

# Pioneer Grove PSO Newsletter

## September, 2009



### WELCOME BACK!!!

I'm sure by now we are all back in the swing of things and getting used to the back to school routine. We wanted to take a moment to remind the parents about Pioneer Grove's newly-formed PSO (Parent Student Organization), similar to other school's PTA's, PTO's, etc.

As you know, most schools have PSOs/PTAs as a way of fundraising for their schools. The primary goal of Pioneer Grove's PSO will be to provide events and functions outside of the normal school day where our students and parents can gather in a social setting, mostly to have fun, but also as a way of sharing our resources with each other. We know how difficult and overwhelming it can be trying to obtain all of the information you need for your child, and thought that networking with other parents and children with similar disabilities would be beneficial.

We will be sending out correspondence throughout the school year letting you know of the exciting events we have planned.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact one of the Board members listed below:

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We look forward to an exciting school year!

The PSO Board Members

### GOT TIME??? WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

The PSO will be looking for volunteers to chair and/or participate on various committees throughout the year. Some of the events we need assistance with so far are:

**Sensory Garden** - need help with obtaining volunteers, securing donations, ideas, etc (see additional information below).

**Children's Library** - we are looking to start up a library at school where the kids can visit weekly with their class. We will need help with securing book donations, organizing books, preparing volunteer schedules, etc.

**Mom's Night Out** - organizing parent volunteers to watch PG students and their siblings in Pioneer Grove gym, and supervise activities, to give parents a chance to "escape" for 2-3 hours.

**Parent Resource Guide** - need to develop a resource guide for new parents to Pioneer Grove. This guide will include such info as dentists, pediatricians, therapists, health food stores, etc.

**Cookbook** - looking to obtain recipes from all students of PG, and compiling a cookbook to sell as a fundraiser.

**Website** - are you computer savvy and have some time for the design and general maintenance of the PSO website? If so, we'd love to hear from you.

**Movie Night** - organizing movie nights at school, picking out movie, buying snacks/drinks, etc.

**Book Fair/Book Exchange** - arranging a book fair for the students at school (similar to those held at grade schools).

We also welcome ideas and suggestions for other fundraisers/events that you may have. Please contact Dee Konstanty at [rkonstanty@comcast.net](mailto:rkonstanty@comcast.net) or 815/464-0904 to get involved.

### NEXT PSO MEETING

All parents are invited to attend our PSO meetings (no children, please). Please stop by and meet the Board and share your ideas with us.

**Our next meeting will be held at Pioneer Grove on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.** We hope to see you there.

### CHILDREN'S SENSORY GARDEN

This is our landmark project for this year. We are looking to create a garden on the school grounds for the children to experience and explore throughout the year. We are in phase 1 of the plan, and need various donations of time, labor, materials, pavers, landscapers, gravel, sand etc.

If you and/or any of your friends are in the landscaping business and are willing to donate time and/or materials, we will provide them with a letter for tax purposes.

If you would like to be involved in this very important project, or to find out more, please contact Jon Montgomery at [jonmoN40@comcast.net](mailto:jonmoN40@comcast.net)

