



Upcoming Events

- PTO Meeting
September 15, 6:30
- Entertainment Book & Cookie Dough
September 5 –18,
- Market Day Sale
August 18 — 29
- Scrip Sale
August 15-29
- Market Day & Scrip Pickup
September 3, 5:00-6:00
- Roller Cave
August 26, 6:30-8:30
- Apparel Sale
September 25 –October 9

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Summer Wrap up and New Beginnings

Welcome back! I hope everyone has transitioned back into their routines with the beginning of a new school year. PTO has been working hard for our kids over the summer. NPE PTO is now incorporated. What does that mean for us? We are now recognized by the Federal Government as a Not-For-Profit organization which opens the door for so many opportunities for our PTO. The first is we are able to issue tax deductible receipts for all donations made to NPE PTO. The second we now meet the requirements for several grants. This will play a big role in our future vision of PTO and the impact we can have at our school.

PTO purchased new equipment in July for the kindergarten playground. At the end of August the new swings and star burst climber should



Parents pitch in to paint the playground.

be installed. We also purchased 14 swing mats to be placed under all the swings. The total cost of this project is \$6309. The PTO also has

plans to purchase additional playground equipment as well as adding sidewalks to help our special needs students navigate the playground better. Check out web site at www.npepto.com for plans and descriptions of the equipment.

We would like to invite you to attend our next PTO Meeting on **September 15 at 6:30 pm. in the cafeteria.** These are great opportunities to hear about what's going on around NPE and let us know your thoughts and opinions. As parents, this is your school, and we want to hear what you have to say. We hope to see you there.

WWW.NPEPTO.COM

Please be sure to check out our website www.npepto.com. This informational site will keep you up to date with everything you need to know about your school! Important information about current

events, activities, photos of our playground progress, committee chairs, and the current calendar will be found there. Also, become a fan of the NPE PTO on Facebook and follow us on Twitter!





MARSH FRESH IDEAS FOR EDUCATION IS BACK!

Marsh Supermarkets is proud to once again provide a program to earn **FREE** educational, technological and extracurricular equipment for your schools. Fresh IDEAS for Education is an easy way to contribute to your school without selling anything. Simply [click the link at the bottom of this page](#) to register your school code (41610) followed by your 12 digit Fresh I•D•E•A Card number. Then, simply scan your card each time you shop at your local Marsh store. Your purchases will automatically accumulate points for your school to use toward much needed items that tight budgets cannot provide. All cards registered in last year's program have already been entered for the 2009-2010 school year program.

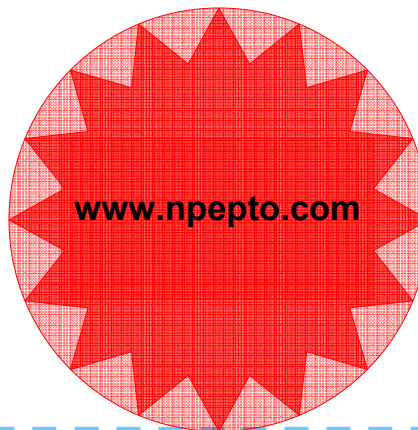
Marsh Supermarkets is committing **\$275,000** to the 2009-2010 school year through the **Fresh Ideas for Education** program



Let the Box Top Collection competition begin. Kayann Klepper and Angie Henry will be coordinating the pick up times and the parties. Yes there will be contests and prizes this year ...so start saving. The first pick update is September 29. This is for bragging rights, a treat and trophy. Let the clipping begin! Unsure of what to clip...check the web site www.npepto.com click on fundraisers and get all the details.



Do you shop for groceries? Do you eat out? Does your car need gas? Shop with scrip is the perfect opportunity to support your school without spending extra money. Simply purchase a gift card from the scrip program to whatever store or restaurant you frequent. For example: I know that I need groceries at Sam's Club. I buy a \$20 gift card from shop with scrip. I receive the gift card at \$20 and the PTO receives \$1. Its' that easy. For all the details go to www.npepto.com and click on fund raisers.



Roller Cave

The first roller skating party of the 2009-2010 school year will be August 26 from 6:30 to 8:30. All NPE families and friends are welcome.

Student Directories going Green

Here at NPE we strive to do everything we can to make your children's lives better ... now and in the future. One way to do that is to make our Student Directories available for you online!

Once again, visit your one-stop-shop www.npepto.com! Click on student directory and enter your information. A e-mail will be sent to with a copy of the school direc-

tory and there will also be additional copies available under "school zone" on our web page. The page will be password pro-



tected to assure the safety and privacy of our families. The password will be e-mailed to all parents when the directory is complete. If you would like a hard copy, they are still available for \$5. We welcome more ideas on how to make your experience with the NPE PTO better in any way. Please come to meetings or contact any member listed on the front of this newsletter. We are here for you and your children!

2009—2010 Budget



5th Grade Graduation	\$200.00	Teacher's Fund	\$7,480.00
Box Top's Labels Winner Treats	\$200.00	Theme Days Grades K - 5	\$1,500.00
Button Maker Supplies	\$100.00	Recess Fund	\$600.00
Hospitality (Teacher Appreciation)	\$600.00	Student directory	\$600.00
Accu Cut	\$1,000.00	Playground Fund	\$4,000.00
Biz City	\$1,800.00	Jog a Thon	\$100.00
Carnival Campus Life	\$400.00	Auction	\$250.00
Media Center	\$3,700.00	Carnival (new games)	\$200.00
Miscellaneous	\$195.00	Rover	\$2,000.00
School Programs	\$500.00	Web site	\$500.00
Super Student T-shirts	\$75.00	TOTAL	\$25,400.00

“Our fundraising efforts drive the amount we have to budget. The better we are at collecting dollars the more we can provide for our childrens classroom, library, technology, playground and the list goes on. Thank you parents and students! “

Budget Details

To keep you updated on the impact the PTO is having on our school and our kids I thought it would be helpful to explain the different categories in our budget.

5th Grade Graduation—This money is used to purchase supplies needed for graduation. Along with organizing the making of the DVD.

Box Top Label Winners— Each time box tops are picked up there is a contest between classes in each grade. The class that wins will receive a party from this fund.

Button Maker—This purchases supplies for the making of the super student , earth day, voice detective and any other buttons needed throughout the year.

Hospitality—The PTO hosts a luncheon the day before school starts, we also recognize teachers and staff on their birthdays, give welcome baskets to the new teachers. We also celebrate National Educators Week and National Teachers Appreciation Week.

Accu Cut—This will purchase another alphabet set for computerized cutting machine.

Biz City—Is the 5th grade field trip. The students will interview, accept and learn how to have a job in a make believe city.

Campus Life—The campus life team mans the games and booths at NPE Carnival. This allows the parents to spend time with their kids and shop at the auction.

Media Center—PTO helps purchase the selected Young Hoosier Books, new set of encyclopedias, and new books to increase our already great library.

School Programs—We sponsor the Christmas Play and music concerts put on by the unified arts teachers.

Super Student T-shirts—Replace old and worn out super student t-shirt per teacher requests.

Teacher Fund—Each teacher is given \$250 to help offset the cost of equipping their classroom.

Theme Day—PTO sponsors a

theme day for each grade. Examples Silly Safari, Earth Day, Fiesta Day and Pioneer Day.

Recess Fund—Each grade is given \$125 to buy new or replace playground equipment such as balls and jump ropes.

Student Directory—Purchased PTO manger software to automate the directory and have it available on line.

Playground Fund—We are currently working toward a goal of \$20,000 to purchase new playground equipment. We have \$6000 saved so far.

Jog a Thon—Help purchase t-shirts for jog a thon.

Auction—Purchase baskets and supplies for Auction.

Carnival—Purchase supplies to make new games.

Rover—Purchase projector and computer for mobile classrooms.

Web Site— Development of www.npepto.com

Playground Plans

We have big plans for the playground and have made huge strides already!

In August, we had a group of 18 adult community volunteers meet at the playground and we repainted all the swing sets and equipment. What a difference! Thanks again to all our volunteers.

In just a short time we are going to have new kindergarten

playground equipment as well. The new starburst climber and swing set for the kindergarten playground should be installed by the end of August.

We have over \$6,000 saved at this point, and we will be conducting various fundraisers to help make our dreams below a reality. We have begun to apply for grants to help fund these initiatives as well. It is

our hope that we can make our playground safe and accessible for all of our students.

The NPE PTO has big dreams for our children!

Help us make this playground a reality!



EVOS: Phase 2

The Evos™ play system has quickly become a most popular play structure. Evos attracts kids ages 5 to 12+ with its unique appearance and challenging play experiences.

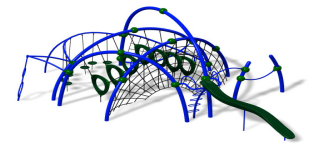
Some highlights are:

1. No prescribed entry points or exits flex kids' mental and physical muscles.

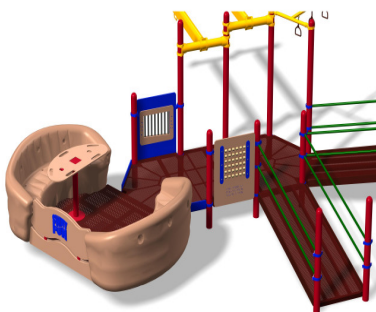
2. With the appropriate surfacing, all Evos play components are 100 percent ground-level accessible.
3. Springy Corocord climbing cable stretches the imagination while building upper-body and core strength.
4. More than 25 components create endless configurations;

5. Offers 30 percent reduced carbon footprint compared to traditional play structures for a more sustainable option.

We can't wait to make this structure a reality on our playground!



Sway Fun: beyond accessible—Phase 3



The PlayBooster® Sway Fun® Glider is the first **wheelchair-accessible glider** that meets all safety standards. It is a great choice for totally inclusive playground fun.

Features:

- Room for two wheelchairs, plus two large benches for other passengers

- Play table with cup holders and wheelchair handholds
- Double-wall construction
- Steel deck for durability

