

PTSA NEWS

For more information on the following articles, go to www.GrandRidgePTSA.org

Did you know? Did you know that PTSA membership gives you a voice and vote in your child's education? The PTSA is the largest advocacy group for our kids, and you can make a difference."

Grand Ridge PTSA is on Facebook! Keep in the know of all the latest PTSA news and events. You can "like" us at www.facebook.com/grandridgeptsa

Donations Needed

Have your kids outgrown everything? Donate that clothing to local kids in need! We are collecting used kids clothing (sizes infant - 14) as well as school supplies, in boxes outside the office. Clothing will be collected August 30 - September 9th. All items will go to Eastside Baby Corner where they will be given to kids in need.

MEMBERSHIP

Want a School Directory for 2011-2012 School Year?

Then don't forget to sign up for the PTSA! Just complete your yellow form from your taking care of business packet and turn it into the front office. You don't want to miss out on getting a full school directory which will be printed and distributed in the coming months. To find out more, please visit our webpage www.grandridgeptsa.org

For questions, please contact Tana Sinnott at grptsamembership@gmail.com

The Grand Ridge PTSA is a 501(c)(3) organization; therefore, your fees for PTSA membership as well as donations to Feed Gilman are tax deductible.

FUNDRAISING

Feed Gilman

Who is Gilman? He is our school mascot, and he's a bear hungry for a great education! By donating to the Feed Gilman campaign you are giving money that goes directly to the classroom for enrichment items such as author visits, assemblies, science labs, reading support materials, writing study units and much more! Look for the bright green flyer in your back to school packet or download it from our website at www.grandridgeptsa.org.

Escrip

Now through September 13, 2011

While shopping at Safeway, use your club card and purchase any of the select thousands of items marked with the school bus tags and Grand Ridge PTSA will receive 10% of the purchase price!

It's easy – just go to escrip.com to register your Safeway Club Card and our Grand Ridge PTSA will automatically receive the credit when you shop.

Grizzly Gear

Grizzly Gear Orders Due by *October 15th!*

We have an all new online ordering this year. You'll find the Grizzly Gear link right on the PTSA website at www.grandridgeptsa.org. You will find a full online catalog, all new logos and apparel and an optional personalization, too. Don't miss out, order today!

Questions? Email grptsafundraising@gmail.com

Box Tops Contest Coming in October!

It's almost time for our Box Tops contest among the classes so keep saving those Box Tops. Which class will win the Spirit Trophy?

VOLUNTEER

Picture Day is Thursday, September 15th for those students who did not have their pictures taken at Taking Caring of Business Day. We always have several PTSA volunteers on hand to coordinate the logistics of bringing students from their classrooms to the photographer. If you are interested in volunteering for a shift that day, please email grptsavolunteers@gmail.com.

Vision & Hearing Screenings will be conducted on September 29th and 30th and we need lots of volunteers to help screen nearly 800 students. We will have two shifts on September 29th: 9:15am-12pm, and 12:30-3pm. On September 30th, there will be one shift from 9:15am-10:40am. Training is provided. If you can help, please let us know which shift works for you.

Email grptsavolunteers@gmail.com.

Volunteer Workroom Training Sessions are coming soon and highly recommended if you plan to volunteer for your child's teacher this year. These are helpful half-hour sessions designed to make you a whiz around the workrooms. No more being intimidated by those high tech copy machines! Six sessions are available: Monday, September 19th at 9:20am, 1:00pm & 5:00pm and Tuesday, September 27th at 9:20am, 1:00pm & 5:00pm.

Questions? Email grptsavolunteers@gmail.com

Room Parents Did you sign up to be a Room Parent Coordinator this year? Or perhaps you will on Curriculum Night? If so, we would love you to join us for our annual "Room Parent Coffee & Training" on Thursday, September 22nd at 9:30 in Portable 7 (Grizzly Club). Come get to know your fellow room parents over coffee and pastries, and hear some helpful tips on how to make your year a successful one. Please RSVP to grptsavolunteers@gmail.com. Little ones are welcome, but you might want to bring some quiet toys along.

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

People Movers and Lunchtime Volunteers

A big thank you to everyone who assisted with people movers and lunch help the first week of school. Your help in getting folks into the swing of things is very much appreciated! Read about this [Moving Success!](#)

CALENDAR

September

9/14.....Curriculum Night

9/15.....Picture Day

9/27.....First PTSA General Membership Meeting

9/29 & 9/30.....Vision & Hearing Screening