

PTO NEWS!!!!

A BIG "thank you" to everyone who helped with the Carnival! We had great weather and a great evening. Thank you to PTO officers Judy Fisher and Wendy Beekman for coordinating this year's carnival. John Fisher built many new games which we will be able to use in the future, so we say a special thanks to him also. The carnival would not be able to happen without many hours of preparation and MANY volunteers to help with games the night of the event.

Plans are under way for the annual Dowd's Fun Day, which will be held on Wednesday, May 26th. We will have inflatables, snow cones, popcorn and cotton candy for everyone. We have already ordered plenty of sunshine, so remember to put sunscreen on your child that day. In the event of rain, arrangements have been made to bus the kids to Central to hold the activities in their gym (Central Gym has higher ceilings than Dowds). If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, please contact Kelly Stine at 347-3382.

As the year winds down, we have changed the date of our May meeting and cancelled our June meeting. We will hold our last meeting on May 25th at 5:00 p.m. in the Art/ Music room. We will hold our election of officers for next school year on this date. If you would like to nominate someone to serve as a PTO officer, please contact Mr. Walker. Nominations will not be accepted on May 25th unless the person is at the meeting to accept the nomination. If you have any questions about PTO or being an officer, please contact Mr. Walker.

Again, thanks to everyone for all their help with our activities, we couldn't do it without you!

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News from the cafeteria!!!
The last day to charge lunches is May 7th!!!
Please make sure you have all outstanding charges paid in full. Thanks!!!

Information from Gifted Department

Twice each year the opportunity to test your child for possible identification as gifted is offered. Now is the time for referrals and testing. One or more of these four areas can be assessed:

Superior Cognitive Ability

Specific Academic Ability

Creative Thinking

Visual/Performing Arts

If your child demonstrates advanced learning abilities, you may want to consider referring him/her for testing. If your child was tested within the past year, there is no need to request testing again at this time. We generally offer testing in the fall and spring of each school year. Referral packets are available through your building secretary. Once we receive the referral, you will be notified of the testing procedures.

Call Sheri Mitchell, Supervisor for Gifted, at 419-347-5457 with any questions.