

PTO

Ashley Academy

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

News from the Ashley Academy PTO

September 2011

Quick Information:

Mark Your Calendars!

Friday, September 23 is the deadline for the tie-dye t-shirt orders!

“Like!” Us on Facebook!

(click on link below)

Ashley Academy PTO

We have a page on Facebook to share photos and happenings (www.facebook.com/AshleyAcademyPTO). This will not replace our periodic newsletters and emails for updates.

TIE-DYE T-SHIRTS!



These t-shirts will have the Ashley Academy logo in white. The cost is \$20 for all sizes. Please find the sizing chart and order form on [our website](#). Turn in at the office.

Orders due 9/23!!

Spread Kindness and Volunteer

“Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer.”

The author of this quote is unknown, yet this person must have been a volunteer and knew how fulfilling it can be. If you like being active and helpful, volunteering at Ashley Academy and with the PTO may be the ticket for you. When I first became the Co-President of the PTO, I met with Mr. Fleming and asked how the PTO could help the school. It's a given that funds are needed for various classroom projects, however Mr. Fleming also pointed out that volunteers are needed for easy-to-do odd jobs around campus. See if any of the ideas on this list interest you then call the office and find out when you could be scheduled to volunteer. Ideas include:

- 1) Clerical (laminating, copying, etc),
- 2) Playground Assistance,
- 3) Help in Lunchroom,
- 4) Reading with Students,
- 5) Gardening Projects (watering, weeding, etc),
- 6) Assist with Special Events, and
- 7) Other Jobs as needed.



My first few years at Ashley, I volunteered in the lunchroom one day a week. It was a great way to get to know student names and interact with the teachers my child would have one day. I challenge you to volunteer just two hours this year. If you love it and have more time, you can certainly volunteer on a regular basis. Remember to pick up a visitor pass when you work at the school. I hope to see you around campus soon!

By Lorrie Villeneuve

Other AAPTO News: Budget & Bylaws!

In an effort to make our PTO a nonprofit entity, we have researched and written a first draft of bylaws. This document will help to govern the PTO and give it more structure. We want all our members to look at these and let us know if you have any input or questions. We will vote on them at the next meeting. Once we adopt the bylaws, we will spend this year working them into our routine and make sure they are a good fit for us. Also, we want to share our budget for this school year. Please access a copy of our bylaws and budget by going to the following links.

[AAPTO Bylaws](#)

[AAPTO 2011-2012 Budget](#)

Business Member Highlight

We have two businesses that joined the AAPTO this school year. We want to give a shout out to one of them in this September newsletter. Thank you to Justin and Jessica Horton for helping to support our organization. Please consider their business for your next remodeling or handy man need!

See our next newsletter for another business member. We will also have a special newsletter this year highlighting our business and lifetime members.

For more information, feel free to email us: aapto@ashleyacademy.com.



Mark it Down!

Below are the planned events for the remaining school year. It is subject to change so always read our newsletters! ☺

October

Help Mrs. Kominek with the book fair (volunteers will be needed)

November

Member meeting to plan for December

December

Parents Night Out (for Christmas shopping, tentatively 5-8 pm)

Holiday gift/craft shopping

January

Member meeting to finalize February events and start planning for Teacher Appreciation

February

Soup/bread/sweets for teachers

Parents Night Out (for Valentine's Day dinner out, tentatively 6-9 pm)

Bake sale

May

Teacher Appreciation Week

Kickball Tournament - Provide ice pops

Nominations and elections for new PTO officers

Gift Card Winners!

Our membership drive has been in full swing. Thank you for all the new families at Ashley Academy that joined the night of the New Family Meet & Greet. We were happy to provide cookies and punch but really enjoyed getting to meet all the great people that make our school so special. We handed out a FAQs sheet that [can be found on the school's website](#). This has comprehensive answers to many of the questions we had as new parents that we hope can help you!

Congratulations to the winners of our Marble Slab

Creamery gift card drawing on the night of the New Family Meet & Greet were: Dave Hardin, Marsha Grindstaff, Karen Schelzina, Heather Hodan and Dani El-Minaoui. Winners for the cards at our Back to School Picnic were: Dahn Stucher, Myra O'Dell, Lisa Davis, and Janet Anderson.

AAPTO Meetings

We strive to keep our meetings to one hour as we are sensitive to parents' desire to be home in the evenings with their families. We had intended on having a PTO meeting this week, but our agenda was short so we decided to include what we thought you would need to know now in this newsletter and the rest we will present at the next meeting sometime in November (date and time TBD). If you ever have any questions then please do not hesitate to email us! aapto@ashleyacademy.com