**A note from our PTO President, Robyn Nelson**

Welcome to March! We can expect the weather to get warmer and spring to arrive!

Thank you to all the organizers, planners, parents and students who made this year’s Eagle Extravaganza a great success.

Special thank yous to Martine Ouellette and Darci Longest for planning and organizing the Eagle Auction; Molly Kitchell and Christy Chappell for planning and executing the carnival games; Lisa Paul and her special bakers for the cake walk; and Andrea Klemm and Martha Pappas for the picnic dinner.

Thank you to all Eagle families for attending the event and helping the PTO raise money for our school.

Please see the Narrative Budget in the newsletter to see what your PTO dollars are spent on at our school. The actual PTO budget can always be viewed online at our website.

Eagle PTO is proud to be a Lemonade Day champion this year. Please watch your email for more details on how you and your child can get involved in this nationwide project.

Spring Break is at the end of the month. Enjoy your week off of school.

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**Upcoming Dates**

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Eagle Activities

Hot! Hot! Hot! Hot Chocolate

Thanks to the help from our fantastic volunteers/staff and the wonderful manners of our Eagle students the 2011 PTO Hot Chocolate Day was a huge success. Students enjoyed a beautiful day for outside recess (before the storm!) while sipping hot chocolate. Special thanks to: Melissa Byler, Lori Ferzandi, Barbra Killian, Jackie Razzouk, Tamara Smith, Amber Cochran, Sallie Betz, Loraine Auersch, Carrie White, Teresa Hollingsworth, Kerry Wagner, Kim Teeters, and Heather Wandrei without your help this event would not have been possible.

-Molly Kitchell & Christy Chappell (student services)
Thank You Eagle Families!!

The 2011 Eagle Auction was a huge success! **Thanks to your participation we raised approximately $14,000 for your PTO.**

We would like to give special thanks to the Auction committee; Melissa Brewer; Marissa Brooke, Christy Chappell; Teresa Hollingsworth; Zoe Moore and Lori Ferzandi.

A huge thank you also goes out to the additional volunteers who helped with the event on March 3rd; Cynthia Carr, Martha Pappas, Julie Minkler, Cristi Pittman, Kelli Vogtman, Salli Betz, Kimberly Gilbert, Melanie Audette, Cathy Patel, Jill Nash, Kelly Masoncup, Tamara Smith and Beth Price.

Thank you to all our classroom coordinators and to all of you who contributed to the classroom donations.

**This year's auction received a great deal of support from our community merchants. Please take a moment to acknowledge the following when you frequent their businesses.**

Thank you to: 4Kids Books, Altum's, Amore's Pizzeria, Arthur Murray Dance Studios, Ballerinas and Bruisers, Big Dave's Deli, Body Outfitters, Camera's I, Carmel Ice Skadium, Children's Museum, Control Tech, Cookie Cutters, Divas, Festool, Fox Pizza, Ganache Chocolatier, Grapevine Cottage, Harvest Fresh Market and Deli, Holiday World & Splashin' Safari, Hong Kong House, Interactive Academy, Kern's Brothers, Kiss Z Cook, LA Fitness, Lion's Club, Mid West School of Music, Mindful Movement Studio, Monart School of Art, Monkey Joe's, Carmel Parks and Rec., Montgomery Aviation Inc., NCAA, NJS Studio, Noah Grant's, Noodles & Company, Ocean World Restaurant, Off Main Street Players, Patrick's Kitchen, Plum's Upper Room, Serenity, Sullivan Munce Cultural Center, To The Last Drop, Witsken's Tennis, Z'Care, Zionsville Country Vet. Clinic, ZPD, ZFD, and ZCHS Athletics.
Eagle Extravaganza!

Eagle Extravaganza Expansion!

This year the Eagle Extravaganza got a little more kid-centered and a whole lot messier! In an effort to make the annual silent auction event more fun for the students, PTO Student Services built on the past success of the cake walk with a temporary tattoo booth, a photo booth, the ever popular inflatable, and a variety of carnival games. Also new this year was the pie toss... and it appears to have been a huge hit with both the kids and some staff members (pun intended). Huge, huge thanks to Beth Brent, Amy Humphrey, Scott McKinley, and Kelly Spencer for offering themselves up for the benefit of the school and the entertainment of the kids. The ballot boxes had to be kept open late because so many kids were determined to add their votes! In the end, Scott McKinley was the overwhelming choice but was joined on the stage by an enthusiastic Amy Humphrey. The Student Service Co-chairs appreciate your patience and support as we attempted to make a great event even more fun. Additional thanks go to Katie Penola and Zionsville Fellowship church, Lori Overdorf, Akard's Hardware, Monster Mini-Golf in Avon, Dairy Queen, Chipotle, Chili’s, Texas Roadhouse, Chick-Fil-A, Cathy Busick and the ZHS Key Club and National Honor Society for helping make the addition of a carnival possible.

Molly Kitchell and Christy Chappell-Eagle PTO Student Services co-chairs.
The Cake Walk this year during Eagle Extravaganza was another huge success raising over $850.00 for the Eagle PTO. Over 120 delicious and beautifully decorated items were donated this year. From cake-to-cupcakes, cookies-to-brownies, all were a feast for the eyes for (3) lucky winners per round to choose from. For our 'signature walks' this year, winners were able to select from beautifully wrapped cupcake plates, a 'daisy' cupcake tree and even a spaghetti cake! A BIG thank you to our talented Eagle bakers for their donations and creativity. It's because of you the cake walk is a huge success and a big hit with all the students. Thank you to our event volunteers:


Thank you to former Eagle students Lizzie Berry and Celeste & Christianna Lopez for collecting tickets and keeping the walk moving!

A special thanks to Mrs. Kramer for the use of her library for the evening.
This is an exciting time of year as we anticipate warmer weather, spring sports, and summer. However, before we get there, Enrichment Clubs need your leadership, or co-leadership with a friend, to guarantee the after school opportunities continue for our children. Your talents are appreciated by PTO! Co-leading a club is a wonderful way to connect with the children, while sharing the responsibilities of meetings with a friend. Snacks are taken care of by PTO so no shopping is involved, and PTO also organizes list of volunteers from which to pull your helpers. The Enrichment Club Co-Chairs will work with your preferred times to create your ideal schedule. Positions exist within the current clubs:

- Arts & Crafts Club
- Eagle Express
- Recycling
- Co-leader for a Science & Engineering Club

Thank you for genuinely considering whether this year will be when you express your interest in helping make the after-school programs the best they can be.

Cynthia Carr & Lisa Paul

The **Arts and Crafts Club** is in full swing, and the kids have all been doing a fantastic job making the various craft projects. The Club has 60 members, who meet once a month, on three separate nights. The Club began meeting in November, and will continue to meet through March. Each month, I have tried to give the kids a craft that uses different materials, allows them to express their creativity, and allows them to make something they can be proud to take home.

In November, the kids made a clipboard with different colors and patterns of paper on one side and a chalkboard on the other side. In December, the kids made globe holiday decorations, and did a great job with some pretty detailed instructions and a lot of folding. In January, we made snowmen from wool batting. The kids did a great job working with the wool. In February, the kids melted crayons between waxed paper, making unique paper for Valentine hearts and cards. The kids also made some paper for cards that will be part of the Eagle auction. In March, the kids will make something to celebrate the arrival of spring. My hope is that the kids have fun, gain some ideas that they can use at home, and maybe create some craft projects of their own.

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**Check out the Eagle Extravaganza photobooth pictures and some shots from the pie toss at:**

http://eagleextravaganza.snapfish.com/snapfish/otsc=SYE/otsi=WCR
(room code: photobooth)

You can even upload your own Extravaganza pictures!
Lemonade Day Indianapolis

What is Lemonade Day?
Lemonade Day is a free, Greater Indianapolis Area initiative designed to teach youth how to start, own and operate their own lemonade business. Launched in Houston three years ago, Lemonade Day expanded to Indianapolis in 2010, spearheaded by local entrepreneur Scott Jones, known for leading ChaCha as one of the fastest growing mobile and online properties. He also created the voicemail system now used by more than 1 billion people around the world. Read more: www.scottajones.com

How does it work?
On Sunday, May 1, children will set up their lemonade stands across the Greater Indianapolis Area, turn a profit and learn valuable life-changing lessons about entrepreneurship. And it's a blast!
About a month before Lemonade Day, kids register via a parent or guardian through lemonadeday.org or one of our partner organizations such as YMCA and Girl Scouts. Then, kids work through lesson plans with a caring adult about how to start a lemonade business. We provide the tools they need to get started. Kids get to keep the money they earn on Lemonade Day, and in 2010 our data showed that kids earned on average a whopping $109 per stand! We encourage and teach them to spend a little, save a little and share a little of their profits. Another fun stat: we estimate that Indianapolis-Area kids donated over a quarter of a million dollars to charity from their Lemonade Day profits in 2010!

What ages participate?

What is a caring adult?
Kids Pre-K though high school can participate, though the"sweet spot" involves 1st-6th graders. A caring adult might be a parent, grandparent, or teacher — the person who will work with the child to prepare for and participate in Lemonade Day.

What do kids learn?
Every Child Who Registers Gets A Bright Yellow Backpack Containing Two Workbooks: one for the child and one for the adult. The books teach important life skills: Setting Goals, Business Planning, Finding an Investor, Site Selection, Advertising, Building a Stand, Purchasing, Making Lemonade, Setting Up, Running the Business, Accounting, Banking and Giving Back.

What are your goals?
In 2010, over 7,400 Indianapolis-Area kids signed up for Lemonade Day – three times the number of kids participating in Houston the first year and well above our first year goal of 5,000 kids. Our goal for 2011 is to register 10,000 kids for Lemonade Day.

How can I get involved?
There is a role for everyone to play: Kids and adults: Register online at lemonadeday.org (click Indianapolis) to participate in Lemonade Day. Sponsors: Underwrite the cost of backpacks and materials ($4 per pack) and contribute employee volunteers, so Lemonade Day can be free for kids to participate. Help us spread the word through your networks of family, friends and colleagues. Stop at a stand on Lemonade Day - May 1st – and support our budding entrepreneurs, planting the seeds of prosperity in our community.
PTO’s $30,000 Annual Budget Supports

Direct Student Support

Artist In Residence

*2010/11 Music Artist for the music classes*

Ms. Graham will bring in a music artist for

**Clubs:** All clubs are fully funded by the PTO so students do not have to pay to participate

- Running Club
- Nature Club
- 4th Grade Book Club
- Entrepreneur Club
- Philanthropy Club
- 3rd Grade Book Club
- Arts and Crafts Club
- Chess & Game Club
- Italian Club
- Life & Recreation

**3rd and 4th Grade School Play** – All costs for the director, scripts, licensing rights and t-shirts are paid for by the PTO so students do not pay to participate

**Field Day** – PTO works with Mrs. Rounsaville to purchase equipment and provide volunteers for the wonderful, all school Spring event

**Playground Equipment** – our Marsh points replace and replenish the playground balls each year

**Ice Cream Social** – PTO sponsors this event each Fall for students and parents to meet the teachers

**Veteran’s Day Program** – A wonderful event to showcase our Eagle family veterans

**Movie Night** – An after school event free of charge for students to have fun watching a movie

**Student Directory** – Compiled and printed by PTO and provided free of charge to all Eagle families

**Peer Facilitators** – Sponsored by PTO and run by Mrs. Ottinger

**Newcomer’s Brunch** – A Fall event to introduce new families to Eagle

**Eagle Express** – Our in-school mail delivery program

**ISTEP Snacks** – PTO provides snacks and pencils to 3rd and 4th graders taking the ISTEP

**Eagle Extravaganza** – Family Event with carnival like games, auction and dinner

**Hot Chocolate at Recess** – PTO serves hot chocolate to the students at recess in the winter
2010/11 PTO Budget Details

Teacher and Staff Support

Grade Level Grants of $1,500 each – Kindergarten thru 4th Grade Teachers can purchase what they need for the classroom.

Specials and Support Grants of $500 each - Staff can purchase what they need for their special or classroom
Library, Art, Gym, Science Tech, Music, Book Room, Counselor, Reading, Special Ed, Speech
A sampling of what has been purchased with these grants:
Art supplies, fabric; AEAI Fall conference fees; Various musical instruments/items for music class; 1st grade author books; Volleyball Skillastics for gym class; Foam flying disks; No kink Hoops; Dance workshop for Kindergarten; Books and books and books for classrooms; Multiplication games; Stools for reading tables; Division flash cards; School supplies, glue, pencils, paper, pencil sharpeners, dry erase boards, hand sanitizer, composition books; Nonfiction reading comprehension cards; Metaphor activity kit; Idiom Quiz cards and activity kit; Read and solve comprehension cards; Writing claws; Reading rewards; Poetry Café expenses; Thanksgiving feast supplies; 3rd grade Owl Program with Mark Booth; 100th day of school supplies; Stability ball; Analogy Maze activity kit; Research & Report Writing Center

Front Office $2,000 Supply Grant - Secretaries buy much needed supplies for the office including butcher paper used by the PTO

Laminating Supplies - $750 is provided to purchase laminating film for the teachers to use to laminate classroom projects

Teacher Appreciation - PTO offers events throughout the year for teachers and staff
Breakfast
Luncheon
Cookie Walk
Appreciation Week
Water

Teacher Honor Garden - Garden at the front of the school

Libraries - $75 in Fall Book Fair proceeds went to the each teacher to build their classroom libraries and the book room to build its inventory; 100% of the One-For-Books program (over $1,000) went directly to the library for the purchase of books

Bus Driver Refreshments - PTO provides hot chocolate in the winter and water in the spring to the bus drivers

Thank you for your support in our fundraising efforts to make all of this possible!