

# THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH PARK MONTESSORI (NPM), WELLERWOOD PTA

## NEWS TO KNOW

### January 2016

#### North Park Montessori 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades

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PTA meetings have two purposes: (1) general business such as treasurer's reports, budgets, plans for the year; (2) education such as information from our principal, teachers and district, Lisa's education segment and services from external sources such as library or parent university.

Our goals and budget for this year have been set and we hope to continue to work with you for feedback on what things we can change to help you and our school. Please, send your ideas and thoughts to [pta@northparkschools.org](mailto:pta@northparkschools.org). We also listen to the various social media outlets and we thrive on hearing from you.

**It's Pie Time again!** Pie sale is a major fundraiser to support all of our Montessori teachers and students. The great news is that our Farmer has changed his process a little, so there is no longer any need to peel, cut and slice all the apples this year (or haul as many heavy crates!). The even better great news is that we will still have a blast, so please join us in participating whichever way fits your family best.

This year's selections are Apple Pie or Cherry Pie for \$10 each. All will be handmade by our Pie Making volunteers on Saturday, February 20, and all money raised directly supports classroom projects, field trips and materials needed for the amazing learning our children do at NPM!

Order forms will be coming home with students this week and our kick-off assembly is coming very soon. Orders are due back to school by **Wednesday, February 10**. Online ordering is just about set up and will be available at <http://www.northparkschools.org/apple-pie/>. Detailed information will be sent home along with order forms.

Please sign up for GRPS Montessori Community Pie Sale to volunteer making pies!

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/g75rtf>
2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot)
3. Sign up! Choose your spots - VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy! Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Amy Barto at [tchrqueen1@gmail.com](mailto:tchrqueen1@gmail.com) and she can sign you up manually.

**UNIFORM EXCHANGE** Bring your gently used uniforms to the PTA meeting for a uniform exchange. Collection boxes are near the libraries. Questions: Shawn McDermed, [communications@northparkschools.org](mailto:communications@northparkschools.org)

**2015/2016 PTA GOALS:** 100% of teachers using the PTA for requests, volunteers, etc.; 100% of teachers agreeing their shared spaces are used more effectively (survey before and after); 100% Budget compliance



#### Upcoming Events

- February 25 and March 3 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- February 20 Pie Sale (Fundraiser), Pie Making Community Event!!!
- March 24th - 2nd Annual North Park Comic-Con, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- April 16th Bake Sale/Rummage Sale (Fundraiser) (held in the NP gym)
- May 7th - 2nd Annual North Park PTA Gala/Silent Auction (Fundraiser) at GR Firefighters Bldg

For all school events, visit us online [www.northparkschools.org/calendar](http://www.northparkschools.org/calendar)

#### PTA MEETINGS:

- 6:00 – 7:30pm (free light dinner at 5:30 and childcare are provided by M.S. students)**
- Tuesday, January 26 - NP
- Monday, February 29 - WW
- Tuesday, March 29 - NP
- Monday, April 25 - WW
- Tuesday, May 24 - NP

#### 2015-2016 PTA Officers

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## Habit-Based Fundraising

➤ **How does the My Coke Rewards for Schools program work?**

My Coke Rewards for Schools enables parents and others in the community to support local schools by donating My Coke Rewards points and/or cash to help schools purchase physical education, sports, technology, art and/or classroom supplies.

- **Box Tops** bring in about \$2000 a year that goes to the teachers (about \$100 per teacher per year).
- **Labels for Education:** We have 28,475 points in our account. There are products that we can buy for the school. Arts, athletics and academics are the categories of the merchandise catalog. Keep bringing in those labels.
- **Spartan brand Labels:** For every 1000 labels, we get \$20.
- **Ink Cartridges:** We get a different amount of money for each cartridge (ranging from .05 - \$4)
- **\*The Paper Gator** earns between \$100 - \$120 quarterly. Keep bringing in your papers/junk mail/cereal boxes/etc. **DROP OFF LOCATIONS** at both North Park and Wellerwood.

