

December News

From the PTA
Winter 2008



Kroger Program

We are currently enrolling our school in the Kroger Fundraising Program. It's a program that require nothing more from you than buying your regular groceries! That's right, your grocery money can benefit the school every time you shop! 4% of your purchase will go back into the school! Once we are accepted into the program, we will release more details...look for more about this exciting program!

FREE WEBKINZ!!

Don't forget about BoxTops (and other Clip for Cash labels)! We are attaching a Box Top Submission sheet to this newsletter, please have your child return it and more when they return from Winter Break. We will be giving away Webkinz prizes to the top 5 submissions turned in by January! You can print more forms out on our website, www.byckpta.org on the "Clip for Cash" page or pick up extras in the office!

Dad's Mad Science Night

The Dad's Club is pleased to announce their first official program here at Byck....they are calling it "Mad Science Night" and it will be loaded with FUN surprises! It is scheduled to take place Thursday, December 18th at 6:30. The only problem? We haven't had enough volunteers step up to support this great club and the programs! We NEED your help in order to make this program possible. We need Dad's and stand-in Dad's to help! It is crucial that the children see this event led by men. The purpose of this is to show the children how much father's can influence and enrich their lives in school as well as at home. The kids are really looking forward to this event and all we need are volunteers. We need set-up crew, we need chili makers, we need fun men willing to demonstrate our super easy, fun (and sometimes messy) experiments and we need clean up assistance (mom's can help with some of these tasks as well)! If you haven't already turned in your form, please send it in your child's backpack immediately! Or contact Kassi Clifford at 409.0780 or by email at ckclifford@insightbb.com or Dad's Club chair, David Drummond at 776.4612

Gift Avenue Holiday Boutique!

Gift Avenue is a new exciting Holiday program we are bringing to Byck! Do you remember how exciting the Winter Holidays were as a child? Of course it was fun to receive gifts, but it was just as much fun to shop for and think of your family this time of year! Gift Avenue is an opportunity for our students to shop for Christmas gifts for family, teachers and friends in a safe environment. It is also a GREAT opportunity for the students to learn about planning and budgeting and most items are less than \$5! It will be held Dec 15-18 at the school. We will be sending home more information on this soon, so keep a watch out for it! If you have any time you can share with this great program, we need your help! Please contact Kassi Clifford for more details! 409.0780 or email at ckclifford@insightbb.com





Website...

Have you checked out our website lately? If you haven't, you should! We try to keep it filled with the latest and greatest news at Byck. It is loaded with pictures from school events, has past newsletters and board meeting minutes to keep you in the know! It even has downloadable fliers that were sent home in case you lost or never received yours! It has pictures of the most recent Playground plans, information on Programs, Contests, Committees, Classroom Parents and SO MUCH MORE! If you would like to see more, just click on the Contact Us link and tell us what we could do to make your life easier as a Byck Parent! What can we add to the website that will help you? Go NOW and see!

www.byckpta.org

Committees... What are They and Who are They For?

Heard about all the PTA Committees but don't know what they do, how to join, or what sort of commitment you are making if you do? Let me tell you more...the main purpose of these committees is to provide an avenue for parents to get involved in the issues they are particularly passionate about! There is NO Commitment by joining, it just includes you in the information loop as to what the committee is doing and planning. You then have the option to get involved any further than that. Curious about how the Garden Plans are coming along? Join the Byck Botanist Committee! Want to know more about Phase Two of the Playground? Then sign up for the Playground Committee! There are no joining fees, requirements or commitments, it simply lets us know who you are and where your interests lie. We all understand being busy, everything is flexible and you can be as involved as you want to be...even if it's just your voice! Are you restricted to just one committee? Heavens No! You can join as many or as few as you would like, but join at least one if you can. It's a great way to make a difference and be a greater part of the school. Every parent should have a voice...let yours be heard!

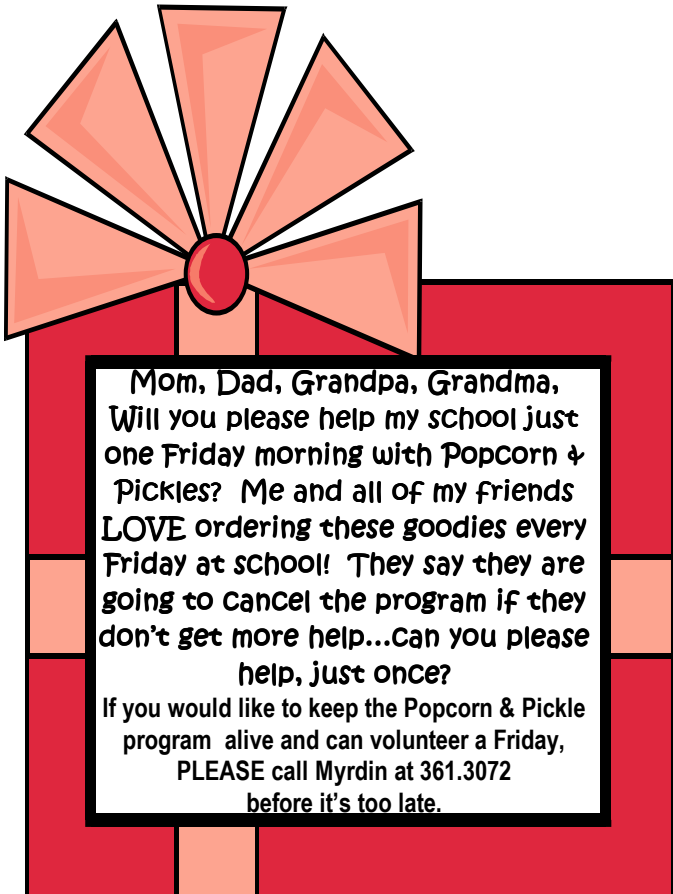
What kind of committees are there?

At this time, we have several:

- **Byck Botanists**
- **Playground**
- **The Dad's Club**
- **Earth Day**
- **Teacher Appreciation**
- **Literacy**
- **Waldorf Enrichment**

View the website 'Committee' Page for more details on each or contact PTA President, Myrdin Thompson at: ptapeep@gmail.com

Don't forget to order your Byck Spirit Shirt! They are the warmest and most colorful uniform choice available..the kids LOVE them. Get an order form from the office or our website (under Fundraising), send in a backpack and get your child one of the latest styles of Byck Flair!



Mom, Dad, Grandpa, Grandma,
Will you please help my school just one Friday morning with Popcorn & Pickles? Me and all of my friends LOVE ordering these goodies every Friday at school! They say they are going to cancel the program if they don't get more help...Can you please help, just once?
If you would like to keep the Popcorn & Pickle program alive and can volunteer a Friday, PLEASE call Myrdin at 361.3072 before it's too late.

December Dates to Remember:

- 15-18 Gift Avenue Boutique
- 18 Dad's Mad Science Night/Chili Cookoff!
- 19 Classroom Holiday Parties
- 22-Jan 5 Winter Break