

Welcome to 2008-2009!

Stanford Montessori

PTO News

August 2008

Come Join Our PTO

by PTO President Victoria Collins

Our PTO provides a forum where we can all join together to support Stanford Montessori by providing volunteers to the students, teachers, and staff to enhance the quality of the educational experience of all Stanford Montessori students.

Through our parents' support and involvement, our PTO raises funds to purchase additional resources for our classrooms and library and to provide continued Montessori education for our wonderful teachers.

Equally important, our PTO-sponsored family events provide the

opportunity for students, parents, teachers, and friends to participate in a caring and sharing environment to show support for our school and the community.

Please share your areas of expertise with us and join our PTO today!

We need assistance with these two immediate vacancies:

Assistant Treasurer: Responsible for supporting the treasurer with all financial transactions for the PTO. Also responsible for money collection and counting for school

fundraising and social events.

"Painless"

Fundraising

Coordinator: Work with committee chair on researching, implementing, and educating our families on programs that offer "free fundraising" dollars back to our school (i.e. Food Lion, Kroger, Upromise, etc.)

If you would like volunteer to be a part of the PTO in 2008-2009, please contact me via e-mail at vcollins@thinkingahead.com or by phone at 268.7647 or contact Lisa Marasco (utgrits@yahoo.com, 883-5620).

Welcome from Principal Stricklin

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new families that have joined us, and welcome back to our continuing families. It is a tremendous effort to get a school up and running again after summer vacation, but I want you to know that your PTO has been hard at work planning for a great year. They have worked on our Meet and Greet the Teacher night, and are responsible for our BooHoo/Yahoo Party on the first day.

I looked at those working and thought about how awesome it is for the returning parents to welcome and assist our new Stanford parents. We hope that everyone has gotten off to a grand start to what promises to be a terrific year. I hope those of you who are new to Stanford will become involved and next year you can be the mentor to new parents.

Your principal,
Melva Stricklin

PTO Meetings Fall 2008

The PTO will meet once each month on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Stanford library. All parents are welcome to attend.

Come and learn how you can become an active supporter of our wonderful school! The meeting dates are:

August 18
September 8
October 6
November 10
December: TBA

Free Money for Stanford!

Did you know that you can earn volunteer hours and raise money for your child's school with box tops and Campbells soup labels?

To find out how, visit the box tops table on opening night or the first day of school.

We can earn cash for our school in several ways:

1) Clip and save box tops from a variety of products (for a complete list, visit the box tops table at school or www.boxtops4education.com).

2) Turn in your box tops in the school office or in your child's classroom.

3) Sign up to support our school at the box tops website. We get points for each person who signs up, and you can watch the school's progress.

4) If you shop online, consider shopping through the link on the box-tops website. Stanford PTO will earn a portion of every purchase.

Earning money for our school through box tops for education is quick, easy, and painless. We can be a top earning school if we all contribute just a little.

For questions regarding box tops or Campbell's soup labels contact **Mary Anne Williams** at mahw68@yahoo.com.

Would You Like to Meet the Wonderful Families of Stanford Montessori?

by Parent Contact Lisa Marasco

With the start of the new school year, it's time to get involved with all of the fun. A great way to make new friends and show your children how involved you are in their school is to volunteer at the school. Your children will be so excited to know that you are working at the school while they are learning in their classroom.

Please be sure to review the "**You Can Count of Me**" form and return it in your child's folder or contact me and I'll be happy to explain many of the volunteer opportunities available for the Fall. We need many volunteers to assist with our largest fundraiser of the year, the Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction scheduled for October 3.

Your teacher's contact parent will need your support in planning the silent auction basket for your classroom. Please respond to their requests and help them out in any way you can!

If we all work together as a team, we will have another hugely successful event. I look forward to hearing from you soon. Please contact me at utgrits@yahoo.com or call **883-5620**.

Save the Date

Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction Set for October 3

Our PTO has several fun family activities planned for this school year. The first--and biggest--PTO fundraiser is the Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction, which will be held **Friday, October 3**.

Last year's event raised more than \$10,000 for our PTO, and everyone had a great time.

The silent auction will take place from 5:00 until 6:30 p.m. The live auction begins at 6:45. Child care will be provided.

Don't miss this great opportunity to enjoy a family meal, meet other Stanford families, and support your child's school.

PTO Notes. . .

*If you need **extra car tags**, they will be available in the front office.

*The PTO will be selling **Citipass books** this year. Please make plans now to support Stanford by purchasing one for your family and selling them to friends and neighbors. They're a great money-saving resource with lots of opportunities for family fun!

*Don't forget to fill out and return your "**You Can Count on Me**" form in your child's folder.

*Be sure to join the PTO, and plan now to attend the first meeting on **Monday, August 18 at 6:30 p.m.**