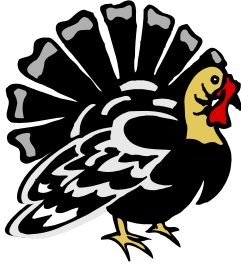




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Happy
Thanksgiving!

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A Message From The President

Cheri Jones

As the season of Thanksgiving draws near, I am reminded how thankful I am for all of the dedicated volunteers who help make the Moiola PTA successful. Thank you to ALL of you who help out our students and staff and make all of the programs happen!

We have had a busy first few months planning and running several activities at school. **Red Ribbon Week** was held the week of Oct. 17th with the kids participating in various "dress-up" days, taking a drug-free pledge, and being entertained by Kites for Kids (a fun assembly where the students learned about using "natural energy" rather than drugs and alcohol and also make their own kites.) PTA also sponsored the kickoff of the **Principal's**

Reading Award Program by providing an assembly performed by Chris Fascione, a very talented storyteller/actor. All of our students were seen laughing and participating while Mr. Fascione recreated some folk tales and the famous "Casey at Bat" poem. The first **Lunch on the Lawn** was a huge success! It's always great to see all of the parents and grandparents join their children for a relaxing lunch together at school. I'd like to thank **Jennifer Jackson**, our Programs Chair, who has been very busy organizing many of these events, as well as **Keri Gaydos** our Red Ribbon Chair.

Upcoming activities include:
Spirit Day (Crazy Hair Day) on Wed. Nov. 2nd

where the Moiola students join in the spirit of cheering on Moiola's soccer team in the tournament that same day. We will also be holding our first restaurant night, fundraiser, at **Stonefire Grill** on Tues. Nov. 8th from 4:00-9:30pm. Bring in your blue flyer (look in the Mon. packet) and Moiola will receive 10% of all proceeds. One of Moiola's grandest traditions is **Special Person's Day**, which will be held on Wed. Nov. 23rd. PTA will host breakfast and Moiola's teachers are busy preparing the student programs that are always a delight to watch! We hope to see everyone there!

Happy Thanksgiving,
Cheri Jones
Moiola PTA President

Join us for the November PTA Meeting in room D1. **Please remember this meeting is being held right after school at 3:00.** To make it easier for you to attend, we are offering **FREE childcare.**

See you there!

November/December Calendar

Soccer @ Talbert - Spirit Day	Wed. Nov. 2nd
Association Meeting	Tue. Nov. 8th at 3:00pm
Stonefire Grill Restaurant Night	Tue. Nov. 8th 4:00-9:30 pm
Veteran's Day Holiday	Fri. Nov. 11th
Student Free Day - No School (Staff Development)	Mon. Nov 14th
Picture Day Make-ups	Tue. Nov. 15th
Special Persons Day/ Basket Raffle	Wed. Nov. 23rd
Thanksgiving Holiday	Nov. 24th/25th
Book Fair	Dec. 5th-9th
Art Masters	Thu. Dec. 15th Fri. Dec. 16th

Keep collecting your Box Tops to support Moiola!

Membership

Laura Calnon, 1st Vice President, Membership

We are so happy to welcome many of you back into the PTA this year, but unfortunately our membership is down from last year. Not a good trend. While the PTA strives hard to provide valuable services and programs for our students, maybe some of you don't feel you are getting your money's worth or don't quite understand where your money goes. The following is copied from the National PTA website, which states it more succinctly than I can;

The number one reason to join the Parent Teacher Association is to benefit your child. In doing so, you also help your school. But there are many more advantages. Here are just a few:

Get Connected. There's no better way to know what's happening in your school.

Discover Great Resources. The PTA offers a variety of programs designed for parents as well as students.

8th Grade Excitement

Beth Birch

8th grade activities are in full swing. The 8th grade parent meeting was held October 18th. The calendar of activities was reviewed and discussed. The calendar will be sent home to all 8th grade parents and posted on the Moiola Website.

Important Up-coming Dates:

Oct. 21st - Student Survey sent home

Oct. 28th - 8th grade Basket Contributions Due

Tap into a Network.

Parenting is not easy—it helps to share ideas, concerns and experiences with other parents and educators in the community. PTA functions are opportunities to meet other parents and teachers, building rapport and discussing issues that are on your mind.

Watch Yourself Grow. By volunteering with your PTA, you gain valuable experiences. It's an opportunity to put your skills and hobbies to good use for a good cause—your child and all children in the community.

Speak Up. Because the PTA is a forum for exchanging ideas, you are encouraged to make suggestions. PTA can be a way for you to more effectively suggest change at your child's school.

Witness Improvement. By getting involved at your child's school you'll be part

of the solution, helping make positive changes. Local PTAs play an important role in fundraising to provide building improvements, curriculum-based programs, and social events—all vital to a school's success.

Be a Role Model. By becoming a PTA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education.

Join Us Today! For less than 3 cents a day, you can become a PTA member, joining nearly 6 million other people who share your interest in issues affecting children. Everyone—parents, educators, students and other citizens active in their schools and communities—are invited to join our not-for-profit organization.

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This is an exciting time for our 8th grade students. We look forward to your help and support to make this a great memory for our 8th grade students.

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