



Dear Manor Woods Parents,

On behalf of the PTA, welcome to the 2010-2011 school year at Manor Woods! The PTA provides supplemental programs and activities that support the school's academic goals. Here is a list of some of the things we accomplished last year:

- Hosted the Back to School Picnic for the Manor Woods community, complete with a DJ
- Sponsored Chinese watercolor artist-in-residence Jing Jy Chen and a variety of Cultural Arts programs for the students, including a Starlab science show, Billy B's "Ways of the Bay" assembly, a Mother Goose puppet show, a Character Magic assembly, and a "Hip to Be Healthy" performance
- Raised funds to purchase needed items for the school: an LCD projector for the cafeteria, Scholastic magazines for each student, specialized magazine subscriptions for each team, and ten large canopy tents to be used for Field Day and Fun Day
- Held teacher and staff appreciation events throughout the year
- Conducted a year-long Reading Campaign to promote good reading habits
- Organized the Walking Program to increase promote physical activity
- Offered after-school programs to enhance children's exposure to various activities
- Sponsored family-friendly events, such as the Fall Talent Show, Fun Day, and Basket Bingo
- Served the community through clothing, book, and school supply drives, as well as blood drives for the American Red Cross

In order to organize and implement these programs, we need your help in terms of financial assistance and volunteerism. Our major fundraiser this year will be the **Innisbrook wrapping paper and gifts drive**. Sales catalogs will be sent home soon, and the sales drive will run from September 10 through October 1, 2010. We will also be sponsoring a Dance-a-Thon fundraiser, to be held on October 22, 2010. Students will receive pledges for dancing in the Dance-a-Thon. We are partnering with the MWES teachers to provide an overview of the history of music while raising money for the Related Arts team. We are considering using the money we raise from the Dance-a-Thon to purchase an African drum set for the Music department and/or climbing equipment for the PE department. In the spring, we will also be holding our Spring Basket and Bag Bingo.

One of the perks of PTA membership is that you will receive a Manor Woods Student Directory. As a PTA member, you are able to vote on issues at our meetings. Membership is \$10 per individual, or \$15 per couple. We have numerous committees to accomplish the work of the PTA, so there is something for everyone! Please take the time to review the "Volunteer to Help" handout and volunteer for committees that best suit your interests.

The PTA is proud to sponsor the **Back to School Picnic** planned for September 15th from 5:30 to 7:30. We encourage you to attend our monthly meetings. **Meetings are held in the Media Center on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., with the first one being September 13, 2010.** I wish your children a fantastic school year, and I encourage you to join the PTA!

Sincerely,

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