

## Ithaca Parent, Teacher, Student Organization

The Ithaca PTSO is a volunteer group comprised of parents, teachers, students and members of the Ithaca community that works toward the improvement of the school. We meet on the **3rd Wednesday at 3:30 pm in the Library** from September through May to discuss ideas, problems, fundraisers, events, etc. All monies taken in from our fundraisers go back into the school and the community. Last spring we donated \$3000 to the Playground Improvement Project and have several new activities planned for the 2017-18 school year.

Each year we:

- Provide welcome baskets for new teachers and staff
- Provide meals to teachers during the two parent-teacher conferences
- Donate snacks for the Elementary and Middle school science fairs
- Recognize our school volunteers during National Volunteer Week
- Sponsor the *Semester Star* High School recognition program
- Publish the all color elementary school yearbook and new this year a Middle School yearbook
- Supply popcorn for the Elementary school Friday popcorn sales
- Offer a "Welcome to Ithaca" goodie bag for our incoming 4K students
- Serve the staff a "thank you" breakfast during Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week in May with the NHS
- Sponsor the Million Minutes reading reward bounce house and frozen treats
- Award a scholarship to a deserving graduation senior
- Present retiring staff with a token of appreciation

This year the PTSO is sponsoring a bounce house, games, face painting, cotton candy, and sno cones at the Ithaca Fair. We are also planning a Holiday Store for the elementary children and hosting a Gingerbread House Making contest in December along with sponsoring a 4K adult/child crafts and snacks program with Mrs. Penfield.

The PTSO has many fundraisers including the Ithaca sportswear/spirit items drive, elementary and middle school year books, the RR1 Popcorn sale coming in October, and a silent auction in December (in time for Christmas!). The Ithaca PTSO also has several collection based fundraisers that account for a portion of our income throughout the school year. The labels programs **Boxtops 4 Education**, **Tyson Project A+ Support Your School**, **Kwik Trip Milk Moola**, and **new this year Loaves 4 Learning through Country Hearth/Village Hearth** are utilized to raise money for supplies for the school. Please cut out and collect these labels and caps and send to school with your elementary aged child for their classroom collection or drop off in the box located outside the school office. For more information, click on the PTSO Fundraisers link on the Ithaca school website.

We are very excited about the direction we are taking and welcome new project and fundraiser ideas! If you are interested in volunteering for any of our projects or want to find out what we're about, please join us for a meeting or feel free to contact us if you just want more information or want to get on our email list. **Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 20 at 3:30 PM in the school Library.** You can also follow us on Facebook under **Ithaca PTSO**.

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Clip and save for easy reference!

### Ithaca PTSO Fundraiser Labels/Caps

Please watch for these labels/caps and collect and turn in to the school.

- Boxtops for Education
- Loaves 4 Learning
- Kwik Trip Milk Moola
- Tyson Project A+ Support Your School!

