

# Tea Time Newsletter

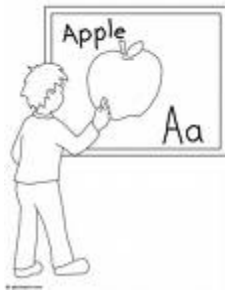
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Issue 1

## Off to a PTO Start

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) at our school is off to a great start. We have received a lot of support from parents in an effort to work together to make our school better for everyone.

Parents who are involved in their child's education have been shown to do better in school.

In addition, parents who volunteer in their child's school visibly demonstrate that they care, that they are taking ownership of their child's education.



**Teachers cannot live on apples alone**

This affects the child, the teachers and the administrators, who then feel both acknowledged and supported.

Most importantly, we are about fun. We want to create more activities for our students to enjoy and learn.

Our PTO will create a support by parents to get to know each other and to work together towards a common goal. Please join the PTO and make a difference.

## Homeroom Parents

This year, we have initiated Homeroom Parents for every class. You may have received a letter from them. They will be involved in recruiting volunteers for parties, field trips and classroom volunteer needs.

Please support them and volunteer as you can for your child's class. But please keep in mind the Classroom Volunteering Tips in class.

We are still in need of a fourth and fifth grade Homeroom Parent. Please contact [mannoush@msn.com](mailto:mannoush@msn.com) or [suzanmr\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:suzanmr_2000@yahoo.com) if interested.

## Bake Sale Success

Thank you everyone who supported our bake sale. The money we earned will go towards our PTO budget in order to achieve our goals for this year.



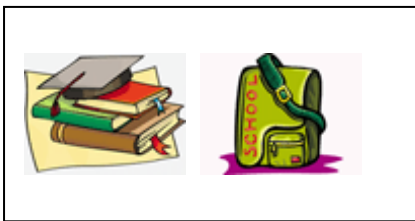
## Keep Clipping

We raised \$91 in October from all of those box tops! They are collected every Friday so be sure to send them with your kids. We will be counting them at the end of every month. Let's try for every student to bring in at least 10 box tops each month.

And don't forget that the class who collects the most box tops will get a pizza party for their class.

## Classroom Volunteer Tips

1. Sign in at the office before heading to the classroom
2. Communicate with the teacher with types of activities you would like to help with.
3. Don't take it personally if the teacher does not have time to chat. Class time must be focused on the students.
4. Remember it is not your job to discipline the students. It is OK to ask students to stop unsafe or unkind behavior, *but the next step* is to let a teacher or other school employee know about the problem.
5. Be reliable and on time. Let the teacher know if you can't make it.
6. Don't gossip. If you learn sensitive info, be respectful and don't tell others. Please understand that all information pertaining to students (good or otherwise) are **confidential** and should be treated as such.



## Reminder to Parents

Some parents have expressed their concern for the safety of our kids during drop off and pick up times. Their concern is warranted and we ask that everyone takes responsibility for the safety of our students.

- Please drive within the school speed zone limits.
- Please park your car in designated areas and not in areas that block the flow of traffic.

**Thank you Parents!**

New shoes.....\$20

Gas to drive to school.....\$5

The look on your child's face when they realize you are the classroom volunteer today.....

**PRICELESS!!!!!!**

## Fundraising

**School Mall:** Did you know you could help raise money for our school just by shopping online? That is what school mall is about. Tell you family and your friends to register and then go to [www.schoolmall.com](http://www.schoolmall.com) to find our school name and shop. Every purchase has a percentage that will be sent to the school. We will send more information in January.

**Funding Factory:** By collecting old cell phones, ink jets and laser jet cartridges, we can earn points for our school. These points will allow the school to buy classroom supplies. We have already raised 29.5 points. Our goal is 600. Please bring any items you have.

**Big Y:** We are registered at Big Y supermarkets to earn points for our school when we shop. Already we have earned 7,500 points. Check out [www.bigy.com](http://www.bigy.com) for more information.

## Next PTO Meeting

Tuesday, December 30 at 1:30 pm.  
We will meet downstairs in the masjid.