

# DRES PTO NEWSLETTER



## Books for Birthdays

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## Big Success!

The DRES Books for Birthdays program is off to a great start! We have over 125 participants in the program. This equals over 125 new books for our library! Thank you to all who participated. We recognize that the delivery of the September birthday books was slightly delayed and appreciate everyone's patience!

We also would like give a special thank you to Paula Weglarz, Books for Birthdays Committee Chair. Thank you Paula for your dedication to this program!

Be sure to read the list of September Birthday donations at the end of this issue.



## Donations Wanted

We are looking for donations for the following:

- **Raffle Items for Bingo Night.** Items could come from individuals or businesses. Past donations include: gift cards, handmade baskets, gift certificates. For more info please contact Bingo Chair, Jim Delano at 227-1159

- **CAKES!** If you are a baker or willing to donate a Cake for the November 2<sup>nd</sup> Cake Walk, please contact Angela Nucci at 526-2095.

The majority of PTO functions and events are supported by donations and volunteer time. Thank you in advance for any donations and time you can provide! *Its all for the kids!*



## Up-Coming Events/ Important Dates

10/19-21: Parent/Teacher Conferences. Early dismissal.

10/19-21: Used Goods Drive Fundraiser. Drop off items in tied plastic bags at DRES gym entrance. Wed & Thurs 8-7pm, Friday 8-12pm.

10/21: 5:30-7:30pm  
Deep River Junior Ancients Soup Dinner. DR Stone House. Contact Michelle Roise for more info.

10/31: 1:30pm Halloween Parade

11/1-3: Fall Book Fair. Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> is "Family Night" @ 6pm with raffle and Cake Walk. DRES Gym

11/10: 9:30am Veterans Ceremony  
DRES

11/10: Early Dismissal  
11/11: No School

11/14: 7pm. 'Talking about the Pre-School Years'. Full day kindergarten will be a topic. Chester Elementary School

11/17: 7pm. DRES Board of Education Meeting. DRES Library

11/14-18: PTO Food Drive. Bring items into school to donate to the local food bank.

11/18: Family Bingo Night. All ages welcome for bingo, snacks, prizes, raffles and more. JWMS

# Save Your Give-Aways!

The PTO is holding a Used Goods Drive Fundraiser on October 19, 20 & 21<sup>st</sup>. We will be collecting Wearable & Usable items to be resold or recycled. In return, we earn money for the school. Items being collected are below.

- Clothing (men's, women's & children's)
- Linens (beddings, curtains, towels)
- Shoes, Belts and Handbags
- Hard & Soft Toys- broken toys are ok.
- Stuffed Animals



Drop off items in tightly tied plastic bags at the entrance of the gym.

Drop off times are:

Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>: 8-7pm

Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>: 8-7pm

Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>: 8-12pm (note time change)

***DRES is paid per pound collected. Our goal is OVER 200 bags.  
Let's fill the truck!***

## Enrichment Programs Launched

The DRES 2011/2012 Enrichment Program has been launched. If you weren't able to sign up for the first session of activities please look for the next set of offerings:

Winter Session: Jan. 22- Mar. 5th  
Spring Session: April 15th – May 21

If you are interested in running a volunteer after-school program or have an idea for a topic/program, please contact Enrichment Chair, Elizabeth Salemi at 526-1330 or [salemiem@comcast.net](mailto:salemiem@comcast.net)



## Did You Know?.....

- That there is a “Family Night” at the Fall Book Fair? This night is open for parents to come with children to purchase books. This year family night will include a raffle and a cake walk. Come join the fun!
- That there is a “Teacher Wish List” at the Book Fair? If teachers are looking for books they will create a list and you can purchase those books for their classroom library. Each purchased book will have the donor's name inside the book cover. Look for the Wish List at the fair.

**Fall Book Fair: November 1-3,  
November 2<sup>nd</sup> is Family Night!**



## *September Books For Birthdays Recipients*

*Book**100 Cupboards**Dinosaurs Love Underpants**If You are Reading this It's Too Late**How to Draw Disney Princesses**What Sisters do Best- What Brothers do Best**Wide Awake Princess**Weird but True Vol. 3**Meet Marie-Grace**Ava the Sunset Fairy**Skippyjon Jones, Class Action**Girl Who Could Fly**Hothead**Take Me to the River**Peanut Butter & Homework Sandwiches**Olivia the Princess**Things Not Seen**Sea Monster's 1st Day**QB Blitz**Birthday Child**Michael Dilger**Olivia Baldwin**Kevin Baldwin**Kimberly Berardis**Paige Lee**Allie Champion**Sage Tisdale**Natalie Weglarz**Joanna Petrone**Race James Greenawalt**Chance Barclay**Jason Montecalvo**Soren Frantz**Alexis Massey**Samantha Hartman**Michael Lee**Natalie Novak**Ryan Douglas**Donor**The Dilger Family**The Baldwin Family**The Baldwin Family**Kimberly Berardis**Mr. & Mrs. Tim Lee & Family**Allie Champion**The Tisdale Family**The Weglarz Family**Amy Petrone & Doug Whittaker**James, Leigh & Stella Greenawalt**Chris Barclay**Mom & Dad**Cindy & Steven Frantz**Dad, Mom, Campbell, Grandpa & Yaya**Your Loving Family**Tom & Lisa Lee**Sage & Grace Novak in the memory of Natalie's Dad, Rob**Dad & Mom*

# *Happy Birthday to All!*

## Ideas?

Do you have topics or ideas you would like to discuss at the PTO meeting or at some other public forum? Topics that have been suggested so far are:

*-regionalization of the elementary schools*

*- full day Kindergarten*

*-discussion of the CMT results*

*-candy/treats distribution in kids' classrooms*

*-understanding professional development days*

The PTO would like to be a vehicle to increase communication. Email or talk to one of us directly If you have ideas or topics you would like to learn more about.

## Unable to Volunteer or Participate in Fundraising?

You may make a contribution directly to the PTO in lieu of volunteering or participating in fundraisers. Simply send a check made out to the DRES PTO to:

**Deep River Elementary School,  
12 River Street, Deep River CT  
06417**

**Attn: PTO**

*Your tax deductible contribution will be acknowledged with a letter.*

## Box Tops Goal Set!

Keep Clipping..... Last year we were able to raise \$1500 and we set the goal at \$1500 again for this year! Monies help fund Cultural Arts programs and other DRES events.

Box Tops offer three easy ways to earn cash for our school through everyday activities such as buying groceries, shopping online and purchasing books.

**Clip** —Box Tops coupons are worth 10¢ each when our school redeems them from Box Tops for Education.

**Shop** — Shop at through the Box Tops Marketplace<sup>SM</sup> ([btfe.com/marketplace](http://btfe.com/marketplace)). Up to 8% of each qualifying purchase is automatically donated to our school. There is no additional cost to you.

**Buy books** — Purchase books online at Barnes & Noble through the Box Tops Reading Room<sup>SM</sup>. Our school will receive 6% of your new book purchases and 3% of all other online purchases.

One of the easiest ways you can help is to sign up to support our school at [btfe.com](http://btfe.com). You will learn about new and easy ways to help our school earn the extra cash it needs.

## Last Years Contest Results

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade (now the 5<sup>th</sup> grade) brought in the most box tops raising \$165.40. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders will enjoy an ice cream treat to celebrate their success! Congratulations to the winners! Our fall contest will start soon so keep clipping your box tops!!!

Turn your box tops into your child's classroom at any time. Put tops into a bag and label with your child name and teacher.



## Contact Us!

If you have any questions about PTO activities, feel free to email us [drespto@dres.k12.ct.us](mailto:drespto@dres.k12.ct.us) or drop a note into the PTO mail box in the teachers lounge. We will be updating the DRES PTO webpage, which is on the DRES website (<http://www.dres.k12.ct.us/>) under the Our Schools tab and the Deep River Elementary School Tab, on a regular basis. Please check back there for more information about DRES PTO activities in the future.

# Happy Halloween!!!