

President's Message – September 2011

By Elaine Howley

Welcome back to Strawbridge School! As always, the first few weeks of school are very hectic. Now that we've settled into our new routines, it's a great time to think about the fun opportunities that lie ahead.

Please don't forget to join the entire school community at our annual Fall Fair on Saturday, 10/1/11. It's a great family fun day! The kids look forward to it every year; you will be amazed at how many Strawbridge alumni come back for the day as well! Did you know the fall fair and prize auction are our biggest fund raisers? With your support we earn enough money to fund Living History, our school assemblies, TV Turnoff Days, and Lunchtime Enrichment all in one day! Please share an hour or two of your time to help out. The kids enjoy seeing their parents running game booths and painting faces. YOU might also make a new friend or two along the way.

The PTA has several additional events planned for the fall including: Art Reflections, a Fun Run, our first Skate Night and Spirit Days. We are fortunate to have the dedication of many strong and willing PTA volunteers to organize these wonderful programs and events.

As always fund raising is an important function of our PTA. Without it, the PTA would not be able to pay for our many programs. Remember to support our ongoing fund raisers like Market Day, Scrip gift cards, Box Tops for Education, Thriftway receipt collections, and the Target Visa card. Without asking you to spend money on things you don't want or don't need, these year-long efforts combine to earn approximately one fourth of our total PTA budget.

Back this fall by popular demand is our regular array of Strawbridge School Spiritwear including our beloved SLIDER Turtle! Watch for more details during October. Orders will be received in time for the holidays.

And finally, I would like to personally thank the many volunteers who helped us prepare for the new school year: Allison Howley, Darlene Sorensen, Melissa Dudlick, Lisa Evans, Alaina Walton and Tim Howley for assisting with the new family Meet & Greet tent; Heather Tallman, Bamby Bergeron, and Allison Howley for stuffing First Day Packets; Lynn Saia for preparing our Kindergarten Gifts; Geri Hollingsworth for decorating the school yard; Kim Martino, Bamby Bergeron, Stephanie Crowley, Jennifer Radley, and Lisa Evans for helping with the audit; Amy Ruta and Kimberly Dunkle for the Indoor Bulletin Board & Outdoor Sign; Lisa Bond and Denise Weachter for organizing the Outreach School Supplies drive over the summer as well as everyone who donated items.

Please remember to join the PTA this year. Your continued support guarantees the success of our organization.

