

# PTO PULSE



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## Presidents Double Scoop:

Thank you to Karen Ehrenberg for organizing the fantastic breakfast to welcome our new principal and new families to Central School! Thank you to Erica Grossberg, Chris Martini and Gina Rosenfarb for putting together the home-room parent luncheon! Thank you to Sherri Chou and Rosa Aguiar for organizing the back-to-school night refreshments. We are appreciative of Christine Gubitosi's expertise in putting these newsletters together in addition to her ability to take on the new role of Food Days Administrator!

We're looking forward to great upcoming events: Central School's Night at Wagner Farm's 'Brite Nites' on Oct. 20, our first pep rally on October 28 and a fun night of "Trunk or Treat" to be held at Central School at 7pm! Look out for the Scholastic Book Fair to be held Nov. 15-17.

See you at the next PTO meeting- Wed, Oct. 19 at 1:45pm.

Beth Richmond & Jill Pila,  
Co-Presidents

## From the Editors Desk: What do you have to say?

It seems like the new school year has gotten off to a wonderful start! There are so many activities that have already happened, and many more scheduled for the busy fall months!

Speaking of our busy calendars, every month I petition the PTO committee chair people for short write-ups about the events that were recently held or are coming up in the near future. And those chair people give me excellent information. However, wouldn't it be nice to hear about some of the events at Central from parents and students who did NOT organize the event?

Did you attend the new parents breakfast? Will you be at the Brite Nites or the Treat or Trunk

events in October? If you answer yes, feel free to write to me and tell me in a few sentences what you thought of the event! Let's keep our newsletter interesting and fresh! I respectfully request all newsletter submissions be submitted by the 25th of each month. If you miss that deadline, don't worry! We can always include your commentary in the next month's newsletter.

Please enjoy the activities the PTO has planned for the coming months. They are sure to be a blast!

Christine Gubitosi,  
Christine.Ronaghan@gmail.com

## Newsletter Submissions:

Please submit all newsletter articles / updates to Christine Gubitosi by the 25th of each month at (Christine.ronaghan@gmail.com).

# Save the Date!

## Wagner Farm Arboretum Brite Nite's Pumpkin Carving Contest

Display your creative talents and help celebrate Brite Nites at the Arboretum. The pumpkin carving contest is open to three age categories: Children-12 and Under/ Children-13-17/ Adults-18 and up. Each pumpkin should be submitted with a 3x5 index card enclosed in a small plastic bag with the following information: Name, Age (if child), Address, Contact Information, Pumpkin Name or theme (optional).

Children's Pumpkin Carving Contest: Fresh carved pumpkins may be delivered to the Arboretum on October 16- 3:00 to 5:00 PM; October 17-4:00 to 6:00 PM; October 18-4:00-6:00. Contest pumpkins will be displayed on the paths of Brite Nites during the first week (October 19-23) of the event.



## PTO Meeting Dates

- October 19, 2010
- December 7, 2010
- January 18, 2011
- February 22, 2011
- March 21, 2011
- April 18, 2011
- May 23, 2011
- June 6, 2011 (Breakfast)

All Meetings are at 1:45 PM in the APR



## Future Events:

- Nov. 7-9: Food Drive
- Nov. 15-17: Book Fair
- Dec 2: Bingo Night
- Jan 29: Me and My Guy
- March 2-3: Night at the Museum
- March 9: Adult Social
- March 16: Science Day
- March 30: Spirit Day
- April 17: Budget Vote
- April 28: Yard Sale

# October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 Nov/Dec Food Days Sign Up	4	5	6	7 Capital Fund Campaign Opens	8
9	10 No School	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Nov/Dec Food Days Sign Up <b>LAST DAY</b>	18 Halloween Costume Collection	19 Halloween Costume Collection	20 Brite Nites	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Trunk or Treat	29
30	31 K-5 Parade 5th gr fundraiser Pizza Day					

## Schedule of Events

- 10/17-19 Halloween Costume Collection
- 10/19: Pto Meeting  
(1:45PM, APR)
- 10/20: Brite Nites (page 3)
- 10/24-10/28: FOOD DAYS special sign up for 5th grade fundraiser day on 11/17 (page 3)
- 10/28: Trunk or Treat (page 3)
- 10/31: Parade





Join us at Wagner Farm Arboretum again this year for a special school night. Advance ticket sales only! Please return registration form and payment to Jill Pila by 10/14/2011. See e-blasted flyer or print and return registration slip shown below.

- ⇒ Walk the Pumpkin Path with over 1,000 creatively carved and lighted pumpkins plus a Scavenger Hunt for kids
- ⇒ Awesome Haunted House Showcase
- ⇒ Black Hat Café offering snacks & treats

Please return this portion to: Central School PTO, Attn: Brite Nites, Jill Pila  
Please make checks payable to Central School PTO

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_ 7:00 entry  7:45 entry  8:30 entry

# Adults attending: \_\_\_\_\_ # Children attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ **RSVP: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14th**  
**ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY!** Any questions email [jillpila@optonline.net](mailto:jillpila@optonline.net)

## Trunk or Treat: October 28 at 6:30PM

Please attend the PTO's first ever Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 28th from 6:30-8:00pm. Trunk or Treat is trick or treating in a safe/fun environment. Cars will be set up on the black top and children will be able to go from car to car for goodies. Admission is

\$2 per child. The 5th grade committee will be selling warm apple cider and glow jewelry. Ciro's Pizzeria will be selling slices for your convenience. Come join us for some Halloween fun!"



## Pep Rally!

Please come to school in blue and gold to show your spirit for our Spirit Day Pep Rally on **October 28, 2011!** On this special spirit day, we will be celebrating Central's successful outcome of the 2010-2011 NJ ASK scores! During the pep rally we will have a visit from Baldwin the Eagle and The Watchung Hills Regional High School Varsity Cheerleaders with a special presentation to our new principal, Mrs. Milita and more!

## 5th Grade Events:

### 5th Grade Fundraiser Special Food Days !!

1st Day: Oct. 31 (sign up 10/3 thru 10/17 at [myFoodDays.com](http://myFoodDays.com))

2nd Day: Nov. 17 (sign up 10/24 thru 10/28 at [myFoodDays.com](http://myFoodDays.com))

Menu: Pizza—plain, pepperoni and chicken parm...YUM!

Dessert—Chipwich or mini cupcakes

**Support the 5th Grade class, and enjoy a special lunch !!**

## From the 5th Grade Yearbook Chair:

The 5th Grade Fundraisers are events to help raise money for the 5th Grade yearbooks.

We're off to a great year and getting a terrific start in fundraising. Carol Robinson, Yearbook Co-chair has been working hard in organizing all our fundraisers. Our initial fundraiser begins with a special Pizza day on Halloween Oct. 31. The menu will also include some sweet treats like a chipwich and mini cupcakes. More special food days to come in November and December. We will be introducing some new menu items that include Breakfast for Lunch where we will serve breakfast foods.

We will be out during the Trunk or Treat event selling glow sticks and serving hot apple cider. So come out and have fun while supporting the 5th Grade Fundraisers.

Special Note to 5th Grade Parents: Please continue collecting your photos and submit them no later than October 28, 2011.

Myrna Sharma - 5th Grade Yearbook Chair

Carol Robinson - 5th Grade Yearbook Co-Chair

## Spirit Days at Central!!

Friday, September 23rd was the first Central School Spirit Day of the school year. The Spirit Committee started the year off with a contest for those students wearing Central School or blue/white attire to show their school spirit. Student winners were randomly chosen during Friday morning announcements to win an iTunes Gift Card. As a show of appreciation for our teachers and staff, Mrs. Johnston was randomly chosen as our Central School Staff member to win an iTunes gift card.

Look for future "Tune in to Spirit Day" contests and be sure to wear your Central School attire to show your school pride!

The Spirit Day Committee would like to thank the administration, faculty and staff at Central for all of their hard work and dedication to education!



Winners: Jaya Dave (Mrs. Roth's Kindergarten Class), Ms. Johnston, and Amedeo Bove (Mrs. Waldron's 2nd Grade Class)



## Central School Food Days

The ordering period for the Nov/Dec food days run is now open. Please go to my-FoodDays.com to place and pay for your orders! Ordering deadline is 10/17, and payment is due on or before 10/18. Remember we cannot make exceptions to these dates.

Note; we have added the veggie patty sub to our Sandwich day Menu. Be sure to modify your order if your child wanted that instead of the Fresh Veggie sub.

Thank you,  
Christine Gubitosi  
Erica Grossberg



Photos courtesy of Myrna Sharma

## Capital Funds Campaign: A message from your PTO

Dear Central School Families ,

Welcome back! By now, everyone is settling into the new school year and we have already had some great events to welcome you, your children, teachers and staff! The PTO has some great activities planned for you and your children in support of continuing to make Central School "the best place to be."

As you may know, our PTO relies solely on fundraising in order to support the programs we bring to your children each year. This year it is estimated that the PTO will need over \$30,000 to make this happen. It is for this reason that we are once again launching a "Capitol Funds Campaign" in hopes of raising money to continue such programming. This donation program will be accessible on the myFoodDays website and we are hoping all families will take this opportunity to participate. We are suggesting that each family contribute \$50 for the first child or \$100 per family, but any amount is greatly appreciated. Remember any and all donations will directly benefit your children and will help provide the experiences we have grown to expect at Central School.

It is our hope to limit additional smaller fundraisers throughout the school year and complete the fundraising needs now so we can budget, plan and accomplish all the wonderful programs that we have set out for this year. Join us and help make a difference in hundreds of lives—including the one(s) that are closest to your heart! Your donations will directly fund some of the following programs:

School Assemblies (Cultural Arts)  
Fifth Grade End of Year Events  
HR Parent Class Stipends  
Health and Fitness day  
Teacher Appreciation Week Activities  
Science Day  
Young Author's Program

We thank you in advance for your consideration and support!  
~ PTO Executive Board

Log on to [myFoodDays.com](http://myFoodDays.com) to participate in the Capital Funds Campaign. Credit card payments are preferred. Donations are currently being accepted, and will be accepted until Oct. 17th, 2011.

For questions on how to donate, please contact Christine Gubitosi at 908.547.7730 or [christine.ronaghan@gmail.com](mailto:christine.ronaghan@gmail.com)

## Thank you to our new committee chairs!

Since our last newsletter, the following ladies have volunteered to chair committees. We can always use more volunteers, so please contact our PTO presidents if you would like to help out!

Trunk or Treat:	<b>Stephanie Tell, Cathy Williams</b>
Sandwich Day:	<b>Julie Lee</b>
Night at the Museum:	<b>Jeannine Sarosy (3/2/12)</b>



<http://www.warrentboe.org/schools/central/pto>



## Box Tops 4 Education



Welcome to another great year at Central School! My name is Stacey Meltzer and I'm the volunteer Box Tops coordinator for our school. If you collected Box Tops since the summer please send them in (our first submission is November 1st). I am happy to announce the class and the child that brings in the most Box Tops for September and October will receive a special gift. In addition, **shop online through the Box Tops website through October 15th, and the school will receive double Box Tops!**

Here are four additional ways that you can help:

**Clip:** Clip the Box Top from hundreds of participating products and send them to school. Each one is worth 10 cents when our school redeems them from Box Tops for Education.

**Shop Online:** Shop at your favorite online stores through Box Tops Marketplace® ([boxtops4education.com/marketplace](http://boxtops4education.com/marketplace)). Up to 15% of your qualifying purchase total is automatically donated to our school, at no additional cost to you! Plus, you will get exclusive Box Tops deals and discounts. The thumbnails below represent only a small sample of the online retailers that participate in this program.

**Read:** Buy books online through the Reading Room, a partnership between Box Tops and Barnes and Noble. Our school receives up to 6% of qualifying purchases.

**Sign Up:** It's easy and free! Sign up to support our local school at [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com), where you can:

- ⇒ See how much our school is earning with Box Tops
- ⇒ Enter online promotions for chances to win Bonus Box Tops and other prizes
- ⇒ Print money-saving coupons for your favorite Box Tops brands
- ⇒ Make mealtime easier with family-pleasing recipes

You can also sign up for Box Tops email newsletters that will keep you updated on the program, and for Marketplace newsletters with Box Tops members-only deals and discounts.

To learn more, visit [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com), and thanks for choosing to make a difference for our school with Box Tops!

Stacey Meltzer, Box Tops Coordinator

