

Tiger Tales

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Meetings are usually held the first Monday of each month. Meeting notices go out via the listserv and paper copies in the students' backpacks. Notices are also posted on the bulletin board outside the main office.

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BJM PTA - Let's Get Growing

As you know, the BJM PTA supports and provides a lot of great programs for our students, families and staff. Collectively we work together on behalf of our community to help make our experience here the best it can be:

- by supporting our staff with funds to help off set their out of pocket expenses
- by creating ways to allow everyone to be informed and involved
- by bringing books to students which compliment our Science Fair
- by advocating on behalf of our building and community with the school district
- by developing community through our Directory and proposed Yearbook
- by organizing social events which celebrate our school
- through beautification and design of our play, work and social spaces

All of these things happen through the support of our members. All of our collective efforts - big and small - contribute to our shared goal of supporting our school and our PTA. Good things happen because we want them to happen, and every little bit helps.

What can you do?

- Leaves and Flowers - it is hard to volunteer time but you want to support the PTA in any way you can:
 - stay informed and be involved through emails, newsletters, with your teachers and room parents
 - attend class, school and PTA events
 - encourage family, friends and co-workers to support PTA fundraisers
 - encourage family, friends and co-workers to advertise in PTA publications
- Branches - has the ability to do the above plus:
 - volunteer in the classroom when possible
 - assist with at least one PTA program
 - participate and support PTA fundraisers
- Trunk -
 - chair or coordinate PTA Committees
 - assist in developing and implementing PTA programs



All levels of support are valuable and important for the health of our PTA. If you are interested in having more than a passing role we welcome you to volunteer for the following positions:

Secretary
Fundraising Committee
Community Building Committee
Room Parent Committee
Education Committee

Beautification and Playground Committee
Book Blast Committee
Newsletter Committee
Website Committee

You can contact Cynthia Brock at 280-0661, cynthia.ny@earthlink.net or leave a note with Larry at the front office. We look forward to working with you!

Fundraising & The PTA: What Can You Do?

- **Box Tops for Education** -
 - Earn up to \$20,000 each year through the original Box Tops program by **clipping 10 Box Tops coupons** from hundreds of General Mills products and partnering brands, like Cheerios®, Betty Crocker®, Hefty®, Juicy Juice®, Ziploc®, Kleenex® and many more!
 - Turn in your clipped Box Tops coupons to the collection box on the PTA table
 - Our first submission deadline is Oct. 31 so get yours in now to help us earn money for our school!
- **Target Credit Card - Take Charge of Education**
 - We've discovered a terrific way to raise funds for our school. It's super-easy, and all you have to do is use your Target® Visa® or Target® Card. We will receive a percentage of the amount of each purchase in the form of a cash donation from Target through the Take Charge of Education® program. It's easy. Just visit target.com/tcoe, or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate our school. So if you're going to Target anyway, please consider using your Target® Visa® or Target® Card. Big thanks to those who are already doing their part to make a great school even better.
 - Find out how much money our school has already received at target.com/tcoe.
 - Grandparents, alumni, neighbors and friends can take part, too.
 - BJM School ID: 76452
- **Barnes & Noble Bookfairs**
 - To support and finance our book blast where every student receives a book related to our annual school Science Fair topic, we conduct various book fairs and events at Barnes & Noble. During the period of the fair, the presentation of a special Book Fair Voucher ensures that a percentage of that purchase goes to the BJM PTA.
 - Join us to do holiday gift wrapping at the store. It's a fun, social way to raise money and meet people!
- **School Directory**
 - Advertisements placed in our annual School Directory covers our costs of printing and supports our PTA programs. Please consider supporting our school by placing an advertisement for your company or organization.
- **Donations and Sponsorships**
 - As a charity, we also accept donations and corporate sponsorships.
 - Donations can be cash or check (to BJM PTA) and given to Larry or put in the PTA lock box in the school office.
 - We welcome your organization's sponsorship of any of our programs, or to help us create a new program. Please speak to Cynthia Brock (280-0661) if you would like to discuss various options.



next PTA meeting

Thursday, October 16
BJM Cafeteria

5:30 Dinner
6:00-7:00 Meeting

Child care provided

PTA Meeting Schedule

October 16
November 6
December 4
January 8
February 5
March 12
April 2
May 7
June 11

PTA Strategy Meeting

Monday, Sept. 29th at 5:30
in the Staff Lounge.

Please come to brainstorm and work with others to implement PTA programs for the year.

We will be discussing:

- ☆ Community Building
- ☆ Yearbook
- ☆ Education Programming
- ☆ Directory
- ☆ Fundraising