

# The Daisy Times



FROM THE PTO PRESIDENTS

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2016

On behalf of our PTO, we would like to welcome all new and returning families to Daisy Ingraham School. We are really excited about the upcoming school year and look forward to providing our students and families with some new and exciting events, as well as some of your favorites.

Our PTO has been busy planning and scheduling the Family Picnic, Trick or Trot, and Open House Breakfasts. These are all great opportunities to meet other Daisy families and become involved in our school community. We look forward to meeting families, parents and grandparents that would like to get involved with our PTO this school year. We encourage you to not only join our organization, but get involved as well. Volunteers drive everything we do and we are always looking for those of you who want to make a difference in our children's lives.

We hope you enjoyed the Family Picnic in the first weeks of school. The rain did not stop our families from getting together to celebrate the school year and honor Mrs. Bishop with a new bench. A special thanks to Melinda Xenelis, Melissa Porter, and Elizabeth Xenelis for organizing this event, and to all the volunteers who helped make the evening special.

Currently, we are getting ready for the annual Trick or Trot, which is Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have not experienced the Daisy Trick or Trot, here is your chance. You don't have to be a runner to get involved; you can walk the 5k or volunteer for pre-race activities or on race day. It is an amazing day filled with excitement and accomplishment for all involved. For more information visit the website ([www.daisytrickortot.com](http://www.daisytrickortot.com))

Our 5k Kid Training program will be getting started this week for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders who are signed up for the 5K. It is great to be a part of Kids Fitness and Health Awareness. We will meet for 1½ hours every Tuesday and Thursday. We will be working hard building endurance and confidence. Our goal is to gradually ease the students into a long run and have them physically and mentally in-shape for the Trick or Trot.

The Daisy Book Fair is October 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. "Bookaneer Book Fair" Family Night will be Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-8:00pm. This year Mrs. Sweet will be transforming the library into a Pirate's world. We are looking forward to see what Mrs. Sweet has up her sleeves! We hope you can all make it to Family Night, as it's always great to see families getting together for the love of READING. So bring your children or volunteer for the evening, but you don't want to miss this night. See you there mate!!!

Please help us make 2016-2017 a great year. Join us at the PTO meetings. The meetings are informal and informative. Both Daisy and the PTO will benefit from hearing your ideas and you will be better informed about all the past and upcoming events at the school.

If you have any ideas, comments, or suggestions, we want to hear from you.

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- Our Meetings will be held in the cafeteria at 7:00pm on the following dates: **September 27**, November 15, February 1, April 4, and May 31
- Book Fair October 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, Family Night- October 4<sup>th</sup>
- Trick or Trot: October 15

Sincerely, your PTO Presidents, Lorie Pill and Sylvia Guinan

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Daisy Families,

We have had an incredible start to the new school year! I would like to thank our families and staff members for everything you have done to ensure the happiness and success of each one of our students!

It has been wonderful to welcome so many families at our Open House Breakfasts, which are a long-standing tradition at Daisy. I hope that you have enjoyed visiting in your children's classrooms and getting to know their teachers and expectations for the new school year. As always, please contact me with any concerns or ideas you have as we seek to continually make improvements at Daisy.

Thanks to our PTO for a wonderful Back-to-School Family Picnic. It was very well-attended and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, even in the rain! Of course, rides in our Westbrook Fire Department's Bucket Truck were a huge hit as always. We also enjoyed a dedication ceremony where a "Reading Bench" was presented to former Principal Kit Bishop.

We have made many physical improvements at Daisy over the summer, including the installation of new windows throughout the school; new carpeting where needed; and newly-paved parking lots. Another new safety feature is the addition of a "Visitor Management System," which scans a visitor's driver's license or other photo ID and prints a badge for each guest visiting our building. So, please bring your license/photo ID with you so that you can help us as we work to further improve the safety of our school community.

Please also make sure that our office always has the most up-to-date emergency information for your child. As phone numbers and emergency contacts change, please let us know so that we can always ensure the safety of our children. Providing the most up-to-date e-mail information will also help with communication by School Messenger e-mail notifications.

We are off to a great start for the new school year. We are so glad that you and your child are with us and I encourage you to be fully involved with your child's education. Please stay in close communication with your child's teacher and visit our Daisy website often at: <http://dis.westbrookctschools.org> for important news and updates.

Wishing you all a wonderful new school year!

Warmly,

Ruth W. Rose, Principal





## REGISTER TODAY!

- Prices will continue to go up!
- First 100 people registered will receive the newest Trick-or-Trot t-shirts!



## Family Fun!

- Costume Contests
- Awards & Prizes
- Children's Activities

September 2016

Dear Daisy Families,

Welcome back to school! We hope you had a wonderful summer. As many of you know, we are organizing our fourth annual 5K Run/Walk and Kids' Fun Run to benefit our school's PTO. This event will take place on **Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup>**, beginning at 9:00 am with the children's Fun Run and 9:30am for the 5K. It is with *your* help that this event will be a success!

At this point in time, we are asking for volunteers who are willing and able to assist in a variety of ways. From reaching out to local businesses for their support ... to helping with race day activities, we cannot do this alone. Sponsorship Forms can be downloaded from the PTO website. Please feel free to make copies and distribute. If you have any interest in assisting with this exciting event, please contact the Race Committee (Adrienne Bransfield, Jodi Ouellette and Allison Pluck) at [daisytrickortrot@gmail.com](mailto:daisytrickortrot@gmail.com) at your earliest convenience.

We also encourage you to check out our website at [www.daisytrickortrot.com](http://www.daisytrickortrot.com) or visit us on Facebook for more information! Please spread the word to family and friends, as all proceeds from this family friendly event will benefit Daisy Ingraham's PTO.

Sincerely,

Adrienne Bransfield  
Jodi Ouellette  
Allison Pluck

Daisy's Trick-Or-Trot Race Committee



**5k and Kid Run Training**  
*for Kids in 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade*  
*who are registered for the 5K Race*  
**FREE**

**STARTING SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**

**TUESDAY AND THURSDAY**

**3:00-4:30PM**



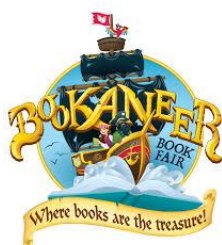
## PTO Membership



PTO membership forms were distributed in the Wednesday folders.

Please return them by **September 23rd**.

If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Ford  
at 860-339-5498 or email: [kford02@gmail.com](mailto:kford02@gmail.com).



## Volunteer at our Bookaneer Book Fair!

Dates: October 3<sup>rd</sup> - October 6<sup>th</sup>

Volunteer at our fall Book Fair – a swashbuckling celebration of reading with hundreds of fun, engaging, and affordable books for kids to discover.

Join our volunteer team to:

- Bring creative flair to decorations
- Help serve food and refreshments
- Offer a helping hand - set up or pack up
- Help shoppers of all ages find their perfect book

We are also looking for people to shadow our current co-chair and refreshment chair: this spring will be their final fair at Daisy, so this is your chance to learn how they do their magic!

We are so grateful for your support!

-Mrs. Sweet

Note: Please include an email address: you will receive an invitation to join our Sign-Up Genius page.

### Book Fair Dates and Hours

Monday Oct. 3	Browsing Day for students (no purchases for kids, though adults are welcome to buy) 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Parent Preview	
Tuesday, Oct. 4	9:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Family Night	4:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Wednesday, Oct. 5	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Thursday, Oct. 6	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Family night volunteer/donation link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aea929a1fd0-feeling>

## Donations Needed!



Do you have leftover wrapping paper, bows, tags and/or other gift wrap supplies? If so, please drop them off in the lobby to be used for our Holiday Fair. Thank You!



Please send in Box Tops to your child's classroom to raise money for our school.

Last year we earned **\$833.60!**

Let's try to beat it this school year!

Once again this year, the class with the most Box Tops will receive a pizza party!

For more info, coupons, recipes and participating products please visit:

[www.bboxtops4education.com](http://www.bboxtops4education.com).





**PTO MEETING**  
**Tuesday September 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**7PM**  
**Daisy Cafeteria**



Visit the PTO Website located under the parent resources tab on the Daisy Ingraham website for information, links and more!

To Daisy Families and Staff:

Our PTO was honored to have such a great turnout of teachers and staff at our Welcome Back Teachers' Luncheon on Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. A BIG thank you to Daisy parent, Lori Blair, for graciously offering your time to assist me with setting up our sandwiches and various salads. Additionally, Mrs. Rose, we were grateful to enjoy the many delicious pies you brought to share with us all. What a memorable way to kick off our school year!

Kristen Schilling  
 Sunshine Chair, 2016-2017



## 2016



<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9/20-9/21</b>	<b>School Pictures</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9/27</b>	<b>PTO Meeting 7pm</b>
<b>Monday-Thursday</b>	<b>10/3-10/6</b>	<b>Book Fair</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10/4</b>	<b>Book Fair Family Night 4-8pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>10/10</b>	<b>Columbus Day – No School</b>