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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I'd like to take this time to welcome you to the 2009-2010 school year. Our students and staff members are off to a great start! Procedures are in place and a great deal of learning is happening in the classrooms. Our students are wonderful and we anticipate an outstanding school year. We look forward to seeing you on **Monday, September 21, 2009 at 6:00 for our P.T.A. Back to School Night.** We will have a brief meeting and you will then have the opportunity to visit your child's/children's classrooms to hear about expectations, procedures, the schedule for the day and other pertinent information.

If you have not yet done so, I urge you to join the P.T. A. at a cost of \$4.00. The **P** in P.T.A. stands for Parents (the most important and influential people in our students' lives). We are also in need of committed individuals to serve on our P.T.A. Board as well as assist with the activities planned throughout the year. It takes us all, staff members, students, parents and community members to make our school the best, so please partner with us as we journey from good to great!

Thank you,
Ms. Owens
Principal

Principal – Ms. Anita Owens
Asst. Principal – Elizabeth Franks

Mark your calendars!

- 9/21 – Back to School Night
- 10/1 – 10/15 – Classic Cookie Fundraiser
- 10/5 – PTA Board Meeting
- 10/20 – Reflections Student Entries Due
- 10/21 – Cookie Delivery/Parent Pick-Up
- 10/29 – Story/Character Night
- 11/2 – PTA Board Meeting
- 11/19 – Father/Daughter Banquet
- 11/26 – 12/6 – T-Shirt Sales
- 12/7 – PTA Board Meeting
- 12/9-12/11 – Holiday Gift Shop
- 12/12 – Breakfast with Santa/Holiday Gift Shop
- 12/21 – Holiday Program/General PTA Meeting
- 12/23-1/4 – Winter Break
- 2/8 – Board Meeting
- 2/12 – Friendship Dance
- 3/18 – Mother/Son Banquet
- 4/12 – PTA Board Meeting
- 5/3 – PTA Board Meeting
- 5/6 – Math/Vocabulary Terms/Spelling Fundraiser

The National PTA Reflections Program is an arts recognition and achievement program for students. The Reflections Program provides opportunities for students to express themselves creatively and to receive positive recognition for original works of art inspired by a pre-selected theme. The 2009-2010 theme is:

“Beauty is...”

Students are encouraged to submit an entry in any of the six arts areas listed below. Only original works of art will be accepted.



Dance Choreography
Film Production
Literature
Photography
Musical Composition
Visual Arts



Students must turn in their art by October 20, 2009 to their teacher. Please refer questions to the Reflections Coordinator at 850-5079.



Angel Hester, Reflections Coordinator

DID YOU KNOW?

■ Phillips has a new mascot. We are now home of the Phillips Falcons. Why you ask? Simple! We were not politically correct; not everyone understood the Papoose; older students did not like wearing a baby Indian on their shirt. Students voted at the end of last year and the Falcon was chosen as the new school mascot.

■ The new Agendas provided to ALL Phillips students cost the school \$3500. Other schools charged their parents. Because of the wonderful PTA support the Office was able to pay for them without charging a fee to parents.

■ During the 2008/2009 school year we collected over \$50,000 in Farm Fresh Receipts and were able to pick a variety of classroom materials from their catalog.

■ During the 2009/2010 school year we raised nearly \$800 through Box Tops. This money was given back to the classrooms and helped towards other PTA sponsored activities.

■ The PTA donated over \$1000 towards the yearbook last year. This allowed us to provide a discount for our PTA members.

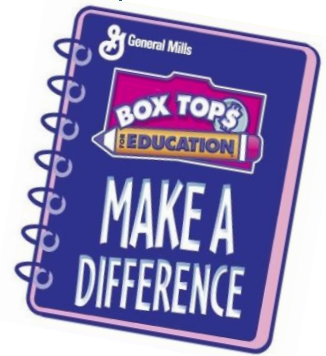
■ The PTA-sponsored fundraisers allow our school to plan family events throughout the year.

■ Our school goal is to have 100% membership. Join the Phillips PTA to have a voice in what matters the most...your child's education! Membership dues are only \$4.

■ Our school participates in the Box Tops for Education and Farm Fresh Receipts programs.

COLLECTING BOX TOPS FOR OUR SCHOOL IS SIMPLE!!

1. Clip Box Tops from specially marked products.
2. Turn in the Box Tops to your school.
3. School receives a check.



A NOTE FROM YOUR BOX TOPS COORDINATOR

There will be collection sheets with various contests throughout the school year. If you need extra, you can always check the Office. If you don't have a collection sheet simply tape or glue box tops to a sheet of paper with your child's name and teacher. Having your child's name will ensure credit for contest and prizes. If you want to place box tops in an envelope or Ziploc bag, please mark child's name and teacher. Many box tops were submitted last year without names and went unaccounted for towards contest and prizes. Please trim box tops without cutting off expiration dates.

Denise Parks, Box Tops Coordinator

PTA Board & Committee

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Angel Hester, Reflections Program
Betty Hatfield, Farm Fresh Receipts
Denise Parks, Box Tops Coordinator
Anita Owens, Principal
Elizabeth Franks, Asst. Principal

NEW BOARD MEMBERS WELCOMED!! As you can see, we have many volunteers doing double duties. If you're interested in serving on the Board, please contact the PTA President, Carrie Langille at 850-5079 or send e-mail to carlee1975@aol.com.

The Board & Committee meet the first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. If your schedule doesn't permit being on the Board or Committee, please volunteer for school/PTA activities throughout the year.