

**GALE ELEMENTARY
PARENT TEACHER CLUB
(PTC)**



2008-2009

FAMILY INFORMATION GUIDE

WHAT IS THE PTC?

THE GALE PARENT TEACHER CLUB (PTC) EXISTS TO SERVE THE STUDENTS, FAMILIES, AND TEACHERS/STAFF OF GALE. THE MISSION OF THE PTC IS TO HELP SUPPORT GALE SCHOOL BY PROVIDING PROGRAMS AND MATERIALS, OUTSIDE OF WHAT THE REGULAR SCHOOL BUDGET COVERS, TO ENRICH THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR STUDENTS.

HOW IS THE PTC FUNDED?

ALL OF THE MONEY USED BY THE PTC COMES FROM FUNDRAISING. THE PTC ORGANIZES A NUMBER OF FUNDRAISERS THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR, WHICH, THANKS TO THE SUPPORT OF DEDICATED GALE FAMILIES, HELP TO RAISE MONEY WHICH CAN THEN BE PUT DIRECTLY BACK INTO THE SCHOOL. ADDITIONALLY, MONEY RAISED FROM PTC MEMBERSHIP IS USED FOR THE SCHOOL. THE FUNDRAISERS BEING PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- SKATE NIGHTS—SEPTEMBER, DECEMBER, MARCH, AND MAY
- BASKIN ROBBINS NIGHTS—AUGUST, APRIL
- SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIRS—SEPTEMBER, FEBRUARY, AND APRIL
- GIFT WRAP SALE—SEPTEMBER
- COOKIE DOUGH SALE—NOVEMBER
- MCDONALD'S NIGHTS—SEPTEMBER AND FEBRUARY
- SPELL-A-THON—MARCH
- PIZZA NIGHTS—OCTOBER AND MARCH
- RESTAURANT NIGHTS—NOVEMBER AND JANUARY

*****WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO PICK AND CHOOSE THE FUNDRAISERS THAT WORK WELL FOR YOUR FAMILY. YOUR PARTICIPATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.*****

WHAT DOES PTC FUND?

PTC FOCUSES ON FUNDING THINGS THAT BENEFIT THE MAJORITY OF STUDENTS AT GALE. FOR EXAMPLE, PTC HELPS FUND THE SALARIES OF OUR ART AND P.E. TEACHERS. ADDITIONALLY, PTC HELPS PAY FOR BUSES FOR FIELD TRIPS, TEACHER TRAININGS OR SPECIAL SUPPLIES FOR THE CLASSROOM/SCHOOL, FAMILY FUN DAY AND STAFF APPRECIATION ACTIVITIES.

RECENT PURCHASES INCLUDE SHADE STRUCTURES FOR THE TWO PLAYGROUNDS, A SUBSCRIPTION TO WORLD BOOK ONLINE, A NEW SOUND SYSTEM FOR THE STAGE, AND NEW PRINTERS FOR THE SCHOOL.

HOW DO I BECOME A PTC MEMBER?

BECOMING A PTC MEMBER IS EASY! SIMPLY FILL OUT THE FORM THAT WAS INCLUDED IN YOUR STUDENT'S FOLDER AND SEND IT BACK TO SCHOOL WITH THE \$5 FEE. AS A MEMBER, YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE MONTHLY PTC MEETINGS. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO VOICE YOUR IDEAS AND VOTE ON ISSUES THAT CONCERN YOUR STUDENT AND OUR SCHOOL.

WHEN AND WHERE DO PTC MEETINGS TAKE PLACE?

PTC MEETINGS TAKE PLACE ONCE A MONTH, GENERALLY ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH (UNLESS THERE IS A

CONFLICT). ALL MEETINGS, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, TAKE PLACE AT 7 PM IN THE GALE LIBRARY. THE SCHEDULE FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR IS AS FOLLOWS:

TUES., SEPT. 16

TUES., OCTOBER 21

TUES., NOVEMBER 18

TUES., DECEMBER 9

TUES., JANUARY 20

TBD)

TUES., FEBRUARY 17

TUES., MARCH 10

TUES., APRIL 14

TUES., MAY 12

(6:00 PM AT OFF-CAMPUS SITE,

HOW CAN I GET MORE INVOLVED AT GALE?

ONE OF THE REASONS THAT GALE IS AN EXCELLING SCHOOL IS BECAUSE OF THE HIGH LEVEL OF PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT. YOUR PARTICIPATION IS WELCOMED AND GREATLY APPRECIATED. BELOW IS A LIST OF COMMITTEES/ACTIVITIES FOR WHICH YOU COULD VOLUNTEER:

BAKE LIST—BAKE FOR SCHOOL EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, AS YOUR SCHEDULE PERMITS

BOOK FAIRS—HELP SET UP ROOM, ASSIST STUDENTS WITH FINDING BOOKS, COLLECT MONEY, RE-STOCK

BOOK FAIR SPECIAL EVENTS—HELP WITH SET-UP AND CLEAN-UP FOR DOGS WITH DADS, GRANDPARENTS LUNCH, AND/OR MUNCHIES WITH MOMS

COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER—ASSIST MRS. GODFREY WITH DISTRIBUTING COOKIE DOUGH WHEN IT ARRIVES

FAMILY FUN DAY—HELP WITH PLANNING, PUBLICITY, SET-UP, STAFFING BOOTHS, AND/OR CLEAN-UP

GIFT-WRAP FUNDRAISER—ASSIST CHAIRPERSON, MOSTLY ON DELIVERY DAY

ICE CREAM SALES—SELL ICE CREAM TO STUDENTS DURING LUNCHTIME ON SELECT FRIDAYS THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR

LUNCH MONITORS—MONITORING STUDENTS DURING LUNCHTIME, AS SCHEDULE PERMITS

SCHOOL PICTURES—ASSIST TEACHERS AND PHOTOGRAPHER WITH CHILDREN AT PICTURE TIME

SKATE NIGHTS—ASSIST CHAIRPERSON; ORGANIZE AND SUPERVISE (3-4 EVENINGS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR)

STAFF APPRECIATION—HELP PLAN AND ORGANIZE EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE PTC, ASSIST WITH SET-UP AND CLEAN-UP

OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED ARE:

- **CLASSROOM VOLUNTEER-TEACHERS WELCOME YOUR ASSISTANCE!**
- **FIELD TRIP DRIVER-MOST FIELD TRIPS USE PARENT DRIVERS RATHER THAN SCHOOL BUSES. IF YOU HAVE ROOM IN YOUR VEHICLE AND WOULD LIKE TO DRIVE, YOU CAN RESPOND TO TEACHER REQUESTS AS THEY OCCUR.**
- **ROOM PARENT-TEACHERS APPRECIATE HAVING A PARENT CONTACT TO ASSIST WITH VARIOUS CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES. LOOK FOR A SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE CLASSROOM**

HERE ARE SOME EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT GALE'S FUNDRAISING:

- **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION- SIMPLY CLIP THE BOX TOPS OFF OF YOUR FAVORITE FOOD PACKAGES AND SEND THEM TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR CHILD. THERE IS A BOX TOPS COLLECTION BOX LOCATED IN THE MAIN ENTRANCE HALLWAY. GALE RECEIVES 10 CENTS FOR EACH BOX TOP SUBMITTED!**

- **GROCERY PROGRAMS-WE HAVE TEAMED UP WITH ALBERTSON'S, BASHA'S AND FRY'S TO RECEIVE REBATES ON ALL PURCHASES MADE DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE FORTHCOMING.**
- **INK CARTRIDGES-SEND IN YOUR EMPTY INK CARTRIDGES FROM YOUR PRINTERS. THERE IS A COLLECTION BOX LOCATED IN THE MAIN ENTRANCE HALLWAY. GALE RECEIVES A REBATE FOR EACH CARTRIDGE SUBMITTED.**
- **TARGET RED CARD-VISIT TARGET.COM/TCOE OR CALL 1-800-316-6142 TO DESIGNATE OUR SCHOOL, THEN USE YOUR REDCARD WHENEVER YOU SHOP (GALE'S ID IS 26192). WHEN YOU USE YOUR REDCARDSM (TARGET® VISA® CREDIT CARD, TARGET CREDIT CARDSM OR TARGET CHECK CARDSM), TARGET WILL DONATE UP TO 1% OF YOUR PURCHASES TO GALE.**

HOW CAN I CONTACT A PTC BOARD MEMBER?

PRESIDENT: LAURA MILLER 298-7638

VICE PRESIDENT: KRISTI WINTRODE 546-9715

SECRETARY: BESS ECELBARGER 733-2262

CO-TREASURERS: JULIE AND NELSON BROWN 207-7987

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: ESTELLA ROBERTSON 514-1634

Reminders:

* If you are unable to attend the PTC meetings, you can read the minutes on-line at the PTC website as well as on the PTC bulletin board across from the office. Also, if you are a PTC member, the minutes will be emailed to you.

- * Every Friday is Gale spirit day. Wear your Gale t-shirt!
- * Help fund Gale's art program and tutoring programs...make your tax credit donation to Gale by 12/31

Let's have a roaring good year at
Gale!

