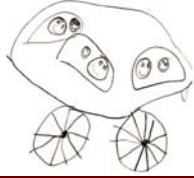


January 2008

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PPP January News



Please join us for the PPP Winter Potluck

Saturday, Feb. 2nd

From 11:00—2:00

Bring your family and a favorite dish to share and enjoy trying some delicious new foods!

The Raffle winners will be announced after the meal.

Raffle Tickets

Please remember to return all raffle ticket stubs and money to Paula Canavan by Jan 25th.

Winners will be announced at our Winter Potluck, Feb 2nd!

Parent Workday

Volunteers are needed to work on our playground and prepare a planting area for the kids to use this spring.

For this purpose a parent workday will be held on January 19th from 1:00 - 4:00pm.

Please help us make the playground and garden a wonderful place for our kids!



Auction Meeting

We are beginning work on this years PPP Silent Auction which will be held on Sat. April 19, 2008. The silent auction is our biggest and most profitable fundraiser. The fundraiser improves the Piedmont experience for your children and helps offset school expenses. Last year we raised over \$5,000 for our school!

If you are interested in volunteering your time we would love to have you. There's no experience necessary! Our first meeting will be this Mon, January 14th. It will be here at my house and will start at approximately 9:30 am. Please let me know if you can join us! If you cannot make the meeting but would still like to help, please let me know. Thanks!!

Paula Canavan (704) 717-0195

Dates to Remember

- Jan 2-31 Fall Registration for PPP Families
- Jan 14 Silent Auction Planning Meeting 9:30am at Paula's
- Jan 19 Parent Workday 1:00-4:00pm
- Jan 21 No School - MLK Day
- Jan 24 Council Meeting 7:00pm
- Jan 25 Raffle Ticket Stubs and Money Due
- Feb 2 PPP Potluck
- Feb 4 No School - Teacher Workday



Classroom News

Here's what has been going on in your child's classroom...



MORE FUNDRAISING NEWS...

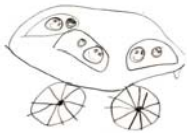
RAFFLE TICKET SALES



Don't forget to keep selling those raffle tickets! Our goal is to sell 1,000 tickets at \$5 a piece. The school will keep 50% of tickets sales and the other 50% will be raffled off in 3 CASH prizes of 25%, 15% and 10%. You can sell them to friends, family, neighbors, people you or your spouse work with, etc.

The drawing will take place at our February 2nd pot-luck. When you are done will your packets of tickets, please return the money and ticket stubs to either Paula Canavan or Beth Clawson. *We ask that you please **do not** give them to teachers or **do not** put them in the tuition box.* For more raffle tickets to sell please contact Paula Canavan at 704-717-0195 or pjcanavan223@yahoo.com

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Inclement Weather

If CMS Schools are delayed or closed, PPP is closed as well.



Council Members

Paula Canavan	Co-Chair (Silent Auction Lead)	704-717-0195
Lousie Gammons 9094	Co-Chair	704-719-
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Rough and Tumble Play

Many children love to run around screaming, shouting, chasing each other and wrestling. As adults we often try to discourage this behavior but does 'rough and tumble play' have a place too?

Boys especially often love to rough play. A play fight is not the same as bullying or real fighting. How can we tell the difference? Some characteristics of play fighting versus real aggression are: 1) positive or neutral facial expressions are typical of play fighting as apposed to negative facial expressions in aggression . 2) children are free to join play fights as apposed to being forced or challenged into aggression. 3) children do not use full force when play fighting, whereas full force is used in aggression. 4) children tend to alternate roles when play fighting , while in play fights they do not. 5) children stay together after play fights, while they often separate following aggression.

Studies have shown that rough and tumble play actually helps children to develop. Through play fighting children can learn to control their emotions, bodies, expressions and anger. They learn their own limits and those of others so that they don't lose control and hurt themselves or others.



Therefore it can be important to allow children time and space where they can let go and make as much noise as they like. So long as no one gets hurt, it doesn't need to be stopped.

Fall

Registration

Before Jan 31st, PPP families should pre-register their children for next fall.

Our open house will be in February and classes fill. Pre-registration will guarantee your child's space in next year's class.

Look for registration forms to be sent home. It's important to return those forms prior to open registration.

A deposit of \$75 is due with the registration form .



T SHIRTS

The new PPP T shirts have arrived and they look fabulous!

If you missed the ordering deadline or want another one, contact Sharon for a list of extra colors and sizes.

