

LOUDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PTA MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 3, 2005

ATTENDANCE:

Bailey	Jeni	Kowalski	Sue
Beatty	Kim	Latham	Deb
Bouchard	Lynn	Masse	Amanda
Campbell	Christine	McLean	Deb
Chalifour	Tamara	Mulleavey	Beth
Counter	Kelli	O'Brien	Norma
Covill	Dawn	Staples	Sue
Cowan	Laurie	Therrien	Kim
Hardt	Laurie	Viani	Carolyn
Holbrook	Michele		

TREASURER'S REPORT – Tamara Chalifour

Reviewed expenses paid for the month. Requested a vote on the matter of a bill of \$29 due to Ellision for the die cutting materials. When they were originally ordered, as required under the \$600 limit, one of the cutting units was the wrong size. The result of getting the correct size is an additional \$29 expense. The PTA voted to increase the \$600 to \$629 to cover this cost. Tamara will issue payment this week.

HALLOWEEN PARADE – Beth Mulleavey

Beth expressed her gratitude to the NHIS for putting on a very successful Halloween party for our Loudon Families. Due to the change in dates, the event was held on Saturday night as opposed to on Halloween, the kids came in great numbers. There were 66 preschoolers registered for the costume parade and judging took over an hour! There was food, games, a haunted house and the prizes for the costume parade were new bikes! This was a fabulous event and we are truly grateful for the time and effort the NHIS puts into this event.

Suggestions for future Halloween parties:

Sue Kowalski, who staffed the donut on a string booth requested napkins or wet wipes next year.

Laurie Cowan suggested more game oriented activities like gourd bowling or golf putting into carved pumpkins with wide open mouths.

TURKEY TROT – Sue Staples

This is the 11th year for the annual Turkey Trot event. It will be held on Tuesday, November 15th. The rain/snow date is Wednesday, November 16th. Each child participates in a walk/jog and the entry fee is a canned good that will be donated to our local food pantries in Loudon. The need is great this year, so please donate as many canned goods/non-perishables as you wish.

Grades K-2 will participate from 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Grades 3-5 will participate from 2:00 – 3:00 pm

We do need volunteers to provide refreshments for this event. If you would like to help us by being our refreshment coordinator, please call

Sue Staples at 783-4400. This task just requires:

- that you contact any volunteers and keep a list of anticipated donations.
- you be present at the Turkey Trot and help with splitting the donated food items so that there is enough for both sessions
- to help serve the food to the children.

Anyone wishing to donate food for the refreshments following the turkey trot can e-mail Laurie Cowan with what they would like to contribute at tlcowan@usadatanet.net. We are looking for a variety of goodies including:

Cheese & Crackers	Cookies	Rice Krispy Squares
Fruit Tray	Grapes	Brownies
Goldfish	Veggies & Dip	

We do ask that due to many food allergies that if you bake something from home, that you include the ingredients so that we can safely provide snacks to all our students.

Sue Kowalski will contact McDonalds about donating the orange drink and cups. We will also use their big container that requires a \$20 deposit that will be refunded upon returning the jug.

Kim Therrien will contact Einstein Bagel Brothers to see about donation of day old bagels for refreshments for the Turkey Trot.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT CLASS – Michele Holbrook

There will be two meetings coming up in November for anyone interested in helping with the Christmas Craft Class. You may choose one of the meetings to attend and at the meeting the crafts will be reviewed, you will be taught how to assemble them and there will be explanation as to how the new format of the class will be done.

The dates for the volunteer meetings are: Mon, November 21st at 6:30 pm
Wed, November 30th at 6:30 pm

Sue Kowalski is coordinating the refreshments for the parents while they wait for the kids to complete their crafts. We are looking for donations of Bagels, muffins and fruit. If you are interested in donating refreshments you can e-mail Sue at suekowalski@comcast.net. Beth Mulleavey will look into the Dunkin Donuts at Z1 Express to donate Munchkins for this event.

SANTA'S BREAKFAST – Laurie Hardt

The breakfast is from 8:00 – 10:00 am. Laurie explained what the breakfast includes: Pancakes, real maple syrup, sausage, coffee, and juice. The cost is \$5 per person or \$15 family maximum.

At the event we have a raffle. You purchase tickets, put your name and phone number on the tickets, and then put them in the can of your choice for the item you would like to win. The kids really enjoy this event. With parent donations we have a great variety of games, toy, sporting goods, and gift certificates. A notice will be going home soon to request donations for this raffle.
TIP – if you have address labels you can just stick them on the tickets – much faster than hand writing!

Photos with Santa. Your kids have the opportunity to sit on Santa's lap and make their gift ideas known early! For a \$2 donation you can have a Polaroid photo of your child with Santa.

FUNDRAISER – GIFT CARDS – Christine Campbell

Beth Mulleavey will be getting together with Christine to get the fundraiser information out to the families that completed the permission slips for fundraisers. The gift card fundraiser works by parents choosing gift cards to stores on the list provided, writing a check to LES PTA, then about a week and a half later you get the card and LES gets a percentage of profit. There is no additional cost to you; the profit comes from the vendor purchasing the cards at a bulk discounted cost. Keep your eyes out for the news coming home soon on this fundraiser.

OTHER BUSINESS

Beth Mulleavey mentioned that we need to be thinking if we would like to do another Monarch's night for LES. Last year's event was a great success.

Beth Mulleavey suggested we might want to consider doing a winter activity – during the long months of February and March.

Ideas: Winter Dance, Glow Bowling, Magician Show, Talent Show.

Norma O'Brien suggested that we ask local businesses to sponsor transportation costs for field trips. The benefit to the businesses would be that when the field trip permission slip goes home it could say on the bottom: Transportation provided by: YOUR BUSINESS NAME HERE.