



SULLIVAN WEST ELEMENTARY

Parent - Teacher - Student - Organization



October 2009

Volunteer some time

A lot can be accomplished with a few hands. You can offer to help out at one or two events this year, or come to meetings. You can also give your input by contacting a PTSO board member if you can't make a meeting. The next meeting is **Nov. 2 (Monday) at 7pm** at the elementary school. You can also email or call any of the board members with your ideas.

We need volunteers to babysit for an hour or two during the next Parent-Teacher Conference so that more parents can meet with their child's teacher. Conferences will be held on November 20 & 23. **Please call Debbie if you can help at 482-9809.**

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THANK YOU! ~ Special thanks to Marion and Miss Pat for bringing the **Butterfly Botanicals** tent to our school on October 13 & 14. Children from Pre-K to third grade enjoyed learning about the live butterflies, feeding them, and interacting with them. Pictures of this event are in the showcase in the lobby.



UPCOMING

Nov. 20 & 23 – A Book Fair will be offered during the Parent Teacher Conferences. Babysitting will be provided. Parents, if you need someone to babysit during your child's conference, look for a flyer to follow with more information. We are also looking for volunteers.

November 10 - the school will be holding a "Mer-man" event. The PTSO will have a fundraising snack table out in the hallway.

A Halloween Party will be held on Oct. 31 at the Delaware Youth Center in Callicoon. Flyers were recently sent home.

Halloween Safety

The following tips are from <http://www.halloween-safety.com>.

The excitement of children and adults at this time of year sometimes makes them forget to be careful. Simple common sense can do a lot to stop any tragedies from happening.

⚠️ Help your child pick out or make a costume that will be safe. Make it fire proof, the eye holes should be large enough for good peripheral vision.

⚠️ If you set jack-o-lanterns on your porch with candles in them, make sure that they are far enough out of the way so that kids costumes won't accidentally be set on fire.

REMINDER

- ⚠️ Make sure that if your child is carrying a prop, such as a scythe, butcher knife or a pitchfork, that the tips are smooth and flexible enough to not cause injury if fallen on.
- ⚠️ Kids always want to help with the pumpkin carving. Small children shouldn't be allowed to use a sharp knife to cut the top or the face. There are many kits available that come with tiny saws that work better than knives and are safer, although you can be cut by them as well. It's best to let the kids clean out the pumpkin and draw a face on it, which you can carve for them.
- ⚠️ Treating your kids to a spooky Halloween dinner will make them less likely to eat the candy they collect before you have a chance to check it for them.
- ⚠️ Teaching your kids basic everyday safety such as not getting into cars or talking to strangers, watching both ways before crossing streets and crossing when the lights tell you to, will help make them safer when they are out Trick or Treating. Give them flashlights.

Make Halloween a fun, safe and happy time for your kids.



October is Dental Hygiene Month

This year's theme is "A Healthy Smile Lasts a Lifetime" to remind us good oral hygiene is an essential part of a healthy life. Here's a useful website to learn more: www.adha.org. Be sure your children brush those teeth well after eating all that Halloween candy.

LAST CHANCE - Information for **Class Directories** needs to be returned to the PTSO mailbox or your child's teacher by **Oct. 30**. The Class Directories will be distributed to interested parents by grade level only, as a nice way to for you to be able to keep in touch with your child's friends and classmates for special events and birthday parties, etc. If you have questions please call one of the PTSO board members.

THANK YOU! ~Special thanks go to the Campanelli's and the PTSO for donating and delivering about 700 pumpkins to the Art room for every student. If you did not get one please see Mrs. Coffee.

BOXTOPS The **BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION** program has been a fantastic source for funds for our school. There are hundreds of products out there that participate in the program, including cereals, refrigerated and dairy foods, snacks, paper products and storage products. Just check the packaging, look for the logo and cut it out. Drop them off in the office or bring them to the PTSO meetings. Boxtops4education.com has a complete list of eligible products.

NOTE: WE ARE NO LONGER COLLECTING SOUP LABELS



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T-SHIRTS MUGS FOLDERS

Sullivan West T-shirts, hats, teddy bears, mugs, and folders can be ordered online at <http://www.swptso.com/> Proceeds benefit PTSO-sponsored events for the school.

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