

# Chicago Ridge PTA 2011 Fall Newsletter



Congratulations to our Membership Drive Kindle winner, Elaine McIntyre! Currently we have 243 PTA members, but membership is ongoing. If you would still like to become a PTA member, please send \$10 with your child to the school's office. Your membership card and calendar will follow soon after. We are constantly looking for new members, new ideas and new volunteers. Come join us at any or all PTA meetings to find out what we are all about! PTA is an advocacy group that supports legislative issues for the benefit of all students. Your membership provides you with the benefits of a national network of discounts and parent resources. Most importantly, it provides the assistance needed locally to help enrich our school's educational programs and each student's school experience. If you would like to learn more about the PTA, please go to [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org).

Due to much fundraising by the PTA, a marquee sign was installed at Ridge Lawn during the summer. A special 'Thank You' to the following sponsors: Pehler Family, Lynn Barker, PK Pantry, Elevators Union Local 2, and Ortigara's Musicville, a local business who provides private piano and organ lessons.

Last month, the PTA sponsored Movie Night at Ridge Central. The movie, "Rio" was featured and all students that attended received free glow bracelets and snacks were available for purchase. A good time was had by all!

Mark your calendar for next Wednesday, October 19th at 6:30 p.m. You won't want to miss Family Read Night at Ridge Central! We have many exciting presenters and readers lined up for a great night of family fun. Archer Bank will be providing popcorn and drinks, as well as valuable information about children's savings accounts. Along with members of our community who will be reading, we will be fortunate enough to have two published authors read as well! Dan Schubert who wrote The Adventures of Andyasaurus and the Giggle Bubble Machine and Bruce Angel, author of I believe in Santa Claus, will both read their respective books and have copies on hand for purchase.

The Fall Book Fair will be held at all of the schools on November 8, 9, and 10th during parent/teacher conferences. We are in need of numerous volunteers for all three schools on all three days! If you can donate even an hour of your time,

please call Julie Ruscitti at 422-0733 to arrange a specific volunteer time.

Some important changes from last year are with the room parents and the "Labels for Education." Room parents are now selected by individual teachers. If you would like to be able to help the classroom teacher in any way, you should contact the teacher directly. The schools are each collecting their own labels and boxtops, so keep sending them in! The schools earn points that are used to purchase extra items and equipment. Please see [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com) or [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) for a list of products that are eligible for these programs. Last year's soup label drive winners were Room 57 of Ridge Central and Room 315 of Ridge Lawn. Room 57 of Central received money to put toward their end of the school year party and Room 315 of Lawn were treated to an ice cream party. Congratulations and thank you for collecting those labels!

Don't forget to bring your BINGO card to any PTA events you attend!