



NEWS from the CHAGRIN FALLS SCHOOLS

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INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

The Intermediate School playground staff and parent volunteers recently participated in a training session. The purpose of this training session was to make sure that all of the adults that work with our children during recess were on the same page with how to use the equipment and the rules for each piece of equipment. We are very grateful to our volunteers and appreciate them taking the extra time to participate in this training. Our students have been working on a guided discovery during Physical Education classes so they can give us input on some of the many uses of this fabulous equipment at our school. This practice is consistent with the Responsive Classroom strategies that our staff and students have been using for the past two years.

Book Group Discussion Scheduled

Lisa Bontempo, Principal of Chagrin Falls Middle School, and Mary Jo Weber will co-lead a book group discussion on Hold On To Your Kids (Why Parents Need To Matter More Than Peers) by Gordon Neufeld, Ph.D and Gabor Mate, MD. All parents are invited to participate. Copies of the book are available at Fireside Book Shop in Chagrin Falls. They are reserved under "Mary Jo Weber" at the front desk, and book group members receive 20% off the cover price of \$14.95.

The book group will meet on the following Thursday mornings: 10/18/2007, 11/15, 12/13, 1/17/2008, 2/14, 3/13, 4/17, and 5/15 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Sands Community Room. For the October meeting, please come prepared to discuss chapters 1 and 2. Direct any questions to Mary Jo Weber at weber44022@sbcglobal.net.

Chagrin Falls Levy Committee to Host Two Community Meetings

Public is encouraged to attend and ask questions

In an effort to continue to inform and educate the Chagrin Falls community about the proposed 7.9 mill levy for the school district, two "Town Hall" meetings have been scheduled and the public is encouraged to attend and participate.

The first community meeting will be held Tuesday, October 9 at 7:30 pm in the new Performing Arts Center located on the high school campus. The second community

meeting will be held Wednesday, October 10 at 7:30 pm at Gurney Elementary School in South Russell.

A 30 minute visual presentation by the district's new superintendent, Steve Thompson, and levy chairpersons, Mike Pierce and Becky Borden, will be followed by a question and answer period.

"This is an excellent opportunity for everyone in the community to learn the facts about the levy and the district's plans regarding its passing or failure," said Borden. "Whether you feel strongly about the way you plan to vote or you are undecided, I encourage you to attend one of these meetings and ask your questions. It's important that people know the facts and are able to make an educated vote on November 6."

According to Borden, questions may be submitted anonymously on the committee's website prior to the meetings at www.ChagrinFallsLevy.com or asked during the question and answer period.

PTO Speaker to Talk About Bullying

On Wednesday, October 17, at 8:15 in the Performing Arts Center, the Chagrin Falls PTO will be sponsoring Karen Gotwald, a much sought-out expert on bullying. She will talk about how parents can get their kids to open up about bullying as well as give them tips to help their children handle bullying situations. She will also be available for questions from the audience.

Come out and Enjoy Dinner and A Game

On Friday, October 19, the Chagrin Falls PTO will be sponsoring a "Pawsta" dinner from 5-7 pm in the Middle School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance or \$6.00 at the door and can be purchased in the Middle School cafeteria on October 18 and 19 during lunch periods. Dinner includes spaghetti with meat, marinara or butter sauce, salad bar, dessert and a beverage. In addition, there will be a 50/50 raffle, face painting, pasta necklace-making and other children's activities. Come out and enjoy a great dinner and then a great football game against Kenston High School.

Friends, Come To The Cabaret!

On Saturday, October 20, at 7:00 pm, the 7-12th grade choirs will present a "Choir Cabaret" in the Middle School cafeteria. Middle School and High School students will present individual performances under the direction of Mr. Youssef Hamid. Desserts and Beverages will be served at 7:00 pm with the show starting at 7:30. Tickets are \$10 each and are available by contacting Kathy Warren at 440-247-2072 ext. 4144. Seating is limited and is available on a first come, first served basis. Monies raised from this event will help fund the choir's spring break performance trip to Disney World. For more information, contact Karen Leary at 440-247-2595.

