

The Ella Canavan PTO Newsletter

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Check us out on the web at www.ellacanavan.com

Our PTO has a wonderful website filled with information about Ella Canavan and BEYOND! Be sure to check it out at www.ellacanavan.com.

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Wow, how fast the first month of school has gone. I hope everyone is settling into the routines and all the children are doing well. Round Up was a little rainy, but Plan B worked out very well. I want to thank Leslie Burns and Jenn Piehler for pulling our fundraiser together as well as all those who chaired committees and volunteered their time to help. Check out the PTO bulletin board for pictures!!

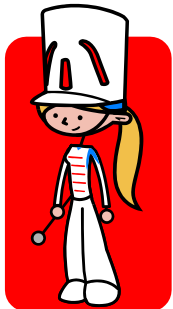


As you know, the school district is moving toward online communications. The PTO is as well. Our newsletters will be available on our website (www.ellacanavan.com) and through the school district Canavan link (<http://www.medinacityschooldistrict.org/site.cfm/Schools/Ella-Canavan-Elementary/CEPTO.cfm>)

Please join us for our PTO meeting on October 13 at 7:00pm in the Media Center. Randy Stepp, MCS superintendent will be our speaker. Mr. Stepp will be speaking about the district.

As always, if you have questions, concerns or ideas, please let me know.

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HOMECOMING PARADE

Canavan will be participating in the Homecoming Parade on October 8. We will meet at Garfield elementary starting at 5:30 with the parade beginning at 6:30. The parade will conclude at the high school with a rally at the stadium following.

To show our school spirit, please wear anything that has Canavan on it, Medina Schools or green and white. We look forward to seeing you at the parade!!

FALL FAMILY NIGHT

Our 2nd annual Fall Family Night will take place October 22 from 6:30-8:00. Join Canavan families for pumpkin carving, music, and snacks.



Please bring a pumpkin (pre-scooped for more carving time) and carving supplies. Please RSVP at <http://www.medinacityschooldistrict.org/site.cfm/Schools/Ella-Canavan-Elementary/PTO/Upcoming-Events.cfm>.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

I am new to the beautification committee, but am very excited to be a part of it this year. Over the last few years, they have coordinated a group of students to help clean up the court yard and plant flowers. We will be meeting sometime in the near future to plant the mums from the Round Up. If your student is in grade 3, 4, or 5 and is interested in joining my Garden Group, please call me. (The dates have not yet been determined). We will be meeting during your child's recess. If the weather is nice they may stay outside and eat their lunch with their garden group. If anyone is interested in helping with the planting or has any ideas on things for us to do please feel free to join us. I will be sending a note home for the kids to let them know what dates we will be planting. I look forward to meeting and planting with your kids this year.

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CALCULATOR UPDATE

Calculator sales are officially over. We are out of calculators. In May, we will be ordering more for the coming school year. Please look for ordering information in the March/April newsletter. Calculator orders are **NOT** a PTO Fundraiser but rather a service to the teachers. Thanks for your understanding!

Nora Epplen
Calculator Chair

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SAFETY CALLS

We are still in need of parent volunteers to make safety calls. This procedure helps ensure the safety of our children and only requires a 30 minute time commitment one or two days each month. Anyone who is interested or would like additional information may contact Becky Parkhurst at 330-723-8985 or via e-mail at rmparkhurst@yahoo.com. Thank you!

BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB

Would you like to share your birthday happiness by adding a book to the Ella Canavan Media Center? Then join our Birthday Book Club. Look for information on birthday books to come home with your child the beginning of his/her birthday month.

Thank you in advance for your support of this project. Let's make this a big success. For any questions or concerns you can reach me by phone or email:

Home 330-526-1874, Cell 330-590-7261, Email dianeboccio@gmail.com

Diane Boccio
Birthday Book Club Committee

STAFF APPRECIATION DINNER November 2, 2009

Soups, Salads, Rolls, Baked Potatoes and Desserts!!

Anyone willing to donate paper products, water, pop or send your favorite soup or salad in for the staff dinner during conferences please contact

Mary Stewart @ mstew00512@aol.com or
Jacqui Moore @ jskcmoore@zoominternet.net

PTO STUDENT DIRECTORY

The PTO will once again offer a Student Directory. **All students attending Ella Canavan will be included in the directory unless you return the tear-off form below indicating information you do not wish to be listed.** We use class rosters to include each student's name, address, telephone number, parents/guardians names, and teacher's name in the directory.

This is a service for Ella Canavan families, not a fund-raiser. If you would like to purchase a directory for \$2, please complete the form below and return it with your payment in an envelope marked "PTO Directory". You can pay in cash or by check (payable to "Ella Canavan PTO"). All orders are due by **October 31st**. Watch for your directory in your child's backpack on or before November 20th.

Finally, thank you for your patience with regard to the completion of the directories. It requires a great deal of time to enter the new information sheets for ALL of the Canavan students into the school's computer system.

**If you do not want information listed in the Directory, complete
and return the form below by October 31st.**

Diane Boccio, Chairperson (330) 526-1874 or (330) 590-7261

Ella Canavan PTO Student Directory Information/Order Form

Student Name _____

Teacher _____

_____ **I wish to purchase a directory -- \$2 payment enclosed
(make checks payable to "Ella Canavan PTO")**

_____ **DO NOT print telephone number**

_____ **DO NOT print address**

_____ **DO NOT print parent/guardian names**

_____ **DO NOT print my child's name**

Please return with payment in an envelope marked "PTO Directory" by Oct. 31.