

# Eastwood PTA Extra



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## Welcome to the Eastwood Elementary PTA

On behalf of the Eastwood Elementary PTA I would like to welcome you and thank you for selecting "active member" on your PTA membership form.

Our PTA meets in the school library at 6:30pm the first Monday of each month, excluding December. Meetings are open to all PTA and non-PTA members, so we encourage parents/guardians and teachers to attend even if they are not members. (NOTE: We welcome everyone to share in discussion, however only paid a member can vote.)

If you are unable to attend a PTA meeting, minutes from the PTA meetings are put in the school newsletter your student brings on Fridays as well as published on the Eastwood Elementary website (<http://www.west-fargo.k12.nd.us/schools/eastwood/pta/>).

Our goal with this newsletter is to provide you with extra information about the PTA as well as show you how your membership and volunteerism is vital for a successful school year. If you would like to see specific information published in this monthly newsletter please send your requests via email to [karen.burke@ubs.com](mailto:karen.burke@ubs.com).

*Karen Burke, PR Director*

## Volunteers Needed: PTA Leadership Roles

The Eastwood PTA has many leadership opportunities for its members. Currently we are looking for Membership/Volunteer Coordinators and a Speaker Coordinator. We also need volunteers Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> to help distribute cookie orders and volunteers for the Book Fair Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in becoming more involved in the PTA please contact President Jenny Durbin or PR Director Karen Burke. We will be happy to discuss the opportunities and job description details.

Contact Info: Jenny Durbin: [ptaeastwood@hotmail.com](mailto:ptaeastwood@hotmail.com), 281-0581 / Karen Burke: [karen.burke@ubs.com](mailto:karen.burke@ubs.com), 367-4100.

## 2010-2011 PTA Board Members:

**President:** Jenny Durbin  
**Co Vice-Presidents:** Beth Oien & Katie Cariveau  
**Secretary:** Anita Mahnke  
**Treasurer:** Kristy Lynn  
**Public Relations:** Julie Faircloth & Karen Burke  
**Teacher Reps:** Renae Wimer & Megan Wigglesworth

## New PTA School Spirit Fund: Herberger's Coupon Books

This year the PTA has created a new School Spirit Fund. The main goal for this fund is to raise money in order to give each student an Eastwood Elementary T-shirt. (The shirts will also be available to purchase for non-students.)

Our first fundraiser for this fund is the sale of Herberger's coupon books. These books only cost \$5 and they come with a \$10 off coupon as well as 9 more coupons which vary from 30% off, 20% off anything, 60% off specific items, and more!

If you are interested in purchasing a coupon book, would like to volunteer to sit at a table in Herberger's to sell books, or if you would like to sell some to your family, friends, and neighbors, please contact Brenda Limke via email at [BLIMKE@west-fargo.k12.nd.us](mailto:BLIMKE@west-fargo.k12.nd.us). She will provide you with the details. (Please turn in proceeds raised and unsold coupon books at the Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> PTA meeting.)

The coupons are good for shopping on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. However, anyone unable to shop this day can "pre shop" anytime the week before Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. Merchandise cannot be taken home before Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, so early shoppers need to leave the items, along with their name and credit card information, with a sales associate. The store will ring up the items with the coupons and charge the card on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Early shoppers can come back and pick up the items anytime after November 13<sup>th</sup>.

NOTE: Attached is a flyer you can post at work or forward to other interested parties.

## Important Dates to Remember:

**Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>** – 6:30pm PTA meeting in Library / Turn in money for Herberger's coupons & unsold books

**Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>** – Cookie Pick-up at the School

**Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>** – Book Fair 4:00-7:30pm

## PTA Mission: The overall purpose of the 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

To learn more about PTA, please visit the National PTA site: [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)

# Did You Know...?

...During the first two months of this school year the PTA has already approved to give \$4,000 to a variety of school programs?

The PTA is providing funding for:

- **Gift Cards** available for teachers in all grade levels to give to various classroom guest speakers.
- **Literacy Night Workshops** designed by the third grade teachers to provide information for parents in areas the parents feel less comfortable with when helping their kids develop strong reading skills.
- **American Education Week Nov. 14-20:** The PTA will be purchasing 5 book bundles (approximately 99 books per bundle) so all students will receive a book.
- **A School-wide Reading Incentive Program** which provides reward items for the school-wide (grades 1-4) reading program. (i.e. Skateland trip, swimming, sundae party).
- **NDSA testing celebrations:** A pep rally / kick-off event is held as NDSA testing begins for grades 3-5 and an all school celebration will occur at the end of the testing for grades 1-5.
- **The Fit for Life program** put on by the PE department to give prizes, T-shirts, and an end-of-the year party to all students that complete the program.
- **Intramural PE Programs** to help defray the costs of intramural participation (grades 4-5), which includes covering transportation costs students may otherwise be unable to afford.
- **The 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Pumpkin Patch Field Trip** in which all second grade classes went to Buffalo River. They had horse drawn carriage rides, a small petting zoo, and pumpkins for each student.
- **The Daily 3 for Grade 5:** This program works with various reading and writing skills used each day in the classroom; Funds will be used for materials and totes.
- **Campbell's Labels and Box Tops for Education prizes.** All students turning in Box Tops and Campbell UPCs will have a chance to win Scheel's ferris-wheel rides during the monthly drawings.

...You can help the PTA from the comfort of your own home?

You can Help the PTA by:

- Registering online at [Boxtops4education.com](http://Boxtops4education.com) – the PTA benefits through bonus points, but you benefit through money-saving coupons and access to family-pleasing recipes.
- Clipping UPCs off products in your home – like Campbell's products, Pop Secret, BIC, V8, Pepperidge Farm, Franco-American, Prego, & SpaghettiOs. More participating companies can be seen at [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com).
- Participating in Target's REDcard Program – If you shop at Target go to [www.target.com/tcoe](http://www.target.com/tcoe), or call 1-800-316-6142, to designate Eastwood Elementary for school rewards (or to apply for a card). PLUS, anytime you use your Target card you get a 5% discount on your purchase!
- Becoming a PTA Membership / Volunteer Coordinator – Contact Karen Burke for details.
- Reaching out to fellow parents, teachers, families, and friends – Invite them to join the PTA.

...You can find numerous pieces of helpful information on the national PTA website?

Some of the topics you can learn more about at [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org) include:

- **Child Safety:** PTA offers you several tools to help you gauge potential risks and advice on giving clear instructions to your children on how to avoid such risks.
- **Bullying:** National PTA provides information on identifying and stopping bullying in your community.
- **Internet/Media Safety:** To control children's exposure to electronic media and to promote their media literacy, the National PTA offers resources and suggestions on how parents can protect their children from harmful topics conveyed through the internet and television.



**Thank you to our PTA Members, Teachers, & Staff  
for all your efforts to help Eastwood Students  
*Soar Like Eagles!***

# support the Eastwood Elementary PTA

Purchase a Coupon Booklet for



**COMMUNITY**  
**DAY** SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Each coupon booklet includes:

- One **\$10 off coupon** to use on a single regular or sale price merchandise item of \$10 or more throughout the store. You're getting paid back twice the amount of your \$5 donation!
- Six 20% off coupons & one 30% early bird coupon (8 am - 10 am).
- Exclusive Bonus coupons & 3 web-exclusive offers.

**100% of the**  
**\$5 coupon booklet price for**  
**each one sold is ours to keep!**

**We appreciate your support.**

To get your coupon book please email Brenda at [BLIMKE@west-fargo.k12.nd.us](mailto:BLIMKE@west-fargo.k12.nd.us)  
(Can't shop Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>? Then, pre-shop the week before. Brenda has the details)