

Greetings Dondero Families,

It is with great pleasure that this year's PTA Board welcomes you to either your first year *or* another year at Dondero Elementary. We have already begun the preparations for many events this year to include some of our family favorites along with a handful of new ones. We will be listing just a few of the upcoming events a bit later in the letter so make sure you have your calendar ready!

We are excited to say that last year we successfully migrated our 5<sup>th</sup> grade fundraising from a *one-year chaotic race to raise money to a 6 year plan of integrated grade-level support*. In doing this, we now have a surplus from last year's efforts that will feed into this year (and future year) fundraising. (More on this grade level initiative to come.) We also added the 5<sup>th</sup> grade *Dondero Idol*. It is with great anticipation from the incoming 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents, the Dondero staff and the new 5<sup>th</sup> students that we continue with this fundraiser. Let's hold our breath to see how they will top last year's entries!

As always, we are looking for volunteers to help us with supporting the school. Although we do need volunteers to assist the staff with school hour projects, there are many projects that can be done at home, from your computer, and on your own time. If you have the time and would like to volunteer please let us know on the enclosed form. Any interest is appreciated at any level. We will surely find something that will fit your schedule!

Now, here are the events we have tentatively booked:

**Coming Attractions:** 10/22 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Barn Dance & 11/10 Ice Cream Social

**Coming This Year:** Bingo Night, Book Fair, Spirit Wear Sale, Movie Night, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraiser, Pasta Dinner, Dondero Idol, Science Day, & Lawn Fete

More on all of these events will be coming as the year progresses.

Finally, we have heard your suggestions and opinions on our website feedback button. We will be working on making sure that the on-line packets are available at the time of the Principal's Weekly Letter. And, we are hoping that we continue to go down the path of family-friendly fundraising & communication. As always, feel free to contact us via the website:

[www.donderopta.org](http://www.donderopta.org) or call/email anyone of us for questions or comments.

As we sign off on this letter, we would like to take a moment and give a great big thank you to: **Tamara Leibowitz, Molly Frency, & the Student Leadership team** for hosting the Watermelon Welcome, **Tanja Gravell** for organizing the Kick Up Your Heels Coffee, and all the volunteers that assisted them in the execution of those events and those that came in on Friday to assist in the collation of all those wonderful informational packets you've been receiving.

We look forward to seeing you at our first PTA meeting Thursday night at 7pm or at our next event!

Sincerely,

The PTA Board

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## Our school is a Clean Air Zone.

Improve air quality and reduce health and environmental risks by eliminating unnecessary vehicle idling at our school.

- **Turn the Key. Be Idle Free** – The second you take to turn off your car is worth the savings to your health and wallet. Please turn off your car when picking up or dropping off your child at school.
- **Remember the 10-second rule** – It is more efficient to turn off a warmed up vehicle than to idle for more than 10 seconds.
- **Drive to warm up** – Modern engines do not need more than a few seconds of idling time before they can be driven safely.

Any reduction you make in vehicle idling  
will have a positive impact!



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PORTSMOUTH RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
**YOUTH SOCCER 2009**  
BOYS AND GIRLS GRADES K - 4



**REGISTRATION**

MONDAY, AUG. 31 – FRIDAY, SEPT. 4

At the Greenleaf Recreation Center

5:00 – 8:00 PM

\$30 for Portsmouth Residents

\$50 for Eligible Non-residents

Fee includes shirt, socks and shin guards

(Eligible Non-residents: Greenland, Rye,

Newington, New Castle only)

**PROGRAM INFORMATION**

GRADES **K-1** PLAY ON **TUESDAY** EVENINGS AND **SATURDAY** MORNINGS  
GRADES **2-4** PLAY ON **THURSDAY** EVENINGS AND **SATURDAY** MORNINGS

**WEEKNIGHT GAMES BEGIN AT 4:00 PM**

**SATURDAY MORNINGS AT 9:00 AM**

**ALL GAMES ARE PLAYED ON LEARY FIELD AND THE  
CENTRAL LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD LOCATED ON PARROTT AVENUE**

**ATTENTION PARENTS**

**THERE WILL NOT BE A SCHEDULED ORIENTATION DAY HELD THIS YEAR. PARENTS WILL NEED TO PICK UP SOCCER SCHEDULE AND ROSTER PACKETS AT THE CONNIE BEAN COMMUNITY CENTER FRONT DESK LOCATED AT 135 DANIEL STREET.**

**HOURS TO PICK UP SOCCER PACKETS**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 @ 12:00 NOON TO 7:00 PM**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 @ 8:00 AM TO 7:00 PM**

**ALL TEAMS WILL BEGIN PRACTICE ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

**For further information: Please call the Portsmouth Recreation Department @ 766-1483**

**NOTE: WE NEED PARENT VOLUNTEER COACHES**

NOTE: Again this year we will have a separate league for girls by grades if registration numbers warrant.

# Dondero PTA Agenda

Date & Time: September 3<sup>rd</sup> 7pm

Meet & Greet - 10 minutes

Principal's Report - 10 minutes

PTA Board Presentation - 15 minutes

Treasurer's Report - 10 minutes

To include Lawn Fete & End of Year Event finances

Discussion on Upcoming Events - 10 minutes

## Help the PTA Serve Our Children

Every year the Dondero PTA sponsors a host of programs to enhance our educational offerings and create a strong school community. This year we hope to increase parent volunteer participation in our school. Your commitment can range from a scheduled weekly task, a standing committee, or a few hours at a special event. This year we'd like to make a special effort to get more Dads involved. If you'd like to hear more about volunteer opportunities at Dondero, see the list below and attend our PTA meetings which are the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 P.M. Please come share new ideas....all are welcome!!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

<b>I would like to become involved with</b>	
<b>Website Development and Maintenance</b>	We are developing a PTA website for parents and teachers and we need someone to assist us. Perfect for someone who wants to help but has limited time during school.
<b>Innisbrook Fundraiser</b>	Assist with coordination/distribution paper in Oct./Nov.
<b>Packet Distribution</b>	Help prepare packets for distribution (you can bring younger children along). Wednesdays 9-10 a.m.
<b>Book Fair</b>	Sell books to children and parents. Shifts are daytime and one evening in November
<b>Barn/Pumpkin Dance</b>	Help organize this function for late October
<b>Yearbook</b>	Plan and put together yearbook
<b>Welcoming Committee</b>	Organize opening events for school year and welcome to new families
<b>Public Relations Committee</b>	Spread the word about PTA projects
<b>Program &amp; Arts Committee</b>	Work with teachers to plan Artist in Residency program
<b>After School Enrichment</b>	Coordinate after school enrichment program
<b>Fundraising Committee</b>	Help to plan and organize fundraisers for the school
<b>Smart TV Week</b>	Plan non-TV activities for one week in the spring
<b>Pasta Dinner</b>	Help with planning pasta dinner in early spring
<b>Ice Cream Social</b>	Help with planning and organizing ice cream social in spring
<b>Lawn Fete</b>	Assist with planning this year-end carnival celebration

### Special Opportunities

Please check if you would like to help in these special areas:

Office                     
  School Nurse                     
  Library (training provided)

Would you be interested in being a driver for field trips other than your child's class if needed? Adequate insurance is required.

Yes                     
  No

If you'd like additional information on any committee or details about other volunteer opportunities, please feel free to contact:

Emy Adams, PTA President

431-6329 or [adamsc8791@hotmail.com](mailto:adamsc8791@hotmail.com)

If you don't see a volunteer job that's exactly what you're looking for, or if you'd like to hear more about the specific expectations of any of the positions listed above, tell us and we'll make sure you connect with the right person.

## Dondero Elementary School Directory 2009-2010

Greetings All,

The PTA distributed our first school directory last year with great success in both the advertising and shared classroom information. We would like to do this again this year with a distribution of the directory by mid October.

If you are interested in having your family information included in the directory, please fill out this form and return to your teacher by **09/18/09**. If you are interested in advertising in the directory, please let us know below and someone will contact you for your business information.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a business that you would like to advertise in this year's directory? \_\_\_\_\_

Rates for advertising are: \$30/half page \$50/page



## Volunteers Needed

The Dondero PTA is looking for a few volunteers to fill some immediate needs! The following Events or Fundraisers are scheduled to occur in the next two months:

### **Innisbrook fundraiser**

This is the largest fundraiser of the school year and the biggest money earner! We need an individual that will work with the Innisbrook representative to get the order packets, distribute them to the students, and process the orders & count the money. When the orders arrive at Dondero, you and other volunteers are needed to help sort the orders and supervise pick up.

This position is a two-time commitment: at set up and order & delivery.

### **The Barn Dance Coordinator**

This is a first annual event. It is scheduled for 10/22 at Dondero. There are already volunteers lined up to assist in this event. We just need someone to lead. The music and gym teachers will also be involved to educate the students in square dancing and associated music!

These two positions are also open and in need of immediate assistance:

### **Volunteer Coordinator**

Coordinate volunteers for PTA events for school year 2009-2010. This person is the go-to person for knowing the needs and resources available during the school year. This position can be done via email or from the phone. The Board can and will be your direct line of support for any questions or comments you have. This is a great position for either someone new to the school or with a young student. This is a great way to meet many people in our school.

### **Portsmouth Enrichment Program (PEP) Coordinator**

We are at-risk of losing our After-School Enrichment program! The PEP Coordinator represents Dondero in a shared program with the three other elementary schools. This program offers inexpensive afterschool enrichment classes to our students twice a year. Much of the work is home based - setting up class offerings, submitting and collecting the student sign-ups and executing the schedule. This is a non-PTA position.

### **Wednesday Paper Packet Distribution Coordinator**

Coordinate the distribution of the Wednesday packet to the families that need paper copies. This position requires a few hours Wednesday morning, at the school, putting the packets together and delivering to the teachers.

If you are interested in finding out how you can help, please call or email Emy Adams at [adamsc8791@hotmail.com](mailto:adamsc8791@hotmail.com) or 431-6329.

