

Indian Lake Elementary School - Parent, Teacher, and Student Organization

The Indian Lake PTSO is a volunteer group that strives to enrich and enhance our children's educational experiences. The PTSO usually holds two to three fundraisers per year to help support additional learning programs and to purchase special items for the school as needed.

The meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. at Indian Lake Elementary. The meeting schedule for the upcoming 2007/2008 school year is November 6th, January 8th, March 4th, May 6th and June 3rd. There are no membership dues; you simply attend when you can. Free babysitting is provided, so please bring your children along.

The PTSO Board Members for 2007/2008 are:

President- Don Puckett

Vice President- Angie Scoffin

Secretary- Cheryl Grabowski

Treasurer- Jennifer Grace

Hostess- Tamra Puckett

PTSO has a volunteer coordinator who helps find volunteers for events if needed. This person also logs all the volunteer hours put in at our school.

PTSO has several volunteers who coordinate collecting Box Tops for Education and Campbell's soup labels. All these programs provide cash or equipment rewards for our school.

PTSO is also responsible for handling the lice checks of our entire student body a minimum four times a year. The scheduled dates are always the first Tuesday after return to school in September, the November Thanksgiving break, the December Holiday break, and the April Spring break. If you would like to help, please feel free to show up on these days and check in at the school office.

PTSO handles several fun events at the school each year:

- **Mother/Son Event:** We hold an annual mother/son event each year during the winter or early spring. We have held a dance, roller skating parties, and the most recent favorite a home Varsity basketball game with snacks and face painting.
- **Father/Daughter Dance:** Every year around Valentine's Day you will see fathers and their daughters dressed up for a special dance at the school.
- **Culver's Night:** Every year the teachers and staff become wait persons at the Portage area Culver's restaurant and we encourage all the Indian Lake Elementary families and their friends to enjoy a meal at Culver's. A portion of the proceeds for that night are returned to the school.
- **Special Persons/Grandparents Day:** On one afternoon in the spring students are encouraged to invite a Grandparent or Special Person to visit the child's classroom and enjoy an ice cream social.

What has the PTSO provided?

- TV monitors for all classrooms (with cable links); allowing teachers to collaborate with other classrooms and view special teaching programs and events held at other schools.
- VCRs for all classrooms
- Additional books for classrooms
- Playground equipment (new circuit climber installed September 2005)
- Special assemblies for the students
- New music instruments
- Transportation for field trips
- The marquee sign in front of building- keeps parents up to date on events
- New Encyclopedias for the library
- Expanded the amount of Accelerated Reader tests
- Established a Publishing Room in the Upper EI hallway
- Benches and a trash can for the lobby
- New flower pots located at school entrance
- Materials for the summer reading program
- Funding for the annual Field Day program each spring
- A high speed copier for the school office

PTSO also provides various types of support and recognition for the teaching staff and other school faculty throughout the year.

The Indian Lake Elementary PTSO would love to have additional attendees and volunteers. If you'd like to be a part of this fun experience and help to promote and foster your child's educational experience, please come to a meeting, volunteer for an event, or provide feedback and ideas to the Board members or the school Principal.