

## **Greetings from Central School's Parent Teacher Organization ("PTO")**

August 24, 2011

**Dear Central Parents,**

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year at Central Elementary! All parents and teachers automatically are members of the PTO and we are happy to have you as part of our community. By partnering with Dr. Limperis and the Central Staff, our PTO makes possible academic, cultural and recreational opportunities which are otherwise beyond the means of the school district. Such programs include Cultural Arts and Artist-in-Residence programs, educational Field Trips, Book Fair, Family Fun Night, Great Books discussions, Talent Show, Library Readers, Skating parties, Environmental Concerns, and much, much more. Also, brought back by popular demand, a Science Fair will be held on November 9! As we embark upon a new school year, if we had any words of wisdom for you, it would be these:

### **Get Connected, Stay Informed, and Get Involved!**

All communications from the school and the PTO are via electronic mail, and you can get connected and stay informed through E-Backpack and Feedblitz. E-Backpack communications are sent from Principal Dr. Limperis every Wednesday regarding school events. To receive weekly E-Backpack e-mails, you must subscribe by going to [www.district96.org/central](http://www.district96.org/central), where there is a sign up option located on the right hand column. If you would like to keep apprised of upcoming PTO events and programs, subscribe to weekly "feedblitz" announcements at [www.centralptonews.org](http://www.centralptonews.org).

The excellent education that our children receive is enhanced by our efforts as parents; countless studies show that children perform better in the classroom when parents participate in the school. To this purpose, consider volunteering in the Library, participating in our Book Fair, Cultural Arts or Science Fair programs, becoming a Room Parent, or attending a PTO meeting . . . the options are endless. It is a great way to teach our children the value of giving back to the community.

### **Upcoming PTO Events**

We partner with Dr. Limperis and the Central Staff to provide many cultural, educational and recreational opportunities. A brief synopsis of upcoming PTO events is as follows:

Monday, August 29	Kindergarten Picnic, 11:30 -12:30 pm
Tuesday, August 30	PTO Welcome Reception, 8:30 am, Gym (calendars and lunch tickets available)
Wednesday, August 31	Central 100% Fundraiser begins
Thursday, September 1	PTO Parent Gathering for Room Parents and Committee Chairs, 7 pm
Friday, September 9	1 <sup>st</sup> PTO Meeting, 9:00 am, Library (babysitting provided)
Wed., September 21	Innisbrook Sale begins
Friday, September 23	Family Fun Night, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, parking lot behind school

Please note that our two major Fundraisers this year are the Central 100% Fundraiser and Innisbrook. The money we raise from our Fundraisers allows us to sponsor the programs which strengthen our children's education. We have attached a list of this year's fundraisers for your easy reference.

We are looking forward to a rewarding 2011 - 2012 school year. If you would like to volunteer, or have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact us.

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