

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL MESSAGE TO
DBS PARENTS and GUARDIANS
FROM THE PTO**

August 27, 2014

Hello all! The DBS PTO board is ready for a great school year! The PTO works on more than just fundraising. True, we raise money to support the students, teachers, and staff at DBS, and we also do lots more within our community. We're eager to connect with you throughout the year. Why should you get involved?

- **Tap Into a Network** - It's a fantastic way to meet other parents and teachers, build rapport, and discuss issues that are on your mind. You can share ideas, concerns, and experiences.
- **Be a Role Model** - By becoming a PTO member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education.
- **Join our Email List** - Ask us questions and make suggestions by writing to dbsto@gmail.com, and you'll be added to our news and updates distribution list.

Everyone who volunteers (with efforts of every kind) will automatically be entered into our VIP (Volunteer Incentive Program) raffle. In the spring of 2014, we gave away two iPad minis. Be part of our 2015 raffle by signing our clipboard in the DBS office each time you volunteer at school.

UPCOMING EVENTS: MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **Monday, September 8 - Fall Fundraiser.** Check your child's take-home folder for the catalogue from Meadow Farms. Enlist the help of friends, grandparents, and other relatives. (Cash donations are also welcome at any time. See below.)
- **Tuesday, September 9 at 6 p.m.** - Open House at DBS. All students and their parents and guardians are invited to get to know the classroom teachers, get a glimpse of work happening with the "specials" (art, music, and PE), and enjoy an evening celebrating the start of the school year.
- **Thursday, September 11 at 6-7 p.m.** - PTO Meeting at DBS (free childcare provided). Get an update on plans for the school year and the Parent Workshop will focus on an "Insider's Guide" to DBS. Parents and guardians should come with questions about the schedule or homework or PBIS or recess or whatever is on their minds. DBS experts will be on hand to provide answers!
- **Friday, September 12 at 7:30-8:15 a.m.** - School Community Council meeting at DBS. This small group of DBS teachers, parents, and staff work on programs and initiatives that are of interest to the DBS community. For more information, contact Principal Rick Dustin-Eichler dustineichlerg@hartfordschools.net.
- **Thursday, October 9 at 6-7 p.m.** PTO Meeting at DBS (free childcare provided). Parent Workshop will focus on bullying prevention work at DBS.
- **October (date TBA) - Operation: Warm & Cozy.** Donate your old winter outerwear - all sizes & kinds! Then come to DBS and get what you need for this year. Watch email and Facebook for details.

~Ongoing~

- In September-October, students are invited to Walk/Ride to School on Thursday mornings. Watch emails for start date and time.
- Collect those BoxTops for Education because we get cash!! Drop the BoxTops in the box in the DBS lobby, or feel free to bring them to a PTO meeting. See the entire list at the website: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/>
- Join our Mentor Match program for families of new students. This program matches interested new families with volunteers who can answer questions and provide some personal insights about DBS and the DBS community. If you'd like to be a Mentor, contact Becky Wood, the office administrator at DBS woodr@hartfordschools.net. Feel free to contact Becky directly if you have questions.
- Cash gifts are always welcome. Checks can be made payable to DBS PTO and mailed to Dothan Brook School, 2300 Christian Street, White River Junction, VT 05001.

~Glimpse into the future~ *dates and programs are subject to change.*

Oct. (TBA) Family Movie Night
Nov. 13 PTO meeting and parent workshop, 6 p.m., free childcare
Nov.-Dec. (TBA) Dartmouth Hockey concessions fundraiser
Dec. 11 PTO meeting and parent workshop, 6 p.m., free childcare
Jan. 8 PTO meeting and parent workshop, 6 p.m., free childcare
Feb. (TBA) 100th Day Celebration and family game night
Feb. 12 PTO meeting and parent workshop, 6 p.m., free childcare
Mar. 12 PTO meeting and parent workshop, 6 p.m., free childcare
March (TBA) Family Movie Night
April-June Walk & Ride to School on Thursday mornings
May (date TBA) Community Yard Sale
April 9 PTO meeting and parent workshop, 6 p.m., free childcare
April (TBA) Spring fundraiser
May 4-8 Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week
May 14 PTO meeting and parent workshop, 6 p.m., free childcare
Early June (TBA) Ice Cream Social
Early June (TBA) School yearbook

We look forward to a productive school year.

Signed,
Sue Knapp, President
Jaime Peyton, Vice President
Jodie Davi, Treasurer
Jennifer Krom, Secretary