



Trojan Talk

Saltsburg Elementary

PTA

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WELCOME BACK

School bells are ringing, loud and clear, Vacations over, School is here. We hunt our pencils and our books, And say goodbye to field and brooks, To carefree days of sunny hours, To birds and butterflies and flowers. But we are glad school has begun. For work is always mixed with fun. When autumn comes and weather is cool, Nothing can take place of school.

FUN FACT

How many grooves are on a quarter's edge?

OPEN HOUSE

September 9, 2009 at 6 pm. Please plan on attending. Sixth grade parents may want to visit the computer lab to learn how to access your child's grades online. Sign ups will also take place in the multipurpose room for various organization.

RIF

September 17, 2009. "Back to School". Each child will be given a free book of their choice.

FOOD, FUN, AND FITNESS

September 23, 2009. Be prepared to be healthy.

PARENTS

"Pyramid of Success". The building blocks of inspiration are Team Spirit, Confidence, Determination, Hard Work, Skill, Personal Best, Poise, Fitness, Self-Control, Alertness, Action, Loyalty, Friendship, Cooperation, and Enthusiasm. I hope this summer you had a chance to go over some of the building blocks with your child.

PTA MEETING

September 29, 2009 at 6pm at the Saltsburg Elementary School. Please plan on attending to see how much our PTA does for our children and school.

IDEAS

Any ideas or student that would like to publish anything in our PTA newsletter please submit information to the office or call Amy at 724-639-0330.

MEMBERSHIP

The annual PTA membership drive will begin September 3. We are trying to beat our membership from last year which was 220 members. Membership is not only for Moms. Remember to sign up Dads, Grandparents and neighbors. We will be raising membership dues from \$3.50 to \$4.00. Also, you must be a current member to be eligible to be a homeroom parent. You can choose to be an active or inactive member. Watch for membership forms in your child's Friday folder.

WASHINGTON DC

By Cassidy Edmundson

My family and I went to Washington D.C. over summer break. We went for 3 days and 2 nights. We stayed at the Capital Hilton hotel. We went to numerous places in Washington D.C. A few of my favorite places we visited were, The White House, The Washington Monument, The Lincoln Memorial, and The Arlington National Cemetery and saw the changing of the guards for the tombs of the unknown soldiers.

In Washington D.C. I rode in my very first taxi ride. It was not what I expected. It was like I was riding a roller coaster instead of being in a car.

My favorite part of my trip was the changing of the guards, because it was interesting to watch 3 guards change positions to watch the 3 tombs of the unknown soldiers. The respect of each guard making sure that a peaceful and protective surrounding for each tomb was truly a beautiful scene. Each tomb represents a different war. I enjoyed myself and learned a lot of interesting facts about our history.

A SUMMER TRIP TO MCKEEVER

By Cassidy Richards

MENU-Baked picked grain, lathered with red sun-muncher juice topped with melted cow secretions. You may not know what this is, but if you go to McKeever Learning Center you would have to get used to this kind of meal description. Any guesses on what was on the menu? It was pizza!

This is just one example of how learning is made into a fun activity at McKeever. Every school year 5th grade students enjoy an overnight environmental program. Last school year the fifth grade attended McKeever's program. For three days and two nights we learned how to become "earth keepers". McKeever was so much fun that my friend, Cassidy Edmundson, and I decided to return this summer. McKeever offers a summer program called "Sunship Earth" for any earth keeper who completed level one training. We spent several days learning more about our environment and making new friends. We had a great time and learned a lot.

MY SUMMER VACATION

By Austin Jesko

This summer I went on an amazing vacation with my family. We traveled 7,456 miles through 16 states. We went to places like Branson, Missouri: Grand Canyon, Arizona: Las Vegas, Nevada: Bryce Canyon, Utah and lots of other magnificent places. My favorite place was Bryce Canyon because we went on a hike down into the canyon and you could see up to the tops of the Hoodoos (that's the name of the tall pillars of rocks that the Indians believed were their dead ancestors). I had a great time with my family and we enjoyed it so much we are doing another road trip next year to see even more magnificent places!

Thank you to all who helped me make our first newsletter of the 2009-2010 year.