

# Taylor Ridge-Reynolds PTC Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Grandparent's Day - WATCH for the invite!
- ◆ Scrapbooking Fundraiser 9/27/08 9am-11pm
- ◆ NEXT PTC Meeting is 10/7/08 at 6:30PM, TRGS

## SCRAPBOOKING Fundraiser, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>

PTC has been working hard throughout the summer to plan the upcoming SCRAPBOOKING fundraiser.

**SPREAD THE WORD!** Everyone knows at least one dedicated scrapper. Let him or her know that there is an opportunity for them to scrap for **FOURTEEN hours** straight with the Taylor Ridge-Reynolds PTC!

For a \$40.00 registration fee, a participant will receive a continental breakfast, boxed lunch and pizza dinner as well as snacks throughout the day. Prizes will be drawn every hour. Chances will be sold for the GRAND PRIZE drawing at the end of the evening. Chair massage will be available. Finally, (Whew!) there will be vendors on site to purchase the **LATEST** in scrap booking supplies.

### COME JOIN US!

Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008

at the

Teamster's Local Union  
No. 371 Hall  
7909 42<sup>nd</sup> St. W.  
Rock Island, IL

\*Located in the industrial park  
just off Route 92\*

from

9:00 AM to 11:00 PM

Questions? Call

Krista Lewis at 787-3034  
or  
Kristine Moffitt at 787-6633

## PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT NEEDED!!

After much discussion throughout last school year, PTC members, teachers and administrators decided it was best for all the students of TRGS if the play sets on the playground are replaced. The current residential units were added to TRGS more than seven years ago! The large play set has already been torn down as it was becoming unsafe for the kids.

After reviewing sales brochures of industrial grade play equipment with Mrs. Sims and Mrs. Coulter, numerous possibilities were chosen for the kids.

The fundraising efforts during the 2008-2009 school year will be used for two purposes only this year. Funds raised will pay for the \$11,720.00 of fixed yearly expenses AND the purchase

of the new playground equipment.

However, the cost of the playground equipment is substantially larger than the cost of school improvements in prior years. PTC has received one small grant thus far and is applying for numerous others. But we still have a LOOONG way to go! SO, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We will be doing more fundraisers than usual this year to replace the equipment **as soon as possible**. We are also reaching out to Rockridge Community businesses and others in the QC area for any help they can provide. Even the smallest donation gets us that much closer to our goal. IF YOU, YOUR BUSINESS or FAMILY wish to help bridge the gap, PTC will  
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## Playground Equipment Needed! (Continued)



gladly accept any size donation. If this is not a possibility for your family, that's OK. We simply ask that you do your absolute best to promote the fundraisers throughout the year.

If your family has any suggestions or knows of any possible fundraising opportunities, TR-Reynolds staff and PTC members are ALL EARS! Once more than half of the funds are raised, TR-Reynolds PTC may apply for another grant that could possibly

provide the remainder of the funds needed for the entire project! The faster we get there, the faster our deserving kids can get their new play equipment!

A copy of the yearly expenses and an estimate of the cost for the new playground equipment are attached to this newsletter. Take a quick look and see what all the money raised by YOU does for our kids, teachers and the schools!

## FALL FUNDRAISER Kick Off on August 28<sup>th</sup>

The Taylor Ridge/Reynolds Fall Fundraiser, the LARGEST money maker of the year for PTC, kicked off shortly before Labor Day. A representative from Kleinhenn Company came to the schools and presented their program. Rewards and incentives range from a small prize for 14 items or less to a spin at the "Cash Wheel" and entry into the GRAND PRIZE DRAWING. The Grand Prize is a Friday Night stay at Best Western Pzazz Fun City Hotel in Burlington, IA for two adults and two children! The top seller from each school will win either an IPOD Nano or a personal DVD player. WOW!

The more you sell the more chances you have to spin and win! So, be sure to REGISTER online at [www.kleinhenn.com](http://www.kleinhenn.com) and forward the link to all your family and friends far away.

PTC is very excited about this years' catalog and hope your family is too! So, **SELL, SELL, SELL until FRIDAY, September 12<sup>th</sup>**. Forms and money are due back to your child's teacher on that day. Ordered items will be available for pickup in October. Date and times will be announced once they are confirmed.

*"We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget that he is someone today."*

*~ Stacia Tauscher*

## PTC Accomplishments for 2007-2008

- Purchased swing set units for BOTH TRGS and Reynolds with the help of grants and community donations.
- Purchased swing mats for new units at both schools.
- Purchased and spread mulch at both grade schools.
- Hosted grandparents on Grandparents' Day and the afternoon Christmas program.
- Donated \$150.00 to each teacher so they could purchase items for the classroom at Christmastime.
- Paid fees charged for Putnam Museum outreach programs in the classrooms.
- Paid for Abraham Lincoln's visit on Special Day.
- Held a Teacher Appreciation Luncheon in April.
- Purchased SCANTRON grading equipment, new DVD players for classrooms, and a new TV for indoor recess.
- Purchased two (2) ELMO products to enhance classroom lessons.

**THANK YOU** for helping PTC raise the funds needed to accomplish all these ***GREAT THINGS!*** Our grade schools, teachers and kids could not have received all these benefits without your vigilant support!

## Two Hour Power Pledge

This year PTC has asked each family to take the "Two Hour Power Pledge." A contract was sent home with each child and asked parents to choose which activities they were most interested in. When that event comes, a PTC representative will call those interested in helping. Donate two hours to your child's school throughout the 2008-2009 school year and you've fulfilled your pledge!

**THANK YOU to the many parents who have already responded! We can't wait to hear from the rest of you!** If you need another form, please send a note to your child's teacher and one will gladly be sent home in his/ her correspondence folder.

A wise Helen Keller once said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." PTC is excited about all the things we're going to accomplish together this year! Thank you!

## Other PTC Reminders

### Don't forget to:

- Enter the weekly drawing at Hy-Vee to win \$5000.00 for your child's school.
- Save your Box Top coupons on all General Mills items.
- **Shop thru BOX TOPS MARKETPLACE online. The school will get a % of the total sale.**
- Save your Swiss Valley milk caps.
- Save your Tyson A+ labels.

All of these items may be placed in the appropriate bins outside the office at both schools.

**During the 2007-2008 school year, collecting the above items raised \$1103.80 for our school.**

This is a great way to help PTC raise much needed funds without pinching your pocketbook!

THANK YOU for your contributions!

## Volunteer Recognition

A HUGE THANK YOU to the following parents who helped paint the US Map behind TRGS and stencil numbers at Reynolds GS:

- Michelle Melody
- Randy Melody
- Kim Patterson
- Randa Ryckeghem
- Mike McCarthy
- Jamie Rogers
- Julie Jones

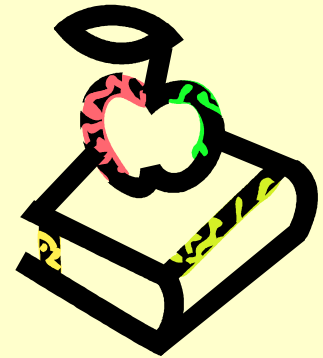
A HUGE THANK YOU to the following parents who volunteered to collect and process Swiss Valley milk caps, Tyson A+ labels and GM Box Tops:

- Karla Peterson
- Tracee Keefer
- Kim Moody
- Julie Jones

A FINAL GREAT THANK YOU for installing the new basketball hoop at Reynolds to:

- Scott Hess

With the help of our volunteers, those tasks, such as painting the map behind TRGS, took only about an hour of each parents' day! It was ABSOLUTELY AMAZING what we accomplished TOGETHER in such a short period! THANK YOU to those who could come out and give so generously of their time☺!



***"We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.***

*~ Franklin D. Roosevelt*

**PTC has a vacancy in the CO-PRESIDENT position. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Sims at [tsims@riroe.k12.il.us](mailto:tsims@riroe.k12.il.us).**

**Krista Lewis has successfully finished her two years in this position. Mrs. Sims, the teachers and fellow PTC members are very grateful for the excellent work she did while serving as Co-President.**

*THANK YOU, Krista!*

