

Covered Bridge PTO



Dear Covered Bridge Parents:



I am writing on behalf of your 2011-2012 PTO Board.

FIRST PTO MEETING

We are VERY excited about our WONDERFUL START to the new school year. Our first PTO meeting (Tuesday, 8/23) was extremely successful! Attendance marked a new record for our school! 78 were in attendance! For those of you who attended, **THANK YOU – THANK YOU – THANK YOU!** Our next meeting is **September 20th at 630pm**. Please mark your calendar! Note: Due to the MANY children who accompanied their parents at the first meeting, we have a new process in place for childcare for our meetings. Stay tuned for details. Lastly, all meetings will be “combo” meetings – 30 minutes of Housekeeping followed by a 30-minute Parent Education Presentation. Ms. Mary presented the first of our series at the meeting, “Montessori in the Home.” Fine job!

WHAT IS THE GOAL and OUTLOOK FOR THE YEAR?

The PTO exists to provide a partnership among parents, teachers and school administration. By forming this partnership, our goal is to provide programs, academic enrichment activities, events, classroom materials and other resources above and beyond those covered by the schools. Research shows that partnerships such as ours helps children to learn a sense of community, shows them their parents think school is important and helps children to value their education more. In addition to providing programs, events, etc., our vision is to have as many parents as possible PARTICIPATE this year...from attending meetings, volunteering on committees, leading committees, providing ideas and contacts for resources, etc. The Covered Bridge PTO has been successful in past years with programming and events; we envision continued success!

MEMBERSHIP COMPETITION

As we encourage EVERY family to join the PTO, we thought we'd have a little bit of fun at the same time! Two teams, consisting of 5 teachers each (3 from CBMS and 2 from CBA) have been formed for a friendly competition as the New Membership Forms come in! Here is the line-up:

Team A: Ms. Cattera ● Ms. Tabitha ● Ms. Gail ● Ms. Maggie ● Ms. Amy

Team B: Ms. Kenya ● Ms. Stacey ● Ms. Sherry ● Ms. Shannon ● Ms. Mary

The WINNING TEAM will be based how many families join the PTO by overall percentage. There will be thermometers on each campus –representing the teams; therefore, as you drive in/out each day, you will be able to see who is in the lead! For those of you who have already joined, your forms will be counted. So, let's get moving! If you have not yet joined, we encourage you to do so! Membership forms are available at each school and there is also a copy attached to this email. Dues are \$25 per family prior to October 29 (Fall Festival). Effective the day of Fall Festival, 10/29 – dues are \$35 per family. So save money! Do it now!

COMMUNICATION

In an effort to enhance communication, we are excited to implement a new system! After today, all PTO correspondence to **Members** will come from our very own email address! It is coveredbridgepto@gmail.com

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES and EVENTS

Next PTO Meeting: September 20, 630pm at CBA Campus

Scholastic Book Fair: October 17-21

Fall Festival: Saturday, October 29

Fall Fundraiser: TBD

We Need You! Please let us know if you are interested in being on the committee for our next two events: Scholastic Book Fair and Fall Festival.

NOTE: For those who have already expressed interest in helping with **Fall Festival**, please be on the lookout for an Evite to the Planning Kickoff Meeting: Wednesday, September 14, 630pm-730pm at Atlanta Bread Company (East-West Connector and South Cobb Drive). If you are interested in participating in ANY way and have not yet expressed interest, please send us an email!

THANK YOU so much for your time. Please send all responses, questions, comments, suggestions to coveredbridgepto@gmail.com

All for the kids,

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Covered Bridge PTO President

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