

St. Matthew School Year 2009-2010

Dear Parents:

Welcome back to school from The Parent Club Officers! We hope that this will be a great year for you and your family. The Parent Club Officers met over the summer and came up with some goals that we would like to accomplish in the upcoming school year. We would like to really focus on the Mission statement of Parent Club. The Mission of Parent Club is... **“to enhance the school environment by supporting the educational, spiritual, and social experiences of students, staff, and families of St. Matthew; encouraging communication, volunteerism, fundraising, and fellowship.”**

1. We would like for the **Enrichment Committee** to fall into place in the 2009-10 school year, providing opportunities for all of our children to enjoy learning opportunities outside of the school day.
2. We would like to see widespread participation in the **Peaceable Schools Program** this year. A portion of the Parent Club budget has been devoted to this 3-year program, which is now in its second year. In fact, the Parent Club Officers feel so strongly about having Peace in our school that we have agreed to begin awarding a child in 5-8<sup>th</sup> grade with the **Peacemaker Award**.
3. We would like our fellow parents to help us direct how we should **Spend our Fundraising Dollars** this year. You have given your time and money to Winter Carnival, box tops, SCRIP, wreath purchases, and apparel purchases, and now we are looking for your input on what to purchase that will enrich your children's experience at St. Matthew. We will be seeking out your ideas at upcoming meetings.
4. We would like to have a **Parent Club Adoration Hour 1x/month**. I am certain that all of our families are in need of prayers in some way or another. By praying for each other's unknown or known needs, we hope to bring consolation and Peace to all of our families.
5. We would like to provide you with 1-2 **Hands-on Volunteer Opportunities** for you and your children. Many parents indicated this as an interest that they feel would benefit their children.
6. We would like to utilize the e-mail listserv to keep you informed and increase the level of **Communication** at St. Matthew. We plan to send you reminders of the school newsletter with a link so that you don't forget to take a look each month.
7. Finally, we budgeted a small amount this year for **Volunteer Appreciation!!** Volunteers are what makes St. Matthew great, and on behalf of Parents Club, thank you for all that you do. Be on the look out for some tokens of appreciation throughout the school year.

We really hope this will be a fun and productive year for the Parent Club. Please let us know if you have questions or concerns related to the Parent Club mission. Thanks again for your support and we look forward to seeing you at one of our monthly meetings!

Sincerely,

Tece and Ryan Hendrickson, President  
Karen and Mark Pollard, Vice-President  
Cindy and Ted Brya, Secretary  
Liz and Bill Vavrik, Treasurer