

Helke PTA Updates

November 2008

New this year... Print PTA forms at home!
Check out the Helke PTA website
<http://www.vandaliabutlersschools.org/helke/pta.htm>

General Meeting

Monday
November 10th 2008
7:00 PM

Helke Media Center

Childcare provided
\$1.00 per child

Helke PTA Board Members

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**Happy
Thanksgiving
from Helke PTA!**

**We are thankful for
our dedicated
parents who donate
their time & talents
to our school!**

November Events at Helke

In November, our students have several opportunities to demonstrate compassion, hospitality and community values in the true spirit of thanksgiving.

Everybody Counts November 19

Everybody Counts is a hands-on approach to learning about disabilities, and the value each of us has as an individual.

Students learn through parent-taught sessions how to help make their world a more compassionate place while paying attention to the needs of others. This program provides students with a real understanding of people with differences and is designed to promote inclusiveness in the classroom.

Everybody Counts will not succeed without our parents! If you would like to help, please call Christine Trevino at 898-4508. No experience needed.

This is a fun day to be involved at school and PTA provides lunch for volunteers.

Grandparents' Day November 25

Another event our students look forward to is the day they get to greet their grandparents and treat them to juice and cookies.

If you would like to donate or serve refreshments in your child's classroom, please contact Sam King at samking@who.r.com.

Student artwork will be displayed in the halls and the kids will give a musical performance for their special guests. DVDs will be available to purchase from our music teacher, Mrs. Wolfgang.

Sponsor-A-Blanket \$1 breakfast

Parents and students will have an opportunity to make blankets for those in need.

To earn money for materials, healthy breakfast food will be for sale at school for \$1 every morning beginning this month. Look for more info coming home soon.

Blankets will be made the morning of Dec. 5, so mark your calendars and plan to join PTA and Helke students in this community outreach.

Volunteers Making a Difference

Working together to impact our school and community

Birthday Luncheons

Thanks to Molly O'Brien for hosting our monthly Birthday Luncheons this fall! Check the Helke calendar for the date of your next luncheon.

Each time you visit for a luncheon, you can purchase a book for the school media center in your child's name. PTA donates a book at each luncheon for one lucky birthday boy or girl. Look for those birthday labels when checking out books!

Volunteers are needed to help supervise children eating lunch in their classrooms during the luncheons. Call the office if you can help.

Teacher Appreciation

Thanks to Carmon Walters, PTA Hospitality Chair, and to all the parents who donated food to make our Mexican-themed Teacher Appreciation luncheon a success in October.

We love our Helke Teachers and Staff! Don't wait for the next luncheon to show your appreciation!

Cast your Vote to Support our Schools

Vote this Tuesday! We are thankful for our EXCELLENT Vandalia schools... do your part to help keep them that way! On voting day, Helke

students are encouraged to wear purple and gold to show school spirit and remind us how lucky we are to be a part of this great community!

Helke's Outdoor Beautification Project

Fall is a beautiful time of year! As part of this year's goal to "go green" PTA has been presented with some exciting plans to help make our school's exterior warm and inviting for parents & students.

PTA members approved a budget using fundraiser earnings for school landscaping. Please come to the PTA meeting on Nov. 10th for more information.

