

# Paw Power Newsletter



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## PTO News

Happy 2011 to all the Parkman families!!

Thank you to all the families who came to Parkman's Holiday Movie Night! Your donations of approximately \$170, many non-perishable food items, and the generous amount of hats and mittens from the Hat and Mitten Tree were a wonderful help to the Enfield Food Shelf. It's amazing what our school can do to make a positive impact in our community!

This month the PTO is planning a BINGO night for Friday, January 21st. The admission to BINGO night is a

new toy/item valued at \$5 that will be used on our prize tables. We will also have a concession table where items such as baked goods and drinks can be purchased. This year we are offering *Pizza Meal Tickets* (see page 3) for BINGO night. Please consider pre-ordering so we can properly plan for the evening. The *pizza dinner* will begin at 5:45 and *BINGO* will begin at 6:30.

On Friday, February 25th, the PTO will be hosting a Student Showcase. This will be an evening where students will have some of their favorite pieces of work on display. The goal of the evening is to allow Parkman

students to show off their hard work and effort! We also plan on offering cookies and cocoa.

If anyone is interested in maintaining our PTO website, please contact me for more information.

Lastly, this month, the PTO has been able to purchase new playground equipment for our playground. We hope to have the new swing sets, benches, and bike racks installed when the weather gets a bit warmer!

Corrina Raymond  
PTO President

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## From the Principal's Desk

Happy New Year to you and your family. The staff and I wish you all a happy, healthy 2011.

Our Barnes and Noble book fair this year was quite a success. We raised \$677.61 which will go towards the purchase of the books needed for the upcoming One School/One Book project. Thank you to all

the teachers, students, parents, families, and friends who participated in some way.

Since we just missed having a delay and/or no school with the blizzard during vacation, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that when there is a **delayed opening**, children *should not* come to school before 9:50 as there are no teachers on bus

duty until that time. The bell to begin the day rings at 10:05. AM Kindergarten is not held if there is a school delay. **Please call the snowline at 860-253-5170 for any information related to weather or check the district's website at [www.enfieldschools.org](http://www.enfieldschools.org).**

Please make sure you and your child discuss what

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<p>your child will do in the event of an <i>early release due to weather</i> which has occurred in the past. We try to discourage the children from coming to the office to make phone calls on days such as these unless there are extenuating circumstances.</p> <p>When there is a snow storm, we tend to lose some parking spaces due to the snow piles. While the Town does the best it can to avoid taking up parking spaces with snow piles, it sometimes can't be helped. Consequently, our already inadequate parking lot becomes more inadequate. I am asking that you be patient with this situation when it occurs and <b>do not</b> resort to parking in the fire lanes.</p>	<p>If you know there are minimal parking spaces, please either pick up your child a couple of minutes after the 3:01 bell has rung to allow for parking spaces to free up, come earlier to get a parking space, or if all spaces are taken as you come through, go back out onto Weymouth Road and re-enter the parking lot. I know this is not the most ideal situation but in the end it is the safest option for all who use our parking lot.</p> <p>March is right around the corner and with that comes the Connecticut Mastery Test. Mrs. Foss, Mrs. Stanio, Mrs. Wadden, Mrs. Corkum and I would like to invite all grade 3 – 6 parents and their children to “Bring</p>	<p>Your Parent to CMT Night” on Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup> (snow date Thursday, February 3rd) from 6:30 – 8:00. Parents will have an opportunity to actually take a practice CMT with their child coaching them. At the end of the evening, any student that accompanies their parent will receive a free homework pass. Cookies and juice will be served for refreshments. A flyer with all the information will be coming home soon as pre-registration for this fun night is required so that enough materials can be prepared.</p> <p><i>Maureen Sampl</i></p>
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# Event Information



**January 5**

PTO Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Library

**February 2**

PTO Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**January 11**

Chorus Concert @ 6:30 p.m.

**February 18**

Snowperson Day - Wear a scarf & hat. Be like a snowman/woman.

**January 21**

Tropical Day - wear something tropical!  
Bingo Night - details on following page

**February 25**

Student Showcase - A night to view special pieces of work from our Parkman students.

**January 27**

CMT Night - 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



### From the Library

I was so pleased to hear from the students after holiday break about how many of them received BOOKS as gifts this year! That is so wonderful!

Now that it is January we can look forward to our Connecticut Nutmeg Book Vote! Any 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade students who have read at least four of the ten Nutmeg nominee books over the past year will be eligible to vote and honor an author with the Connecticut Children's Nutmeg Book Award! I hope to have many, many voters the week of January 24<sup>th</sup>!

Thank you everyone who has sent in old holiday and birthday cards this year! They make wonderful book marks for the

kids. In case you missed my request for these at the beginning of the year, I will accept them at any time. Just have your child bring them to me on their library day.

Thank you and have a wonderful New Year!

Linda Nadeau  
Library Aide

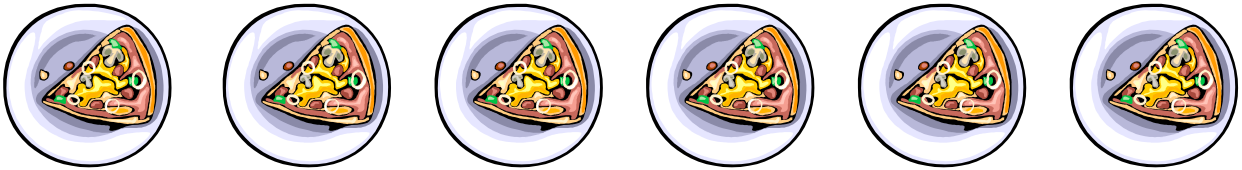
### Bingo Night

Our annual family Bingo Night will be **Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**. This is an evening of Bingo, PIZZA, prizes, and family fun. The pizza dinner will be served from 5:45 - 6:30. Fill out the order form below if you would like to pre-pay for your meal, as there will be limited quantities. Admission for Bingo is one unwrapped toy valued at \$5 or more. We hope to see you there!



### Giving Tree

Thank you to everyone who brought in new hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves for our Giving Tree. Even some kids' pajama sets were donated! These were all gratefully accepted by the Enfield Food Shelf and distributed to needy families in our community.



**B I N G O Meal Ticket of \$3.50 includes 2 slices of pizza, 1 can of soda and 1 bag of chips. Please return meal tickets by Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**(Cash or Check payable to Parkman PTO)**

# of Meals \_\_\_\_\_ x \$3.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom # \_\_\_\_\_

# 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/](http://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 \$956 this 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 20 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](http://www.softcoin.com/Sites/Campbells_eLabels)  
**We have 20,583 points so far this year!**



## mycokerewards for schools

Enter codes from Coca-cola products at [www.mycokerewards.com](http://www.mycokerewards.com), and then select Edgar H. Parkman Elementary School to donate points. **We have 1,240 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.shoprte.com/educatemain.aspx](http://www.shoprte.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](http://www.stopandshop.com/aplus)



## Bottle and Can Drive:

The 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



January 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.	6	7	8
9	10	11 Chorus Concert	12	13	14	15
16	17 No School	18	19	20	21 <i>Tropical Day</i> Bingo Night	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31			CMT Night		

February 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 No School	22	23	24	25 Student Showcase	26
27	28					

