



Pearl Sample PTO

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 8-22nd Catalog Fundraiser
September 10th PTO Meeting, 3:30 in the library
September 22nd Back to School Night &
Used Book Sale in the Library
October Book Fair

2009-2010 Upcoming Events

October:

Book Fair

26-29th: Red Ribbon Week
Square 1 Art Fundraiser

November:

13th: Movie Night

December:

Angel Tree

January:

29th: Movie Night & PTO Meeting at 6 PM

February:

20th: Daddy/Daughter Dance

March:

9th: PTO Meeting at 3:30 PM

20th: Mother/Son Race Day

April:

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

May:

4th: PTO Meeting at 7 PM

June:

4th: Fun Fair

Visit the PTO Website:

<http://www.culpeperschools.org/ps/pto>

Notes from the PTO

“It’s the most wonderful time of the year ...” Hello and Welcome Back Pearl Sample families and students! We have a lot of wonderful things planned for you this year and we are very excited to get started. First on the agenda is our fall catalog fundraiser. Lots of rewards & fun things are in store for our students. Please take a few moments to go through your packet and contact us with any questions or concerns. Our first meeting is **Thursday, September 10th at 3:30pm** in the library. We would love to see you there. We will also have a table set up at **Back to School Night**, so please take a moment to stop by, introduce yourself, purchase a Pearl Sample t-shirt, pick up some information about what we do, register your shopping club card(s), sign up to volunteer for your favorite event, and enjoy a cookie. Don’t forget to read the “at home” information **on the back** of this newsletter. For those of you that cannot volunteer your time, we have listed many easy ways to help the PTO and your school from home.

Fall Catalog Fundraiser:

This is your chance to help our school earn some extra money to support the great programs and field trips that we offer. The fundraiser will run from September 8-22. There will be daily prize drawings, announced during the morning announcements. Each day two classrooms will be chosen at random to have a “special” student spend the day with them. There will also be instant internet prizes. If you chose not to participate in the fundraiser, but would still like to contribute to our fundraising efforts, donations are gladly accepted.

Check out: <http://www.schoolfamily.com>, and

<http://www.wiseservicesandrecycling.com>, you’ll be glad you did!

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How Can I Help the School Raise Money From Home?

Pearl Sample participates in various programs specifically designed to "Give Back" to participating schools. These programs include: Box Tops for Education, Tyson Project A+ Labels, Campbell's Labels for Education, Nestle Fit for Life water labels, Capri Sun Drink Pouch Brigade, Martin's A+ School Rewards, Target's REDcard Rewards, and Food Lion and Safeway Club Cards. **All of these programs help raise additional funds for our school, our students, and our teachers.** Below is an explanation of each program:

Box Tops for Education – Purchase products that have a "Box Top for Education" label on them, cut them out and send them in to your student's teacher. Please label each bag with your student's teacher's name so that his/her class receives credit. These Box Tops are collected and submitted for a check back to our school. Last year we raised \$405.06. Each month we will announce the classroom with the highest box tops collected and reward the classroom with a special treat. For additional information, please email us or visit the Box Tops for Education website at: www.btfte.com.

Tyson Project A+ Labels – Clip and send in to your student's teacher, the Project A+ redemption label on Tyson products in your grocer's freezer case. You may clip off either the end label or top label. For more information about specific Tyson products, please visit their website at: <http://www.tyson.com/projectaplus/>. Each label is worth \$.24 and schools can earn up to \$12,000 per year. This is not a new program for Pearl Sample, but we hope to increase participation this year.

Campbell's Labels for Education – Collect and send in the whole label, just the UPC from eligible products or the lids from V8 juice drinks. Campbell's awards points based on the point value of UPCs and lids submitted. Points accumulate until they are spent by our teachers on items ranging from art supplies to computer equipment, to books and PE equipment. New playground balls were purchase this summer and have been delivered to all the grade levels. A list of products with their point values can be seen online at: www.labelsforeducation.com

Nestle – Pure Life, Go Play! – Peel off your Nestle Pure Life labels and send them in to Mrs. Sorrell, our PE teacher. Labels are collected and redeemed for all kinds of "healthy" rewards for our PE Department. Visit their website at: <http://www.goplaylabels.com>.

Capri Sun/TerraCycle – Send in or leave your empty Capri Sun drink pouches in the cafeteria. Pouches get recycled, remade into awesome eco-friendly gear, and the program helps kids learn a great lesson about helping the planet! Visit: <http://www.caprisun.com/TerraCycle> for more details.

Martin's A+ School Rewards – Designate your school to receive rewards with your BONUSCARD each time you make a purchase at Martin's. The program runs October 4, 2009 through March 13, 2010. Forms are available at the information table in the main lobby. Visit their website at: <http://www.MARTINSAplus.com> for more information.

Target REDcard Take Charge of Education – Enroll in this program and Target will donate up to 1% of your REDcard purchases to Pearl Sample. Since 1997, Pearl Sample has been awarded **\$1,269.43** from purchases made by supporters of Pearl Sample.

Safeway Club Card & Lion Share/Food Lion – When you register your Safeway Club Card and/or your Food Lion MVP card, list Pearl Sample as the charity you wish to support. The school earns a percentage of the money you spend on your purchases. Forms are available at the information table in the main lobby.

***** If you need any additional information, please contact us with specific questions and we will get you the answers, or at the very least, point you in the right direction. All programs require a yearly renewal. We need your help to re-enter and/or re-designate every card again for the 2009 – 2010 school year.** Thank you!

