

CALEB GREENWOOD K-8
PTSO Executive Board Meeting
September 16, 2008

- A. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS** - Treasurer, Edda Pyle
- B. PRESENTATION OF BUDGET** - PTSO Treasurer (complete report attached)
Total projected income: \$57,600.00
- C. REPORTS**

PTSO PRESIDENT - Stephanie Riley

Welcome & overview of the 2008-09 school year's events, festivals, fundraisers and meetings. (See attached handouts) Stephanie explained to the participants that PTSO's goal is to provide enrichment programs to the students, parents and teachers at Caleb Greenwood.

To that end, the organization's programs fall into two categories: those that raise money to fund enrichment programs (such as Sally Foster and the Spring Auction) and those events that serve as enrichment activities themselves (such as the Arts Festival, movie and craft nights).

The PTSO Partnership Fund goal is to have at least 250 families participate and to raise \$5,000 by October 31st. Just a week into the fundraiser, Partnership Chair Mary Clark reports that the amount raised to date is \$2,500.

FALL FESTIVAL - Erin Field

October 24, 2008 (Friday) is the date of this year's Fall Festival (most likely between the hours of 5p.m.-8p.m. ~ actual time information to follow). The Fall Festival will be geared towards all grades/ages with the newly revamped booths of previous years mixed in with some returns (Haunted House) and new additions (fortune telling, pie throwing and dunk tank). Dos Coyotes will vend their food, Brad Clark will handle the sound system, the costume contest will be part of the festivities, and the ever-popular cake walk will continue to please.

There will be an informational meeting on Tuesday the 23rd @ Tupelo Coffee House (5700 Elvas Ave) @ 7:00p.m.

PRINCIPAL - Head Teacher Sue Carey reported for Christine Hanifen

- Two new positions have been allotted to Caleb Greenwood ~ One of the positions will teach a 5th grade class and the other a Kindergarten/1st grade split. Monday, September 22, 2008 is the designated start date for these positions/classes. Feel free to discuss these additions further with Ms. Hanifen.
- The Supply Drive on September 8th and 9th was a HUGE success. Generous donations of both supplies were received in addition to cash donations of more than 1000. This will greatly aid the entire school in meeting students' and staff needs for supplies.
- Back-to-School Night will be Wednesday October 1, 2008 (time and schedule information forthcoming)

STUDENTS – Madison Olmsted, Student Leadership Officer

Madison reported that there are seven members of this year's Student Leadership Team. She mentioned that they met with their advisor, Mrs. Carey, over the summer to start planning activities for the 2008-09 school year. Their first event was the flag salute and national anthem performed the morning of 9/11 to honor those impacted by the events of September 11, 2001.

A few of the upcoming events include a Middle School roller skating trip on Thursday 9/25; Sports Day (dress like an athlete) on 9/26; A fortune -telling booth at the Fall Festival and the "Full Moon Freak-out" Dance on 10/30. It was announced that 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students are required to complete 15 hours of community service by the end of the school year and that they are always looking for opportunities to acquire those hours. A grant is being pursued through Lowe's to up-grade the picnic area outside of the Middle School lockers.

TEACHERS - Rosanne Cherry

Kindergarten teachers would like some line-ruled, white boards to utilize in small groups. They are requesting 24 line-ruled, white boards from the PTSO & 3-5 new tricycles through School Site Council. **First graders** are getting used to the longer school day, use of the big playground, having 3 recesses and eating lunch in the cafeteria. The first Open Court theme is "Let's Read" so the Room 4 is curious about reading with Curious George, Room 3 is reading with Dr. Seuss and The Cat in the Hat, and Room 2 is enjoying Clifford the Big Red Dog books. **Mr. Myers'** first field trip is planned to Apple Hill on October 8, 2008. He is excited about the year and encourages people to visit the Room 7 website: www.geocities.com/caleb8401

Ms. Merkley's 4th grade class is focusing on health this month. Her students are learning how making the right choices for food intake, physical activity, and solving interpersonal conflicts can improve their health. This unit nicely supports Mr. Spalding's Physical Best Program (PE) which promotes fitness as a life-long goal. **Music** this month ~ Kindergarteners are working on steady beat, directions (up, down, left, right, middle), loud/soft, fast/slow with rhythm sticks; **1st graders** are focusing on call and response form in a song, using rhythm sticks for fast/slow, directions and steady beat; **2nd graders** are reading rhythm symbols (quarter, eighth, quarter rest), repeat sign and double bar lines. Steady beat and exploring music styles with rhythm sticks to Rhythm Sticks Rock CD; **3rd graders** are reviewing reading rhythm notes, steady beat and exploring music styles with rhythm sticks to Rhythm Sticks Rock CD; **4th graders** are reviewing rhythm values, add sixteenth notes, steady beat and exploring music styles with rhythm sticks to Rhythm Sticks Rock CD; **5th graders** are focusing on music form: refrain, bridge, coda as well as learning about rap music (poetry with a beat) and reading rhythms; **6th graders** working on music connections: writing a commercial script in cooperative groups where a famous person encourages young people to become involved in music. Michael Phelps, Mohammed Ali, Sponge Bob Square Pants, Elvis and even Stewie making the pitch among others; and **7th & 8th graders have** 6 weeks of Music Elective (Play Something Day, Brother Jacques Play Around this week). All K-6th grade classes use solfege singing (do-re-mi) to learn pitch.

HOLIDAY FUN RUN - Lisa Menzmer

An informational meeting will be held **Monday, September 22nd at 8:15 a.m. in the cafeteria** for those interested in helping plan the first annual Caleb Greenwood Family Fun Run. The actual run is calendared for December 13th and will take place prior to the holiday pancake breakfast. Those interested in helping out with this sure-to-be fabulous

event are encouraged to bring their ideas and energy to the meeting on the 22nd. Please contact Lisa Menzmer at menzmers@yahoo.com if you are unable to attend but would like to offer your ideas, insight, or time.

CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION – Stephanie Riley reported for Lynette Nordstrom
Campus Beautification meeting October 7, 2008 in library @ 6:30p.m.

HOLIDAY BASKETS - Eric Storm

Eric presented an overview of the Holiday Baskets and provided a Holiday Basket Timeline (attached). Up-coming September/October dates were highlighted. A memo will go out to Caleb Greenwood teachers the week of 9/22 requesting names of families within our school who would be eligible to receive a holiday basket. A giving tree that lists families' needs (toys, clothes, food donations and holiday dinners) will be placed in the office November 5th with item drop-offs taking place between November 24th - December 5th. Baskets will be delivered December 10 - 17th.

D. NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION

- The question was raised about physical presence for volunteering and committee work ~ PLEASE donate any amount of time/energy to a committee, event or project even if your only availability is at home. Committee/project chairs would be more than happy to connect individuals with a piece of the project conducive to the amount of time/energy they are able to volunteer.
- Whether or not uniforms had ever been considered at Caleb Greenwood was brought up ~ In order for a campus to adopt a uniform policy, meetings are held, parents/guardians are surveyed, and results tallied. A high voter turn-out is needed and of those voting, a certain percentage approval rate has to be reached as well.
- Incentive donation connections are needed as well volunteers to assist with a "Rip & Strip" event for the Sally Foster fundraiser. Details forthcoming.
- Entertainment books ~ turn-in deadline is Sept. 17th. Leftover 2008 books were passed out to those interested.
- A fund of more than \$300 was raised at last year's Spring event and set aside for teacher support. How teachers would like to use this money will be discussed at an up-coming staff meeting. The PTSO provides each teacher with a \$150/year stipend to assist with classroom needs.

E. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05p.m. The next PTSO Executive Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 7 at 7:00 pm in the school library.

Recorded/submitted by:

Lisa Menzmer, PTSO Secretary