From: Chavez Volunteer Coordinator <chavezvolunteer@gmail.com> Date: September 23, 2013 at 3:44:32 PM CDT To: undisclosed-recipients:; Subject: PTO September Newsletter

Thank you to all who came to Open House/Ice Cream Social last week, we had a huge turnout! This newsletter is to inform you of upcoming events and school news.

Traffic Issues

Drop Off/Pick Up at school can be a hassle since our school is so big, but if we all follow some guidelines it can be less stressful:

1. Remember to keep moving your car as forward as possible in the drop off/pick up loop in the parking lot as well as drop off/pick up areas on Maple Grove so that cars can fit in behind you.

2. Do not block parking spots in the parking lot, you can either keep driving around until spots in the drop off/pick up area open up or wait along driveway before you get to the parking spots.

3. Do not get out of your car in the drop off/pick up area or allow children to get in on traffic side, they should enter car on sidewalk side only.

4. Make RIGHT turns only out of the parking lot to keep traffic moving (there is a sign there saying "Right Turns Only".

5. Do not park on Pinelake Drive by where the buses turn in. There are signs saying, "No Standing, Stopping, Parking During School Hours", but many parents are parking there which leaves little/no room for the buses.

6. Do not park in the fire lane in the parking lot, which extends just past the playground all the way to the stop sign, you could get towed at your expense.

Upcoming Events

1. Friday, November 1, 2013 - School Dance (NEED 2 CO-CHAIRS AS WELL AS VOLUNTEERS FOR 6:15-7:20 SHIFT AND 7:15-8:00 SHIFT)

2. Wednesday, November 6, 2013 - Culvers in Verona will donate 10% to all who eat there 5-8pm (NEED 2-4 VOLUNTEERS TO WALK ORDERS TO TABLES/CARS IN EITHER 1.5 OR 3 HOUR SHIFTS)

3. Thursday, November 7, 2013 - Cookie Dough Distribution (NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR 1-3PM SHIFT, 3-5PM SHIFT AND 5-7PM SHIFT)

4. Saturday, November 9, 2013 - Craft Fair (NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR VARIOUS TASKS THROUGHOUT THE DAY)

5. Tuesday, November 12 and Thursday, November 14 - Book Fair During Fall Conferences (NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR BOTH EVENINGS)

Walking School Bus

34 families have emailed/returned form stating interest in participating in the walking school bus program. All addresses have been mapped and routes created. Those families will be emailed soon to hash out details of days/times of walking school bus. PLEASE EMAIL IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING ONE OF THE CAREGIVER WALK LEADERS FOR THIS PROGRAM. Chavez Elementary will be participating in the Walk to School Challenge in October and has a chance to win \$1000 if we get the highest percentage of walkers/bikers to school. Details to follow.

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