

# Horizon PTO Newsletter February 2011 horizonpto.com

# **Upcoming Dates**

PTO Meeting - Tues. Feb. 8th - 6:30PM Market Day pickup - Wed. Feb 9th Family Reading Night - Thurs Feb. 24th 6:30PM

Scholastic Book Fair - Thurs. Feb 24th

### Market Day

Thanks to everyone who helped make cookie dough bonus days a success! Remember, cookie dough pickup is the same day as the regular **Market Day** pickup on Feb. 9 from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.

#### **Online Science Books**

Kids whining they're bored? Then check out the science books at <a href="www.pearsonsuccessnet.com">www.pearsonsuccessnet.com</a>. Enter user name: horizon and password: districtu46 (both all lower case) to find 30 nonfiction texts in both English and Spanish about around a particular scientific theme.

Fundraising is a necessary evil for all PTOs. Funds pay for library books, special events, Accelerated Reader incentives and many other things benefiting all students. Here are some "painless" ways to contribute to Horizon;

•Box Tops: http://www.boxtops4education.com

•Campbell Soup Labels:

http://labelsforeducation.com

Target Red Card:

https://sites.target.com/site/en/corporate/page.jsp?contentId=PRD03-005158

•Escrip: https://www.escrip.com

•My Coke Rewards for Schools:

http://www.mycokerewards.com/schoolsLanding.do

•Ultra Foods Rebate Program: Shop Ultra Foods through May. 31, save your receipts and have your child drop them off at school. At the end of the program, Horizon will earn back 5% of the total receipts in the form of a check written directly to our school.

#### **District Information**

This is the time of year that U-46 starts planning the budget for the next school year. If you have an opinion about the cuts that were made last year or about the new block scheduling that went into effect this year then here are the dates for the next few school board meetings: Feb. 7, Feb. 28, Mar. 7 and Mar. 21 The meetings are held at the U-46 Educational Services Center, 355 E. Chicago St., Elgin and start at 7 p.m. Those wishing to address the Board of Education will need to turn in a request to speak card at the beginning of the meeting. The only way to get your position across to the board, and perhaps make a difference in the district, is to become active and make your make your voice heard. There is also an online petition about the cuts to library services in the district. If interested in signing it, you can find it at the following address:

http://www.petitions24.com/signatures/u-46\_bring\_our\_librarians\_back\_full\_time/

## Pop Tabs

Cub Scout Pack 51 from Horizon School continues to collect the pull tabs from pop, soup and any canned good for the Ronald McDonald House. There is a collection barrel on the front table at Horizon. Just send them to school with your student and the Cub Scouts will take them to Ronald McDonald House to be recycled. Ronald McDonald Houses provides a "home" for families to stay while a child is receiving medical treatment far from home. Collecting pop tabs is a great way to teach kids about philanthropy and the importance of recycling and raise funds to help children and their families at the same time.

#### Fun Fair

**Horizon's Fun Fair** is scheduled for Friday, March 11. Be on the lookout for a flyer to come home for more information.

Horizon's lost and found is getting very full! Please ask you child to check for any missing items.