

# ★Hallsville PTO Newsletter★

*Our mission is to enhance the cooperation between home and school  
to benefit the education of children and youth.*



## January 2012

★Wow! Can you believe it? The school year is half over! We hope that your children are having a great year and that 2012 will be even better! Did you get a chance to participate in a few of the PTO activities this past semester? Whew! We were very busy last fall! Our activities included:

- Ice cream social
- Gravy with Grandparents
- Fall Fundraiser
- Fall Festival
- Candy-Grams for Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas
- Create-a-Gift with the Mudroom

While some of these events were fundraisers to provide items and events for the school that otherwise would not be possible, some of the events were simply organized to bring families, teachers and the community together in a fun atmosphere.

### ★NEW PTO Leadership Team

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### ★Get Involved!

We won't be quite as busy in the spring semester, but still have several events and activities for which we will need volunteers, so it's still not too late to become involved! There are opportunities to help with Candy-grams, Staff Appreciation week, Bonkers, Roller Skating and Middle school parties.

As always if there is something we are not doing well or if you would like to see something done, please contact one of the members of the leadership team.

### ★Follow us on Facebook!

Nicole Crafton, our PTO secretary, has set up a Hallsville PTO page on Facebook. Everyone can follow Hallsville PTO at [www.facebook.com/HallsvillePTO](http://www.facebook.com/HallsvillePTO).

## PTO Fall Fundraiser Report

Middle School, Intermediate and Primary students did a fantastic job with the fundraiser! Our profit from the August/September sales of 2011-12 MidMo Passport Coupon Books was a total of \$10,211.50.

Special thanks to Penny Fadler, treasurer & fundraiser chair, to all the volunteers, to all the students who sold, and to the patrons who purchased items. These funds allow us to provide for teacher requested supplies, field trips and scholarships. We will use these dollars to supplement activities like Gravy with Grandparents, Create-a-Gift Night with the Mud Room and the upcoming spring semester activities.

## PTO Sponsors Gravy with

### Grandparents September 12-16

At the annual Gravy with Grandparents, 375 grandparents enjoyed a breakfast of biscuits and gravy with their favorite student. Several grandparents traveled long distances that morning to participate! Students proudly showed their grandparents around the school, introduced them to teachers and their classrooms. The grandparents enjoyed the event and for some, this was their first opportunity to visit their grandchild's school.

## Friendship Candy Grams

Two Friendship-grams have been held so far; October and December. Participation in the Primary and Intermediate Schools has been fantastic. For 25 cents, students can send a message with candy or other small token attached, to a teacher or classmate. It's fun and a great way for students to build friendships and show appreciation to their teachers and staff. The students have really enjoyed sending and receiving them. This is not a fund raiser, but any proceeds from these will go directly to a building fund to purchase items such as playground equipment, library books etc., that can benefit all students. The next opportunity for friendship-grams will be February 8, 9 & 13. Watch for announcements.

Parents are needed to help with this event!  
Contact Angie Rinehart, [arinhar@hallsville.org](mailto:arinhar@hallsville.org)

## Create-a-Gift with the Mudroom

We had a great turnout for this event held in mid October. The Mud Room in Columbia does a great job of partnering with PTO to hold this affordable activity for our families. We had close to 90 families ordering over 325 plates, ornaments and trivet tiles. It was so great to see families coming together to paint the projects. Held at a time so the projects would be finished by Christmas, many families stated that they were painting plates to give as gifts. PTO has held this activity for over 10 years and it continues to be a popular, family focused event. We typically change projects offered each year. Look for mugs next year, along with other new possibilities. Many folks mistakenly think that this is a moneymaking project for PTO. In fact this is one of our larger expenses. There are two parts to the cost of this event, green ware and glazing fees. The money PTO collects from participants is for the cost of the green ware, the plates, ornaments and trivets. We send this directly to the Mud Room. PTO and some family donations pay the additional glazing fee/supply fee for the projects. This year PTO paid just short of \$750 above what was taken in. By paying this fee, we hope to make this activity more affordable.

## PTO Fall Festival & Carnival 2011

This year's Fall Festival was November 5 at the Primary building. Carnival type games lined the hallways. A chili supper was provided by the Senior All Night Party parents. Due to circumstances beyond our control, PTO regretted the necessity to reschedule the Animaland booth. Families returned on December 2 to create their animals and were able to pick up Mudroom projects at the same time. Overall this year's event created a profit of about \$1000 which will go toward school classroom and building requests. The carnival was made possible with the help of many volunteers, which included parents, teachers, high school students and school board members.  
Special thanks to Shaunna Turner, Fall Festival Committee Chair and her committee for organizing this wonderful event.



# Bonkers Fun Night

Let your kids burn off some extra energy while you relax!!

**Thurs, Jan 12 & Thurs, Feb 9 5:30-8:30 pm**

**Bonkers is located at:**

3812 Buttonwood Drive  
Columbia, MO 65201

**Price of Admissions:**

Age 1 and under: FREE  
Age 2-3 (must be accompanied by an adult): \$2.50  
Age 4-18 (must be accompanied by an adult) : \$5.00  
Age 19+: \$1.00

**Please remember to let Bonkers know that you are attending a Hallsville event as 1/2 of all admissions goes to the Hallsville PTO.**

A Parent/Guardian must be present at Bonkers while their child is attending this event as it will not be chaperoned.

## Where does PTO money go?

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PTO has a working budget of about \$37,500 for the 2011-2012 school year. In addition to the \$9,000 in teacher and building requests, we budget to support many activities throughout the school year including:

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| Gravy with Grandparents            | 8th Grade Graduation                |
| Candy/Holiday Grams                | High School Boys and Girls State    |
| Skating parties                    | High School Senior All-Night Party  |
| MS parties/dances                  | High School College Scholarships    |
| Red Ribbon Week                    | Laminating Film                     |
| Fall Festival/Carnival             | Staff Appreciation Days             |
| Create a Gift Mudroom Family Night | Summer School Supplies/Programs     |
| DARE Program                       | MAP Incentives & Awards             |
| Pancakes with Parents              | Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts |

Over the past several years, PTO also funded playground renovations and bike racks at the Intermediate building and supported the MS/HS track announcement booth. We anticipate ongoing projects as school playgrounds continue to be developed in the next few years.

As you can see, PTO touches students, parents and teachers at every level in our district. Thank you to all who have supported PTO activities every year. We are fortunate to have this organization. Volunteers are always needed. We hope you sign up to help today!

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## ★ Mark Your Calendar

January 4	First Day back to school for students	
January 12	Bonkers Night in Columbia (PTO receives $\frac{1}{2}$ of the admissions)	5:30-8:30 pm
January 13	No School, PLC/Teacher Work Day	
January 16	No School, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	
January 23	PTO meeting and Family Fun Night (Primary building)	6:30 pm
February 8,9,13	Valentine's Day Candy-grams	Before school
February 9	Bonkers Night in Columbia (PTO receives $\frac{1}{2}$ of the admissions)	5:30-8:30 pm
February 10	No School, PLC/Teacher Work day	
February 18	Middle School Skating Party (Empire Skating Rink in Columbia)	4:30-6:30 pm
February 20	No School unless we need to make up a 2 <sup>nd</sup> day lost to snow.	Snow Day #2
February 25	PreK-2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Skating Party (Empire Skating Rink in Columbia)	4:30-6:30 pm
March 9	No School, Teacher/Admin Work Day	
March 10	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> grade Skating Party (Empire Skating Rink in Columbia)	4:30-6:30 pm
March 15	No School, PLC Day followed by Parent Conferences 4-8 pm	
March 16	No School, Parent Conferences 8-11:30 am	
March 19	Election/School Board Candidate Forum (Intermediate Commons)	7:00 pm
March 26-30	No School, Spring Break	
April 3	Election Day - Remember to vote!	
April 9	No School unless we need to make up a 3 <sup>rd</sup> day lost to snow.	Snow Day #3
April 16	PTO meeting and Safety Night (Primary building)	6:30 pm
April 20	No School unless we need to make up a 4 <sup>th</sup> day lost to snow.	Snow Day #4
May 4	No School unless we need to make up a day lost to snow.	Snow Day #1
May 11	No School, PLC/Teacher Work Day	
May 20	High School Graduation	2:00 pm
May 21	PTO End of Year Celebration Meeting (Intermediate Commons)	6:30 pm
May 23	Last Day of School unless we have to use Snow days 5 or 6 below	
May 24	No School unless we need to make up a 5 <sup>th</sup> day lost to snow.	Snow Day #5
May 25	No School unless we need to make up a 6 <sup>th</sup> day lost to snow.	Snow Day #6
June 4-29	Summer School	

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