



Tilton School PTO Newsletter ~ December 2016

Tilton School Families -

I can't believe that we are nearing the end of this semester and winter break is just a few weeks away! I guess time flies when we're busy . . . and of course we're having fun! The Fannie May candy limo lunch reward will be this Friday, December 9th. Students who sold 25 boxes of candy as individuals or 30 boxes as siblings qualified and will be receiving an invitation and a permission slip. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the limo and pizza lunch. As reminders, Original Works artwork items will arrive before winter break and will be distributed as soon as we get the orders and the next Scrip gift card order will be due this Wednesday, December 7th. Thank you to all of the families who attended our annual Holiday Shop last week and to our wonderful volunteers who helped with the event! Although PTO doesn't make much profit from this event, it is one of the kids' favorites and we hope they all had a good time and got into the holiday shopping spirit! New this year is the Schwan's Cares Fundraising program. As explained in the flyer, Tilton PTO has a campaign running through Monday, January 5th 2017 in which PTO will receive 20% of product sales and 40% of eGift card sales. Visit our campaign webpage at <https://www.schwans-cares.com/c/30375> and choose Shop to Give for product sales and/or Buy Now to purchase an eGift card. You can also call Schwan's at (855) 870-7208 to order and mention Campaign ID 30375 for Tilton School PTO. Please encourage your family and friends to do the same. Thank you!

Now for the exciting news about what we have lined up for our students in January and February. Tilton PTO has decided to treat all of our students to a Discovery Center Museum field trip! All Tilton School students will enjoy a 2-hour field trip to explore each floor of the museum and the outdoor park (weather permitting), lunch and a 30-minute planetarium show. The Discovery Center Museum can only accommodate 3-4 classes at a time, so our teachers have selected the dates below for their classes:

K-1st Grades: Friday, January 20th
2nd-3rd Grades: Monday, January 30th
4th-5th Grades: Monday, January 23rd

Teachers will provide more information in a note home to students as we get closer to the field trip dates. We know our kids will have a fantastic experience at the museum and we are thrilled to be able to use PTO funds that we have raised for this opportunity! For more information about the Discovery Center Museum, you can visit their website at www.discoverycentermuseum.org.

Additionally, we have a school assembly by Jim "Basketball" Jones scheduled for Tuesday, February 21st. Jim has given 5,000 assemblies over the last 15 years and delivers inspirational, motivating and positive messages to students. We think this assembly will be one of the highlights of this school year for our Tilton students. For more information about the Jim "Basketball" Jones Program, you can visit his website at <http://jimbasketballjones.com/assemblies.elementary>.

We are also pleased to be able to fulfill teacher and staff requests for any needs to help and support our kids. We are hoping to make some improvements to the Tilton School office and teacher's lounge soon, as well as provide some technology updates. We always welcome any feedback from parents that will benefit our students, so feel free to contact us with any ideas or suggestions. We wish all of our Tilton staff, students and their families a safe, happy and relaxing winter break!

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



Character Counts Color Day - Wear Red for Caring - Friday, December 9th



PTO Meeting - Thursday, December 15th 6:30 pm

- *Childcare will be provided.



Wear Tilton Blue and White or Spirit Wear - Friday, December 16th

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



No Alfano's Pizza Night in December - Will resume in January.



Social/Family Movie Night - Friday, January 13th

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.

***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



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