



Parent Teacher Organization
strengthening the partnership between
home and school

October 2009

Letter from the President

It is the spookiest time of year again! Fall is officially here and so is our school year! The children are pretty adjusted to the new school year and the PTO wants to continue to help by providing fun monthly activities for the families of Easthampton. Our outdoor showing of Casper turned out to be a huge hit and hopefully, an annual event. Thank you to Mr. Luce for a great evening and to Mrs. Ryan for all her POPCORN!!

Our next meeting, on **Tuesday**, October 13th at Pepin School will be a very busy one. We are hoping to get some new fundraising ideas and possibly sample some yummy treats! Please join us from 6:30 to about 7:30 (Free childcare!) for a fun-filled night. Again, all that we do, we are able to do with the help of volunteers, teachers and families!

Have a Safe & Happy Halloween!

Dawn M. Young, PTO President

Save the Date!

The PTO will be hosting the 3rd annual Snowtime Bazaar on Friday, December 4th. We will be looking for crafters in the coming month. Stay tuned for more info...

Spotlight Event – The Bear Prince



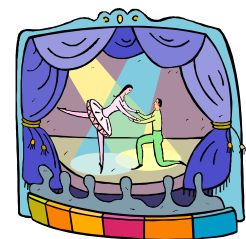
The Pioneer Valley Ballet performance of

The Bear Prince

Wednesday, October 14th

6:00pm—7:00pm

Pepin Auditorium



An enchanting ballet about a hapless prince turned into a bear through the spell of an old peasant woman. Follow the Prince as he is turned into a bear, meets the Good Fairy, falls in love with the beautiful princess who breaks the spell, and lives happily ever after.

Creative Kids!

Here's a great idea for a home project for a Fall day provided by CREATE Children's Art Studio: Take the children outside and let them pick different leaves, flowers, branches, seed pods, etc. Look for things with interesting textures and shapes. This is a great time for children to identify colors, patterns, and textures. Gather up your loot and spread out some newspaper. This can be done indoors or out, depending on how messy you like to get. Have the kids coat their findings with a thin layer of paint and press down on paper. Use an empty papertowel roll to help evenly press the leaves. Pull your leaf and away and reveal a beautiful Fall print. Try using multiple paint colors on each leaf for a funky and fun look. Talk to your children about the arrangement of the prints, overlapping and overall design of their piece. Take it one step further and create a "view finder" by cutting a window out of a piece of paper (much like a small frame) and have your children travel over their new masterpiece identifying interesting areas.

Create Art Studio is committed to art education throughout the community. Visit them at www.CreateArtStudio.com or on the first floor of the Eastworks Building.

Movie Night Recap

After a couple of unsuccessful attempts due to rain, the PTO's outdoor movie night finally was a go! While the weather on Friday, September 18th seemed a bit questionable in the afternoon, the evening couldn't have turned out better! The rear of the Maple street school was the ideal backdrop and the stars were the perfect canopy. More than 150 people turned out with blankets, chairs and benches to enjoy the movie *Casper*.

A big thank you goes out to Principal Luce for engineering the equipment and also to Mrs. Ryan and her husband for providing the popcorn! This event wouldn't have been possible without the help and generosity of these individuals.

What do you say, shall we do it again next year??

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Nikki Growhoski—Maple
Michelle Perrier—Maple

Calendar of Events

October

Tues 13 PTO Meeting @6:30pm —
Pepin Library

Wed 14 The Bear Prince Ballet
6:00pm - Pepin Auditorium

November

Mon 9 PTO Meeting @ Maple

December

Fri 4 Snow Time Bazaar

Mon 14 PTO Meeting @ Pepin

January

Mon 11 PTO Meeting @ Maple

February

Mon 8 PTO Meeting @ Pepin

March

Mon 8 PTO Meeting @ Maple

April

Mon 12 PTO Meeting @ Pepin

May

Teacher Appreciation Week

Mon 10 PTO Meeting @ Maple

June

Thurs 3 Ice Cream Social

Free Childcare at all PTO Meetings!