

## Alburtis Elementary School PTO Newsletter April 2009

Dr. Renaldi opened the PTO meeting this month with a great big thank you to teachers, parents, and students for all of their hard work during the PSSA testing. Way to go kids!!

The **Disney Raffle** has gotten off to a fantastic start! We have already covered the cost of the trip in the first two days! Every ticket purchased from here on out will go directly back to our school and our kids. Only 1500 tickets will be sold, so send in your orders and money asap. The winning ticket will be selected at the Spring Festival. You need not be present to win. Any questions regarding the Disney Raffle can be answered by Kim Snyder at [kksnyder@ptd.net](mailto:kksnyder@ptd.net) or Gabrielle Lozowsky at [glozowsk@verizon.net](mailto:glozowsk@verizon.net).

### COMING UP THIS MONTH:

**Skating Party** 4/20 at Roller Motion

**Rita's Night** 4/22 at Macungie's Rita's Water Ice. Some of your favorite teachers and Dr. Renaldi are looking forward to serving up sweet treats for your family!

**Move and Groove Night** 4/23 Come dance with your friends to some of your favorite tunes spun by a live D.J.!

**Early Dismissal/Parent Teacher Conference Week** 4/20-4/23

The **Spring Festival** this year will be our biggest and best so far! A new and exciting vendor means *new* batting and golf games, a *new* rock wall, *new* obstacle courses, airbrush tattoos, *new* crafts, plus some of our old favorites like the cake walk, 5th grade dunk tank, lollipop trees, spin art! And there will be more food, karaoke, and much, much more! We do still need volunteers, so please contact Gabrielle if you can donate an hour (or more if you can) during the festival [glozowsk@verizon.net](mailto:glozowsk@verizon.net). Festival Date May 29.

If you can help with a dish for **Teacher Appreciation Dinner** this month, please contact Linda Greenwood today at [alburtispto@yahoo.com](mailto:alburtispto@yahoo.com). We need your covered dish on Wednesday, April 22.

We are still looking for a treasurer and a secretary for next year's PTO Board. We would love for you to help us organize our events next year. For more details on either position, contact Carly at [alburtispto@yahoo.com](mailto:alburtispto@yahoo.com).

The **Walk-A-Thon** and **Market Day** are two major fundraisers for our school which brought in *over \$7000 this year*. We do not have a coordinator for either fundraiser for next year. The bottom line is, if we do not get anyone to volunteer to coordinate or co-coordinate either of these events, the PTO will not have these critical fundraisers. Please consider helping us help the kids. Please contact [alburtispto@yahoo.com](mailto:alburtispto@yahoo.com) if you would like more information on the responsibilities of either of these important fundraisers.

Next month's PTO meeting is special because we are planning to invite the parents of children entering first grade to join us and learn more about our wonderful PTO and all of the great things we do for our kids. It would be great if you could join us May 5th as we welcome these new parents.

The PTO board has created a new monetary request form. In the event a staff member, chairperson, etc, is planning to request additional monies outside the budget, this form must be submitted and will be presented and voted on at the following PTO meeting. Therefore, it is important to plan any requests 2 months in advance whenever possible.

Finally, Dr. Renadi tried to answer questions regarding **redistricting**. The truth is there are no set plans yet for redistricting either the elementary schools or the middle schools. Everything is up in the air due to budget issues and the need for further investigation through a consultant. He stressed anything that may be rumored at this point, is all rumor. Nothing at all has been decided. Dr. Renaldi hopes to hear more firm plans by autumn.

Please join us at the next **PTO Meeting, Tuesday May 5 at 7 pm**. Free babysitting is available. If you have any questions or ideas for the PTO, please feel free to contact us at any time at [albertispto@yahoo.com](mailto:albertispto@yahoo.com). All parents of Albertis Elementary students are PTO members. The PTO is a fundraising and volunteer organization whose purpose is to supplement and enhance the quality of Albertis students' school experience. Your participation in your child's school makes an incredible difference!!