



The Shreveewood Bulletin



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The President's Pen

Lucy Wagner and Alison Shipman

Dear Parents, Teachers and Staff of Shreveewood,

The past month has been a very busy one at Shreveewood. Hopefully you were able to attend the Halloween party. It is such a fun community event and one that many people look forward to each year. Thank you to Lisa Sylvia, who does such a wonderful job of coordinating the party, and to all her volunteers for making it such a fun event.

So far this month we have been to Parent/Teacher Conferences, (amazingly, the school year is already one fourth over!), shopped at the Book Fair, and had a wonderful meal at the Shreveewood Thanksgiving Luncheon. We hope you were able to participate in these events.

There are plenty more events coming up. Our first Cultural Arts assembly of the year is "Under the Sea" on Dec. 5th, a chance for our students to learn about sea animals. And then there is the Silver Diner Restaurant Night on Dec. 10th. This is a fun, family event.

The Shreveewood PTA is having a membership drive. Maybe you noticed a bar graph at your teacher conference showing the class PTA participation? We are hoping that anyone who has not joined the PTA will take the challenge and join now. Your child's class may win a party in December!

The Innisbrook gift wrap sale was a great success and raised \$12,000 for Shreveewood's PTA. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped raise so much money to support our school.

We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

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PTA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our PTA membership drive is coming to a close on December 1, 2008. **The class with the most PTA members will win an ICE CREAM SUNDAE party in December!** Miss Friedrich's class is currently in the lead, with Miss Pagan's class a close second. Keep sending in the membership forms ASAP. Remember BOTH parents can join! If you need a form, they are available in the Shrevewood office or on the Shrevewood website <http://www.fcps.edu/ShrevewoodES>.

DID YOU KNOW...more than 85 rigorous academic research studies, conducted over 30 years, prove that kids do better when parents are involved? Grades are higher, test scores improve, and attendance increases. Get involved by joining the PTA. Our strength lies in our membership. We will work together to fulfill the mission of making every child's potential a reality.

WE ARE THE VOICE OF OUR CHILDREN!

The next PTA meeting is December 9th at 7:30 in the library.

Erin Slivinski
PTA Membership



Box Tops Contest Continues

Don't forget to keep clipping your Box Tops for our Classroom Contest to win lunch with Mrs. McCoy. Your child should bring their Box Tops to their classroom through December 5th. The Holidays are a great time to find Box Tops on all of our favorite General Mills food items.

Also, your Holiday shopping can benefit our school. Celebrate the Holidays this year with extra savings from the Box Tops Marketplace. For a limited time, not only can you earn cash for Shrevewood with every Marketplace purchase, but you'll also get great deals and discounts for popular online stores such as Lands End, Wal-Mart, Best Buy, and Barnes & Noble. Just go to btfe.com/marketplace/hollydeals. With new deals updated throughout the Holiday season, it's a gift for you and a gift for our school at the same time!

If you have any questions, or have trouble logging in to the Marketplace, please contact Staci Thompson at thompson_family@cox.net, or 703-573-0332.

Gift Wrap Sale a Great Success!!

The PTA Gift Wrap Committee is pleased to announce this year's sale raised more than \$12,000 for our school. Shreveport students sold more than \$25,000 of merchandise, and student participation topped 32% in this year's fundraiser. Thanks to all who helped make this sale such a great success!

The winners of this year's special incentives include the following:

Top Student: Markel Harrison sold more than \$700 and receives a \$20 gift certificate.

Top Class: Mr. Ice's 4th grade class with 54% of students participating. They win a class party!

Limo Lunchers: The following students sold 40 or more items and will take a Hummer Limo ride to lunch in recognition of their outstanding effort.

Markel Harrison
Lauren Marsh
Benjamin Yam
Rachel Pavel
Hyun Jin Seong
Grace Grossman
Ryan Dieudonne
Rosa Karimi
Kendall Hymes

William Brenneman
Rachel Lipetz
Jett Han
Cynthia Fofanah
Justin Casella
Rasya Potukanama
Margaret Scheel
Dylan Scheel

"Under the Sea"

The PTA's Cultural Arts program is bringing a little of the Sea to Shreveport. On December 3rd, students will take a journey under the sea without even leaving the school. During an assembly called "Under the Sea" students will be introduced to a variety of live sea life. They will learn about the ecology of the ocean and the characteristics and adaptations of marine animals, such as whales, crabs, sea snails, clams, sea urchins, sea stars, and fish.

Halloween Party Thank You

Thank you to everyone who made the Shrevewood Elementary School Halloween Party such a HUGE success! The school looked great, the games were fun, we had more than enough food, candy, and prizes, everyone had a wonderful time, and clean-up was speedy! Who could ask for anything more?!!

Thank you to everyone who contributed candy and baked goods. We had plenty! Thank you, also, to those who decorated, set up and worked the night of the party, and stayed to clean up. We wouldn't have had such a great party without their valiant efforts. To those who brought your teenagers along to help – please give them a huge hug and tell them THANK YOU – they were great! We would love to have them help again next year.

Thank you, also, to the members of the Shrevewood SCA and their advisors, who helped with the Raffle Table, Cake Walk, Candy Hunt, and Games. You did a great job, and we hope to see you again next year!

A Great Big Thank You to our DJ, Mr. J.C. Crouse, who was back for his 19th Halloween Party at Shrevewood, and to his wife, Karen, who handed out the goodies they received from the corporate sponsors listed below and who also helped choose the winners of the costume and hula hoop contests.

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We greatly appreciate Mr. and Mrs. Crouse's participation, as well as the generous donations of all of the corporate sponsors.

We also want to express our sincere appreciation to the following local businesses which sponsored our party. Their generous donations helped the PTA make it all possible:

Anthony's – gift card
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Safeway – gift card
Sam's Farm – pumpkin for contest
Starbucks – gift basket
Susan Graceson – piano lesson
Trader Joe's – cookies and brownies
Well Placed Interior Design with Shari Fishman – free consultation
Whole Foods – 7 cakes, pencils, cups, chocolate, glasses
Z Pizza – free large pizza

Please feel free to say thank you the next time you visit one of these establishments!

See you all next year!

Lisa Sylvia and the Shrevewood PTA

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