

Parent Teacher Organization

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PTO Financial Update:

Our current PTO balance stands at just under \$6,100, with more fundraising in the works. Plans are underway for the 2009-2010 budget. Be sure to come to the April 6 meeting to weigh in on how we should raise and spend money next year!

About the TCGIS PTO:

The TCGIS PTO's mission is to foster the relationship between school, home, and community for the academic success of all of the students at our school.

PTO meetings are open to everyone and all parents and teachers are eligible to join as voting members. Sign up at any meeting or by contacting our Interim Secretary, Molly McBeath.

Meeting Notice- - - April 6, 2009, 7 p.m.

Join us for the next TCGIS PTO Meeting on Monday, April 6. Guest speaker Jacob DeBower of Concordia Language Villages will join us to talk about Concordia's summer and family programs.

We'll also be reviewing our proposed budget, considering how to raise and spend money over the next year, and hearing from our hardworking committees about upcoming plans and events. There's lots to do--please join us!



Newsflash: We exist!

On March 2, the PTO formally adopted Articles of Incorporation and bylaws. After a quick trip to the Secretary of State's Office, it's official—we exist! Happy birthday to us!

Coffee Sales Resume

What's incredibly delicious, family-farmed, shade-grown, and available every Friday morning in the TCGIS lobby? Velasquez Family Coffee, of course! We are selling 12-oz. bags of French Roast, Full City Roast, and Breakfast Blend, whole bean or ground, for \$10 per bag. We receive \$4 for every bag sold, so stock up! We'll also have brewed coffee at \$1 cup for your AM fix.

Rummage Sale - - Sat., April 4, 9:00am to 2:00p.m.

Right on the heels of the robins' return, it's the next sure sign of spring: the TCGIS Rummage Sale! Don't forget to drop off your items downstairs starting on Thursday, March 26. Volunteers still needed—check the sign-up sheet outside the front door.

TCGIS Game Night - - Fri., April 17, 6:30 to 8:30pm

Kick off "Turn Off TV" Week with the TCGIS PTO! Join us for the first-ever TCGIS Game Night on Friday, April 17, at the school. Part community event, part fundraiser, this event will feature dozens of demo Gamewright games that you can try out with your kids. If you like them, you can purchase copies that night, with 50% of the proceeds benefiting the TCGIS PTO. Potluck cookies and desserts will be served. Thanks to Gretchen Barsch for organizing what is sure to be a fun-filled event!

Tanz in den Mai - - Sat., May 2, Noon to 3pm.

Celebrate spring's arrival with the annual TCGIS Tanz in den Mai! Games, cake walk, face painting and more at the GAI—rain or shine. This year we'll be taking frozen strudel orders in advance, for pick-up at Tanz in den Mai. Watch for details after spring break. Volunteers

AGENDA

TCGIS PTO
April 6, 2009
7- 9 p.m. Art Room

Time	Business	Who?
7:00-7:05	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome/Introductions • Approval of April minutes • Approval of Agenda 	Leslie Watson
	Treasurer's Report (deferred to budget discussion, below)	
7:05-7:20	Concordia Language Villages Presentation <i>[Next month guest speaker(s): GAI Oversight Committee]</i>	Jacob DeBower (Guest)
7:20-7:45	Standing Committee Updates	
	<u>Fundraising Committee</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview: PTO and School coordination • 2009-2010 Fundraising <u>Upcoming fundraisers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee Sale - Ongoing • TCGIS Game Night, Fri. 04/17, 6:30 p.m. – <i>Volunteers Needed!</i> • Plant Sale & Strudel – 05/02 (during TIDM) • Barnes & Noble Book Fair – 05/16 (library fundraiser) – <i>Volunteers needed!</i> <u>Advance Planning:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maskenball 2010 Planning Update and Advance Funding Request 	Leslie Watson, Heidi Zimmermann
	<u>Classroom Support Committee</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recap of initial meeting and work plan. 	Lisa Antony-Thomas, Kami Blackwell Kinney
	<u>Educational Support Committee</u>	Lisa Friedman, Liane Gale
	<u>Parent Outreach Committee</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tanz in den Mai (May 2, 2009): <i>event overview; volunteer needs; advance funding request</i> • Planning for 2009-2010 	Gina Vader, Lisa Antony-Thomas
7:45 to 8:45	Budget Discussion <i>Discussion of draft 2008-2009 & 2009-2010 Budgets</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input from Grant Committee, Facilities Committee • Line by line review of proposed budgets • Income projections and fall "cash flow" 	Interim Exec. Board
8:45 – 8:50	Upcoming PTO elections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process and timeline 	Leslie
	Adjournment	Leslie

Next Meeting: Monday, May 4, 2009 at 7 p.m. Elections & Final Budget Approval!