

Ridge Elementary PTO

March News

PTO Board Announcements

Please note the next PTO meeting will be Tuesday March 23 at 7:00 PM - one week earlier due to Spring Break. If you have any concerns or questions to add to the night's agenda, please email them to the PTO or send a note marked "PTO" by the Monday prior to the meeting.

Have you thought about volunteering for a Ridge PTO Board position? The nominations process begins at the March meeting, and elections for the 2010-2011 school year take place at the meeting on April 27. No experience necessary- just a willingness to be involved and support Ridge activities.

Mother Son Social Friday March 19th

By royal proclamation, we look forward to the attendance of the Ridge Gentleman and their mother or other special lady at the annual Mother/ Son social. This event is an event the "Knights" won't want to miss, a Quest of fun activities, music and refreshments. Look for the registration form coming soon in your son's folder.

Are you interesting in assisting on a committee for decorations, set up, serving refreshments, etc? It takes a great number of "minstrels" to pull off these festivities! If you want to help with the planning, please contact Stephanie at ptoridge@yahoo.com.

Ridge Nights at Area Restaurants

Thanks to all the Ridge families who came out on February 15 to Chuckie Cheese and supported Ridge. We earned \$186.37 that night! The Ridge PTO board is working diligently with the Ridge staff to balance the needs and benefits of the PTO budgeted student enhancements with the current economic situation. There will be a few other "night out" opportunities to raise revenue for the PTO sponsored enhancements. Watch your child's folder and the newsletter for these dates – you can eat at a restaurant and help the school at the same time. Most of the events require you to bring in a slip to make part of your purchase go to Ridge. Take a night off and enjoy dinner while helping Ridge!

March 24 Red Robin 11 AM—9 PM

April 12 Culvers Night 5-8 PM

May 5th McDonalds Night

Barnes and Noble Shopping Day Ridge Book Night Tuesday March 9th

The Barnes and Noble Book Night was cancelled in December due to the winter weather that evening and will be held on Tuesday March 9th. The Student Art Exposition, choir performances and Teacher – Student guest readers will all take place at the Joliet Barnes and Noble from 4 PM to 8:00 PM. Use the voucher with the code 10139772 as you make your purchases at ANY Barnes and Noble nationwide or ONLINE and Ridge will earn up to 20% of sales. For more information email mszymczak@comcast.net.



Fifth Grade Farewell Planning Meeting Tuesday March 16th 7- 8:30 at Ridge

The fifth grade farewell is a PTO sponsored event to celebrate the students who will be transitioning to middle school in the new school year. This year the event will be held the afternoon of May 27th. At this time, we are asking any interested parents to contact Melissa Szymczak and/ or attend a planning meeting on Tuesday March 16th. If you have been involved in the coordination of this event before, feel free to bring any information or examples of materials, activities or refreshments. We will be dividing the “Big Task” of this event into smaller, more manageable jobs that small groups or individuals can take on. For more information, you can call Melissa at 815-436-1612 or email at mszymczak@comcast.net .

Have You Tried Market Day?

Support Ridge as you purchase convenient family meals and snacks. The special promotion for February through May is a free Mite and Mighty stool with three orders in those months. You can order online through 11:00 PM on Thursday, March 18th at www.marketday.com . Wondering how it works? Here are the steps for online orders:

- (1) Go to www.marketday.com.
- (2) Choose Create New Log In from the menu on the right.
- (3) Choose the Organization as Ridge Elementary and the Drop down menu as Illinois, or input our account number as 18401.
- (4) Create your new account with your own email information.
- (5) Shop and create your order, you can pay online with a credit card or pay by check or cash when you pick up the day of the sale.
- (6) Pick up your order.

Pickup is Monday March 22nd from 6-7 PM in the Ridge Multi-purpose room. Please don't forget to pick up your order- all unclaimed and paid for product must be compensated for by Ridge PTO money (ie – the PTO has to pay for it if you don't cancel your order. That can quickly wipe out profits from a sale!)

Market Day is a major fundraising opportunity for Ridge Elementary, we are hoping to earn \$3,000 as budgeted this school year. Thanks to all those families who have placed any order in the past- and for those who might try Market Day in the future.