \$1000.

## **\*Public School Parents: Get Engaged, Get results**

Presented by: Shelbi Cummings

Free workshop for parents who want to be more involved in their child's education journey. Debbie Rude will present on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11:30-12:30 and 7-8 pm at Portage North Middle School's Media Center. Workshop will be called "Public School Parents-Get engaged, Get results." Helping parents partner with public schools to help students find the best pathway for them to choose classes each year.

\*EDP's are coming out soon for 8<sup>th</sup> graders to help them get ready to choose high school classes to target a career.

