



# The ShreveWood Bulletin

## The President's Pen

Hello ShreveWood Families!!

Wow...it is the middle of October already! I hope everyone has had a wonderful start to the school year. It can take time to work out the kinks and get used to going to school again, but there are so many fun and educational opportunities that await.

We have a busy few weeks coming up. The ShreveWood Halloween Party is on Saturday October 24 from 5:30-8:00pm. It is an event to *DIE* for! Games, raffles, prizes, food, folks, and fun! The Scholastic Book Fair is November 6-13, with family night on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Want to get started on holiday shopping for your children or their teachers? This is the perfect opportunity!

The next PTA meeting will be held in conjunction with the Family Book Fair Night on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the cafeteria. BUT starting at 7:00pm, our librarian Mrs. Garber will do a presentation on promoting literacy in our families. Come early and learn how you can encourage reading and make it fun!

Our first PTA meeting had a great turnout...thank you for your support! We have done very well with recruitment during the past few weeks... our membership numbers continue to go up and are ahead of last year. If you have not yet joined the PTA, the membership form is available on the PTA page of the ShreveWood website [www.fcps.edu/ShreveWoodES](http://www.fcps.edu/ShreveWoodES).

Thank you for your support with the gift wrap sale. Officially, it is over, but late orders still are welcome. Final numbers aren't in yet, but the projections look great.

A gentle reminder from the ShreveWood staff - be careful at Kiss-n-Ride. There are some issues that the school administration and county are trying to work out to make it run smoothly and safely. Your patience is appreciated.

As always - thank you for your support of the PTA. I can be reached at [acs16@cornell.edu](mailto:acs16@cornell.edu). I look forward to working with you and your children.

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## ShreveWood Book Fair Needs Volunteers

This year's Scholastic Book Fair will be held Friday, November 6-Friday, November 13. Family Night is Tuesday, November 10 from 5:30-8:30pm, and families, friends, and neighbors are welcome!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! If you can help with the Book Fair, please contact Meg Garber ([meg.garber@fcps.edu](mailto:meg.garber@fcps.edu)) or Alison Shipman ([alison.shipman@fcps.edu](mailto:alison.shipman@fcps.edu)) OR go to our ShreveWood Book Fair web site at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/shreveWood> and click on the link for volunteers to schedule a time.



# Gift Wrap Sale Wraps Up

The PTA Gift Wrap Committee is pleased to announce the gift wrap sale earned more than \$12,500 for our school. Students sold more than \$25,100 in merchandise, and more than 36% of students participated in this year's fundraiser.

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

Top Student: Markel Harrison, who sold \$890 and will receive a \$25 gift certificate.

Top Class: Miss Haworth's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class wins a class party—54% of her students participated in the sale.

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

William Brenneman  
Justin Casella  
Ethan Chase  
Ryan Dieudonne  
Elizabeth Fretz  
Kevin Gaston  
Jack Gieseler  
Markel Harrison

Kendall Hymes  
Makenzie Hymes  
Rebecca Jacobi  
Leah Jeffrey  
Jayna Kirk  
Lauren Marsh  
Caden Miller  
Kristy Morales

Olivia Oberle  
Sydney Perlowski  
Kylan Tonizzo  
Haley Tonizzo  
Ian Williams  
Benjamin Yam

Orders will be available for pick-up on November 11. Thanks to all who participated and made this year's sale a great success!



## We Need You in the PTA!

We really need you. We truly appreciate everyone's membership, whether or not you can volunteer, because each member increases our PTA's ability to advocate for your child. Our strength is in our numbers.

By joining, you are showing an interest in your child's education, supporting the teachers and school, and improving the relationships between parents and teachers.

Decades of research show that when parents are involved, students perform better in school. Children

of involved parents exhibit increased motivation, better self esteem, and fewer instances of bad behavior.

PTA dues help fund many exciting and enriching events throughout the school year, helping to create a fun learning environment.

Please send in your membership form with the yearly dues—\$5 per parent—to your child's teacher in an envelope marked PTA. Checks should be made payable to "Shreveewood PTA."

Extra membership forms are located outside the school's front office, on the PTA section of the Shreveewood website, and at the end of this newsletter.

Donations above and beyond the \$5 dues are greatly appreciated and will be put toward improving technology at our school.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [erinslivinski@cox.net](mailto:erinslivinski@cox.net).

Erin Slivinski  
Membership Coordinator

# COME EXPERIENCE HALLOWEEN SHREVEWOOD STYLE!

*Calling all ghosts and ghouls, princesses and knights, and others who dare...*

Shrevewood's annual Halloween Party will be held October 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 8:00pm. There will be games, dancing, hula hoop and costume contests, a Cake Walk, and everyone's favorite, the CANDY HUNT!

Admission will be \$6 per family. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Pizza, drinks, and desserts will be available for a nominal cost.

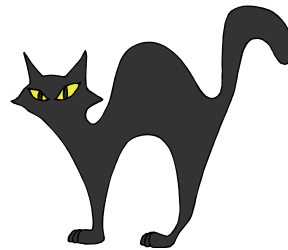
There are many opportunities available for anyone who can help with this fabulous event. A form was sent home in the last Thursday folder requesting assistance. If you would like to help with the party, please contact Lisa Sylvia at 703-573-8228 or [jennabeansmom1@aol.com](mailto:jennabeansmom1@aol.com).

We also need donations of baked goods for the Cake Walk, such as cupcakes, brownies, and cookies, and for the Candy Hunt we need bags of Halloween candy. Baked goods can be

brought to school Friday, and bags of candy can be brought to school anytime or delivered to the party on Saturday.

Please help us make this event the huge success it has been in past years.

Thank you, and we can't wait to see you at the Halloween Party!



## Shrevewood Launches Box Tops Fundraiser

We recently launched our 2009-2010 Box Tops for Education fundraising campaign. This year the school has set a goal of earning \$850 through Box Tops.

Box Tops for Education is a school fundraising program started by General Mills in 1996. To date, Box Tops has helped America's schools raise more than \$200 million to buy the things they need but can't always afford, such as library books, school supplies, and playground equipment.

The Box Tops for Education program offers school

supporters easy ways to earn cash for schools through everyday activities like buying groceries, shopping online, and purchasing books. Schools can earn up to \$60,000 each year.

If you'd like to help our students, there are several ways to get involved. Collect Box Tops from hundreds of familiar, participating products and send them to school with your child. Please clip them out neatly and have your child drop them in the Collection Box outside of the Cafeteria.

You also can sign up on the Box Tops website at

[boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com). Designate Shrevewood Elementary as the school you wish to support. At the Box Tops website, you'll learn more about all of the easy ways you can choose to make a difference ~ all at no additional cost to you.

Our first Box Top submission is **Oct 31<sup>st</sup>**, so start clipping!



*PTA Mission: The overall purpose of PTA*

- *A powerful voice for all children*
- *A relevant resource for families and communities*
- *A strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child.*

Source: [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)

# Seminar for Parents



## Reading Resources You Can Use at Home

*Online, Print, and Community Resources You Can Use to Enhance Your Child's Reading Experience and Ability*

Presenter: Meg Garber, ShreveWood Librarian  
Tuesday, November 10, 7:00-7:30pm, Cafeteria

In conjunction with the Book Fair, the PTA will sponsor this program at its November meeting, which will be held the same evening as the Book Fair family event. All adults are warmly invited. Shop at the Book Fair before or after the program. And don't forget, the Book Fair is a good opportunity to get some gifts for the season ahead. A book is the gift that keeps on giving because you can open it again and again.

### **Dates to Remember:**

- October 24: Halloween Party, 5:30-8:00pm
- November 2-3: Student Holidays/Teacher Workdays
- November 6-13: Scholastic Book Fair
- November 10: Book Fair Family Night, 5:30-8:30pm  
Reading Resources Program, 7:00pm  
PTA Meeting, 7:30pm

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