

Paw Power Newsletter



November 2010

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PTO News

November will be a busy month at Parkman! Students have settled in and families have grown accustomed to their new schedules. We are looking forward to this busy time of year.

We hope everyone had a great night at the Monster Mash! Lots of great raffles and spooky costumes made for a fun evening!

The Sally Foster cookie dough and Lyman Orchard Pies were delivered on Monday, 11/8. If you were unable to pick up your order, please contact Corrina Raymond at mcraymond899@yahoo.com. Thank you very much to all who participated!

This month, from 11/8 - 11/12, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Enfield Food Shelf. As in years past, there is an increase in need and we hope that if you are able to donate, you will. Notices have been sent home about the collection and which items are needed from each grade. However, any donation is welcome! Our Golden Turkey award is looking for a new classroom to call home, so please send in items each day with your child. Also, if you are able to help with counting the items in the morning, you are welcome to come in and help!

On November 22nd at 6:30, there will be a BOE/PTO Special meeting. Members of the BOE will be coming to

Parkman to address the upcoming changes to our school system. This is a great time to ask those questions that you have been wondering. Babysitting will not be provided at this meeting, so please make other arrangements.

Looking ahead to December, the PTO will be hosting a Holiday Shoppe the week of 12/6 for all of your little shoppers! Information will be coming home soon.

~ Corrina Raymond, PTO President

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From the Principal's Desk

Along with Thanksgiving, the month of November brings us Parent/Teacher Conferences. Conferences this year will be in the evening on November 16 and 17 and during the day on November 18 and 19. November 18 and 19 will be early release days for your children (1:30 dismissal). All conferences should be scheduled at this point but in the event yours

is not, please call Mrs. Cunningham at 253-6571. Teachers will be sending confirmation notes home to you no later than November 8.

The time frame for the conferences is 15 minutes and I ask that you respect that time allotment because, as in the doctor's office, if one patient goes beyond their scheduled time, everyone else after that patient is affected. Come in

prepared with any questions you might have. If you find that you need more time to talk to the teacher, please ask the teacher to schedule another day and time for you to continue your conference. One final note: when you are with your child's teacher, **please make sure your cell phone is off or on vibrate so as to avoid any interruptions.** Our school is hosting an

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<p>open conversation about the school reorganization plan with Board of Education Chairperson, Greg Stokes, and Judy Apruzzesse-Desroches on Monday, November 22, 2010 at 6:30 in the cafeteria. All parents and guardians are invited to attend. There will be no babysitting provided for this event.</p> <p>As most of you know, our school won first place and \$1,200 in the Town of Enfield's recycling contest held last April 2010. The money was spent on outdoor play equipment for the children. I was able to purchase hula hoops, Frisbees, jump ropes, kick balls, footballs, soccer balls,</p>	<p>basketballs, wiffle balls and bats, as well as some indoor games for the children. The children are so excited about all the new things to play with outside. Thanks again for supporting our school in a very worthwhile cause.</p> <p>Once again this year, our school will be doing our One School/One Book project. The title of the book will be revealed at the end of February. We must raise money to enable us to purchase one book for every student. To that end, we have scheduled a Barnes and Noble book fundraiser for Saturday, December 4th. The band and the chorus will be participating</p>	<p>again this year. More details will be forthcoming about this annual fundraiser.</p> <p>Finally, the staff and I wish you and your family a very happy and healthy Thanksgiving.</p> <p>Warmest regards,</p> <p><i>Maureen Sampl</i></p>
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Event Information



November 3

PTO Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

November 8

Fundraiser pickup 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

November 9

Cultural Program - The students will learn about the history of our American Flag.

November 8 - 12

Thanksgiving Food Drive

November 22

Special BOE/PTO Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. in the All-Purpose Room. No Babysitting provided.

November 24

Slipper Day - Slippers allowed, but wear shoes to school/P.E./Recess

Coming in December

December 3

PTO Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

December 4

Barnes and Noble Fundraiser for One School/One Book Program (see details following)

December 7-10

Holiday Shoppe - Students will have the opportunity to shop for family and friends!



From the Library

Recently your child brought home a "Birthday Book Club" form from the Library. This is a wonderful way to add books to our collection in honor of your child. With your \$15.00 donation, a hardcover book will be purchased for Parkman Library. We will place a special bookplate inside the book to honor your child. They will also receive a certificate and will be the first to borrow the book and be spotlighted on our Birthday Club wall display just outside the library!

For further information, please call me at 253-6459.

Linda Nadeau
Library Aide

Box Tops

The students raised \$500 with all the Box Tops they brought in for the fall contest! Great job everyone! The classes that raised the most were: 1st place - Mrs. Giannini, 2nd place - Mrs. Walsh, and 3rd place - Mrs. Murphy. Keep saving those Box Tops for the spring contest!

Monster Mash

The 6th grade parents and students would like to thank all who supported and attended this year's Monster Mash. The night was a huge success! A special thank you goes out to all who donated individually wrapped treats to our refreshments table. We hope that all the ghosts and goblins that came had as much fun as we did!

~ The Sixth Grade Committee

Fall Book Fair

Thank you to all the people who helped to make the book fair a great success this year. Jen Soroka, Carolyn Kita, Holly Morace, Angela Futterlieb, Chris Chesworth, Corrina Raymond, and Angie Lincoln all gave some time to allow the book fair to be set up, run for two days and then be taken down and packed up. Without their help the book fair would not have been possible. Also, thank you to the many parents, grandparents, and/or guardians who came in to help their child/grandchild shop. Many also helped the classmates of their child/grandchild shop, which makes the shopping experience so much easier for the kids. Thank you and we'll see you in the spring at the half-price book fair.

~ Lisa Benton



Attention Shoppers:

Please be sure to register your Stop & Shop and ShopRite store cards so that our school can benefit from your purchases. You can also ask relatives to do the same. The rewards add up fast, so **please** do your part by just registering your store card with our school code.

The Stop & Shop online registration can be found here: www.stopandshop.com/aplus
And our school code is **08956**.

The ShopRite online registration can be found here: www.shoprite.com/educatemain.aspx
Also sign up for ShopRite's eLabels for Education (clipless Campbell's) program here: www.softcoin.com/Sites/Campbells_eLabels

Thanks for your support!

REWARDS PROGRAMS – EASY PTO FUNDRAISING!

Ask your families, friends, and neighbors if they'll support Parkman & Parkman PTO by doing the following:



Box Tops for Education:

Look for this logo on specially marked packages. Go to www.orgsites.com/ct/parkmanpto/ and click on 'Rewards Programs' to download a Box Top collection sheet. All attached Box Tops must have a valid expiration date. Place your name and room number on the sheet and deposit it in the collection container in the Visitor's Room. **We earned \$1,254 last year!**



Earn 5% for our school online or in Foot Locker stores, using code **FNLT**. This code also works for 1-800-Flowers, where you will earn 8% for our school!



Target Take Charge of Education:

Enroll your REDcard with Parkman's school code (#38661) online, or by calling 1-800-316-6142, and Parkman will receive a percentage from your everyday purchases!

We have 18 cardholders signed up and we earned \$188.63 this year!



Does your employer donate to charities, offer a matching gift program, or have local schools listed as a United Way beneficiary? You may be able to raise funds for Parkman utilizing your human resource department!



Campbell's Labels for Education:

Send in the UPC codes from specially marked products and we'll earn school products! A collection container is located in the Visitor's Room. To sign up for the **eLabels for Education** program, go here: www.softcoin.com/Sites/Campbells_eLabels
We have 14,954 points so far this year!



mycokerewards for schools

Enter codes from Coca-cola products at www.mycokerewards.com, and then select Edgar H. Parkman Elementary School to donate points. **We have 1,040 points so far this year!**



ShopRite for Education:

All you need to do is register your ShopRite Shopping Card for Parkman in order for our school to earn much needed educational equipment. Sign up here: www.shoprite.com/educatemain.aspx



Teach kids the importance of recycling while raising money for our school. Staples will donate \$3 to our school for every ink cartridge we collect. A collection box is located in the Visitor's Room.



Stop & Shop A+ School Rewards:

With A+ School Rewards, points accrue with each purchase made. Sign up with our school code (#08956) here: www.stopandshop.com/aplus



Bottle and Can Drive:

The 5th grade committee is collecting returnable bottles and cans. A collection bin is located between the front doors of the school. Call Sue Rivera (860-205-0098) if you have a large donation.

Save the Date!

Please join Parkman Elementary School for a
Barnes & Noble Bookfair
To benefit the 2010-2011

One School/One Book Program

Saturday, December 4, 2010
Barnes & Noble
25 Hazard Avenue in Enfield

There will be special events while you shop. Our chorus and band will be entertaining you with their musical talents. Stories will be read by staff members. Much more is planned.

All Parkman students who attend this bookfair will be eligible to enter the One School/One Book raffle.

You must say you are buying for Parkman School at the checkout counter for us to get credit. Credit is also given at the coffee shop at Barnes and Noble - wherever there is a cash register!

Stay tuned for more information!

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Wanted: Parents to wrap gifts at Barnes & Noble anytime between 10:30 and 4:00 during our One School/One Book bookfair on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to help, please call Mrs. Cunningham at 253-6571 to tell her the times you will be available. All monies earned at the bookfair are used for the One School/One Book program which will kick off at the end of February.



## November 2010

| Sunday | Monday                                      | Tuesday                                | Wednesday                     | Thursday                         | Friday                       | Saturday |
|--------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------|
|        | 1                                           | 2<br>Election Day<br>No School         | 3<br>PTO Meeting<br>6:30 p.m. | 4                                | 5                            | 6        |
| 7      | 8<br>Fundraiser pick-up & Food Drive begins | 9<br>Veteran's Day<br>Cultural Program | 10                            | 11<br>Veteran's Day<br>No School | 12<br>Last day of Food Drive | 13       |
| 14     | 15                                          | 16<br>Evening Conferences              | 17<br>Evening Conferences     | 18<br>Early Dismissal            | 19<br>Early Dismissal        | 20       |
| 21     | 22<br>BOE/PTO Meeting - 6:30                | 23<br>Picture Retake Day               | 24<br>Slipper Day             | 25<br>Thanksgiving<br>No School  | 26<br>No School              | 27       |
| 28     | 29                                          | 30                                     |                               |                                  |                              |          |

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|        |                           |                     | 1<br>PTO Meeting<br>6:30 p.m. | 2                   | 3                    | 4<br>Barnes and Noble |
| 5      | 6                         | 7<br>Holiday Shoppe | 8<br>Holiday Shoppe           | 9<br>Holiday Shoppe | 10<br>Holiday Shoppe | 11                    |
| 12     | 13                        | 14                  | 15                            | 16                  | 17                   | 18                    |
| 19     | 20                        | 21                  | 22                            | 23<br>Fancy Day     | 24<br>No School      | 25                    |
| 26     | 27<br>Winter Break Begins | 28                  | 29                            | 30                  | 31                   |                       |

