



Tilton School PTO Newsletter ~ November 2016

Tilton School Families -

We have been very busy the last month and are wrapping up several projects! The Fannie May candy has been distributed, as well as the prizes for students from Fannie May. As soon as we receive the details regarding the limo/pizza lunch, we will let you know. At our last PTO meeting, we had several really great ideas on how to spend our Fannie May profit, including all school assemblies and classroom technology updates. We will be sharing more with you once we gather cost and scheduling information. Thank you to all of you who brought appetizers or snacks for the conference dinner, I know all of our staff enjoyed the delicious food! The Fall Book Fair and Harvest of Readers were successful reading events enjoyed by our students and their families! The book fair had a total of \$3,114.39 in sales. We earn 50% back in scholastic dollars, so we earned \$1,557.20 to spend on books. We also had scholastic dollars earned from previous book fairs. We gave \$125.00 in books to 15 teachers (11 classroom, 2 reading and 2 resource teachers) and the Tilton library. Additionally, all of our Tilton students chose a book up to \$5.00 in value and will receive their books this week. We hope everyone will enjoy their new books in the classrooms and at home! We want to thank Tilton 5th graders for helping in the Unity Week project for all students reminding each of them to "Light the Way to End Bullying!" The Original Works artwork packets will also be going home with students this week. Orders are due Wednesday, November 9th and the items ordered will be distributed to students before winter break. These items make fantastic gifts! Scrip gift card orders will be due Wednesdays, November 9th and December 7th. Gift cards also make wonderful gifts and Tilton School receives a rebate back from the gift card sales just for ordering from Scrip. We will have our annual Holiday Shop on Thursday, December 1st from 5:00-7:00 pm. Students will be able to shop for their family and friends and we will provide refreshments (cookies, cocoa, coffee and milk) in the gym, as well as a gift wrapping station and offer pictures with Santa. It's a great event to start the holiday season!

Tilton School PTO is very busy with events, fundraisers and programs that we offer to Tilton students and their families because we want to provide our students and teachers with as much support as possible. We appreciate all of your participation at Tilton and we could not do it without you! Your contributions are the reason why we are able to provide so much for our students and teachers and therefore, I think it is important to tell families what Tilton PTO is doing with the funds that we raise. Here are some other ways Tilton PTO is helping our students and teachers.

- Tilton PTO paid for two computer based programs for second-fifth graders, the Accelerated Reading program and Study Island. The Accelerated Reading program cost \$1,450.00 this year and is used as an incentive program in which students read books, take quizzes and earn points. Study Island cost \$1,300.00 this year and works on math and reading skills. We believe these programs are helpful to our students and we want to provide these educational opportunities for them.
- Tilton PTO purchased five lightweight tables for a total cost of \$399.95. These new lightweight tables replaced heavy tables we were using and will be much easier for us to carry when we set up for events.
- Tilton PTO purchased two industrial fans for the gym that cost \$657.48. Our kids use the gym for P.E. and lunchtime and we hope these fans will keep the temperature comfortable and lower the humidity.
- Tilton PTO purchases items for student character counts rewards and you can donate these items as well to the Tilton School office.

We **THANK YOU** immensely for your continued support for the Tilton students and teachers. Let's enjoy our successes, but then realize we have to keep going because there is more work to be done

Trisha Vaughn
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*****Upcoming Events:** Also posted on www.facebook.com/TiltonSchoolPTO



Character Counts Color Day - Wear Pink for Leadership - Friday, November 11th



PTO Meeting - Thursday, November 17th 6:30 pm

- *Childcare will be provided.



Wear Tilton Blue and White or Spirit Wear - Friday, November 18th

- *Note: Spirit Wear orders are due the 4th Friday of the month (No order in December).



Alfano's Pizza Night - Tuesday, November 29th



Holiday Shop - Thursday, December 1st 5:00-7:00 pm

More ways to help Tilton School . . . Every little bit counts! The following programs are of no expense to you and Tilton PTO is happy to donate their time in organizing them! Note the year to date (YTD) earnings/points.



***** Just until 11/30/2016 - Bring your SunnyD labels to Tilton school. 20 Labels = 20 Books!**

***Box Tops - www.boxtops4education.com; YTD = \$0.00**

- Collect and send in box tops with your child to participate in the monthly contests organized by our box top coordinator Jodee Craven. Submit box tops on the collection sheets (Please no expired box tops and submit bonus box tops separately). Keep in mind that every box top earned \$0.10 for Tilton School!

***e-Cycle Group Ink Cartridge Recycling - www.ecyclegroup.com; YTD = \$135.20**

- Collection bin is located in the front entrance of Tilton School. We send in the ink cartridges and Tilton PTO receives a check for the amount of ink we have recycled.

***Labels for Education - www.LabelsForEducation.com; YTD = 4,785 Points**

- Collection bin is located in the front entrance of Tilton School. Please only submit labels with the Labels for Education logo as the program will close at the end of the 2016-2017 school year and these are the only labels accepted. Keep submitting labels this year as we will still earn points for educational merchandise throughout this school year.

***My Coke Rewards - www.MyCokeRewards.com; YTD = \$37.12**

- Collection bin is located in the front entrance of Tilton School.
- If you already have a My Coke Rewards account, you can donate your points to Tilton School. Simply login to your account, go to the bottom of the screen and under Help Center click on MCR for Schools and search for Tilton Elementary School in Rochelle, IL 61068. Otherwise, you can leave your rewards in the bin and we will enter them for Tilton. Keep in mind that for every 100 points entered, Tilton School earns \$1.50.

By looking at these symbols differently and what they can earn



.....YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE AT TILTON SCHOOL!