

Parkrose Educational Foundation:

- 1) Auction preparations are already beginning!
- 2) Road House dinner was a HUGE success. An additional \$315 was made by auctioning potatoes and onions from which THE BEST EVER chips and rings were made!
- 3) The Foundation was considering purchasing a button machine that different groups in Parkrose could use to make items for fundraising. While in the research phase, it was found that Travis of the Sun Community Schools Program at the HS has one. Groups are welcome to use it, but must purchase own supplies.
- 4) The Foundation Board approved a one year trial of a sponsored scholarship. Specifics and criteria, as well as the selection committee, to be determined upon research of current scholarship form used by HS for local scholarships.
- 5) \$150 grant approved to transport approximately 50 ELL Juniors to MHCC for a tour and demonstration of opportunities available. These students are not registered to take the PSAT, so this event will occur for them on test day.
- 6) EVERYONE needed to like the Parkrose Educational Foundation page. It's fun, it's easy!

Outdoor School - Not really a board committee, though I am officially listed with an interest in Outdoor School.

- 1) Goal: Increase current program by one night which would mean a 3 night/4 day program for Parkrose.
- 2) Parent meeting was held with great attendance at PMS 10/19/11. Really rough estimates show that \$15,000 needs to be raised, \$4,000 made over the summer, \$11,000 to go...its a lot of money and a HUGE effort by parents, students, teachers and community members.
- 3) While I do have a 6th grader, my focus with this program is to build some kind of sustainability as the fundraising goals are brutal. To that end, I've been working with Prescott to develop a fundraising plan that would enable classes to have an ODS "savings account" by the time they reach the middle school. All ODS funds would be tracked by grade and held in the PTA account. Once Prescott's plan is finalized, I would like to work with the other elementary schools. By the time the current Kindies get to PMS, fundraising would be less of a drain on volunteers. It would also be one less group in a sea of worthy causes looking for money at the same time.
- 4) WEDNESDAY, 11/2/11. The Original Taco House. Nachos for Nature! 50% of all sales will go to Parkrose ODS. Please go for lunch or dinner or both! You MUST have a flier. Those will be made available on the Parkrose Friends of Outdoor School Facebook page or folks can email me and I'll line you up. They aren't available yet, or I'd send a stack to the DO.

Communications Committee:

Karen and I met to review prior work done in this area. We reviewed a list of District stakeholders. We felt that folks living in the district without school-aged kids would be more interested in bond info and best served by the Bond Oversight Committee which will be managing bond communications. We chose to focus our efforts this year on Parents and Non-Parent Volunteers in the district. Our first meeting will be Thursday, 11/17 at 6pm at the DO. Notice went out in all the schools' newsletters. I'll do a reminder next week perhaps with a little more information about the committee as I've received a lot of

questions. We need a committee before we can officially determine goals, but I'm hoping to work with our group to figure out best practices for communications so we can keep our parents and volunteers timely informed of important events, dates and volunteer activities.

Those are my three big things..there's tons of events going on...looking forward to conferences next week, especially at the Middle School since its new to us.

I'll see you at the next meeting or around our busy neighborhood at a fun event!

~Adair