

Carman Trails PTO Newsletter

Welcome Notes

As new co-presidents to the PTO board, Sharon Gray and Archana Patton would like to welcome Carman Trails families back to school and wish new families a smooth transition.

We are looking forward to an active year supporting Carman Trails teachers and our children through community building and fundraising activities. Volunteer support is needed to provide excellent PTO programs. We encourage everyone to take a look at the sign up sheets that will be available during open house and sign up for activities that reflect your skills and interests. Each person can make a difference through their contributions.

Also, we would like to take a moment to invite each parent to attend the PTO general meetings listed on the last page of this newsletter. The meetings offer interesting discussion and information about PTO programs, knowledgeable speakers, and some fun themes. We hope to see you all there!

Sincerely,

Sharon Gray and Archana Patton

August 18, 2008

PTO Executive Board

- Sharon Gray, Co-President
- Archana Patton, Co-President
- Lori Ditto, Co-Vice President
- Amy Nolte, Co-Vice President
- Lesley Hoffman, Secretary
- Tammy Quinn, Treasurer

PTO newsletter entries may be e-mailed to archana_patton@sbcglobal.net by the second Wednesday of the month in order to be included in the upcoming newsletters.

The first PTO meeting will be on August 26th, 7:00 pm in the upper library. Important information about upcoming events and fundraisers will be discussed. Peter Larson, Parkway Technology Integration Specialist and former Carman Trails teacher, will inform us about the new SMART BOARDS that are being used at Carman. Watch a demonstration to find out how technology can help our children learn more efficiently. Mark your calendars and note that babysitting is available at no charge.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 6:30 PM

BACK-TO-SCHOOL ICE CREAM SOCIAL & BINGO

Carman Trails families are invited to this annual mixer. Mark your calendars for this not-to-be-missed event. Adult and children's tickets are only \$1 each. More details will follow with the sign up forms. Please contact Susie Crowdus at 636-386-8829 to reserve tickets for your family. Karyn Koury will be selling ticket before school 8:30 am to 9am from Sept. 2-5. (karynkoury@hotmail.com)



Innisbrook Gift Wrap
Gift wrap and jewelry packets will be sent home today, Monday, August 18th. Orders are due September 7th. This fundraiser has become very popular due to the high quality of the merchandise. Prizes will be awarded in each classroom to the top sellers and participants.

A Parkway bond issue will be on the ballot this November. It will cover improvements to take our aging schools into the future. Dr. Malito, District Superintendent, said "If Parkway passes the bond issue in the fall, the district would plan to air condition the remaining elementary school gyms in the district." In addition, the district would also reimburse Carman Trails \$25,000 raised by the PTO for the air conditioning, if the bond issue passes. For more information attend the October 7th general meeting, or log onto the Parkway website at

<http://www.pkwy.k12.mo.us/FacStudies/updateProjectList.cfm>

Carman Trails students will be bringing home the Entertainment Book as a school fundraiser to help pay off our newly installed gymnasium air conditioner. Please encourage friends and family to hold off on buying their copy until yours comes home on September 9. By using the Shop N Save coupons alone (\$5 off each \$50 gift card), your book pays for itself. Look for additional information -- incentive and prize programs -- to come home in just a few days. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Krueger at 636-230-0113 or

croppingmama@att.net (new email address)



Schnucks E-Script Cards

Each month our funds being raised through this program continue to grow. This is a great way to contribute to the Carman Trails without any extra time or money. We expect to average \$100 per month please don't forget to use or get a card.



OPEN HOUSE, August 19th, 6:30p.m.



Rummage Sale
Movie Night
Carnival
Spotlight Night

PTO volunteer sign up sheets will be located in the commons during open house. Please come over and take a look. Board members will be around when possible to answer any questions you may have.

Room Parent
Craft Night
Library
and more...
Book Fair



Cardinal Night Sept. 11, 2008

Carman Trails 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade choir students will sing God Bless America as the St. Louis Cardinals take on the Chicago Cubs. Tickets are \$9 each and are limited. Ticket sales begin Sept. 2nd before and after school. Contact Karyn Koury at 636-207-1142 or karynkoury@hotmail.com or Deidra Kroll at 636-227-8075 to reserve your tickets.



*  Thanks to all the families who watered the flowers over the summer, the Calvins, the Rosewells, the Gilreaths, the Plowmans, the Brandts, the Berndts and the Speckmans! Our grounds continue to look great. If you are interested in being part of the team for the school year to help with watering, weeding, and planting new seasonal items please contact Beth Speckman at 636-230-0936 or via email at speckman@sbcglobal.net *****



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your books, DVDs,
and magazines for
our annual Used
Book Sale! Dona-
tions will be col-
lected in April 2009.

Girl Scouts

Are you interested in becoming a Girl Scout Troop Leader? Please join us for an informational meeting on Sept. 18th at 7pm at Carman.

Is your daughter ready to join a troop? K-5 girls are welcome. More information will be sent home for Kindergarteners in each girls book bags.

Please e-mail Troop Organizer, Archana Patton at archana_patton@sbcglobal.net for other inquiries.



Don't forget to send in your Campbell's Soup labels including the bar code and Box Top Points. These are collected through out the year and allow us to get great products.



Remember when you are shopping at Target, Office Max, and Office Depot to mention Carmen Trails as you check out they will credit us with a percentage of your sale.



Recycle your cardboard, plastics, aluminum and much more in the bins in the parking lot. We receive \$\$ for every pound we recycle.



Clean our your closets and help the PTO raise money by dropping used clothing and linens in the box in the parking lot.



BOY SCOUTS

Be a part of Carman Trails pack 787. Cub Scouts are involved in great activities such as Pine Wood Derby, the fall campout and much more. Your son will have fun, learn to work within a team and build character. Watch for more information in your boy's backpacks from Cubmaster, Paul Schnapp. School Night to Join Scouting is Sept. 4th at 7pm at Carman Trails.

Meeting Calendar

General Meetings		Board Meetings	
August 26, 2008	7 p.m.	September 29, 2008	10 a.m.
Smart Board Program	babysitting available		
October 7, 2008	7 p.m.	October 27, 2008	10 a.m.
Bond Issue Program	babysitting available		
November 3, 2008	9:30 a.m. refresh- ments	December 15, 2008	10 a.m.
Parent Coffee	10:30 a.m. meeting		
January 8, 2009	11:30 a.m.	January 27, 2009	10 a.m.
Soup & CERT			
February 3, 2009	7 p.m.	March 30, 2009	10 a.m.
Healthy foods and samples	babysitting available		
April 17, 2009			
Greener Earth kids presentations	9:30 a.m.	April 27, 2009	10 a.m.