



Fisher Family Connection

Fisher Parent-Teacher
Organization

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Fisher Families,

You can expect a fantastic month at Fisher! We have many fun family activities on the calendar at our school and some exciting things going on in Redford Township! The staff at Fisher is hosting a **Fisher Family Math Night** in February with math games, activities, and computer fun for the kids. Dinner will also be provided. The teachers will be available to offer support and to answer parents questions about the new Singapore Math Curriculum. Also in February: **Bingo For Books, Skate Night and the Book Fair**. Be sure to take a look at our "Upcoming Events" section and the Calendar of Events on the back page to get all of the information and dates. Additionally, February is **Black History Month**. There are many websites online that can help you celebrate Black History Month with your children and spend some extra time learning about the extraordinary accomplishments of African-Americans. You can download printables and coloring pages for kids, take quizzes, find activities and read articles about the historic struggle for civil rights. Visit the Redford Township Library for their **Black History Celebration family program** on Saturday, February 18. Local storyteller Jan Longton will share ancient tales that originated in Africa - stories of the funny spider, Anansi and the trickster, Zomo the Rabbit. She will also talk about Ruby Bridges, the real-life, brave first-grader who helped integrate a New Orleans school. Everyone is invited to this family program! All library special events are FREE but they require pre-registration. You can register in person at the Children's Desk or by phone at 313-531-5960, ext. 105. Also, be sure to see the Redford Township website, www.redfordtwp.com for information on local events such as the **Diversity Concert** benefiting Redford Interfaith Relief on February 19th.



Starting this month, look for some **new additions to our newsletter**. You will continue to find fundraiser information and upcoming events, but now every month you will also find a **feature article**. This article will focus on either an extra-curricular group from Fisher or a classroom with a special activity during a specific month. There is so much to be proud of here at Fisher and we want to make sure that not only are our students and families aware of what is available to them, but that our students are recognized for their participation and dedication. Additionally, we will have a **monthly feature** of one of our awesome **staff members**. February's group feature will be on the **Boys and Girl Scouts of America** and in our staff feature we will introduce you to Fisher's new school social worker, **Ms. Kim Jackson**. Have a suggestion for a staff member or student group? We would love to hear it! Email the PTO at fisherpto@ymail.com with your suggestions.

Have you visited our school website lately? We have new updates to our PTO tab! You will find a calendar of events as well as information on upcoming events and fundraisers. Do you ever wonder why the PTO fundraises, or how we use the money that is raised? Currently on our PTO Fundraising tab you can click on a link to view a summary of our fundraising status. We are just a click away at southredford.net. Click on **Fisher Elementary** under the school tab and then click on the **PTO** tab. Thanks for visiting our website! Just a reminder, our next **PTO meeting** will not be until **Tuesday March, 13th at 7:00 pm** and **FREE babysitting** is provided. We will be accepting nominations for the 2012/2013 PTO board so if you are interested in becoming more involved with the PTO, please attend this meeting. You can contact any PTO board member for questions regarding the nominations.

Sincerely,

Your **Fisher PTO**

Fisher Fundraiser Updates



Market Day
A fundraiser like no other...

Questions about Market Day? Please contact Stephanie Black at 313-732-7670 or ilmk@sbcglobal.net

Market Day Monthly Fundraiser

Purchase high quality and nutritious food for your family, and the school will earn up to 20% profit on every purchase you make! This month our bonus day item is **PIE!** Be sure to check out Market Day's incredible pie selection and choose your favorites! From French Silk and Classic Apple to Peanut Butter Cup, there are so many to choose! If we sell 500+ pies we can earn an additional 45% profit on our sales. The pies are \$12-15 each and would be great for holiday or family gatherings. Also this month, the class with the highest Market Day participation will earn a class snack. Families may pay by cash, check or credit card. Bridge cards are accepted and are processed discreetly at time of delivery. February orders are due before **2/22** and pick up will be on **2/28** from 5-6 p.m. Orders can be placed online at www.marketday.com using our school code: **11958**. Volunteers will be needed to help sort the February delivery. If you are available to help sort on 2/28 from 3:45pm-4:45pm, please contact Stephanie Black. Thank you to those supporting this sale and helping with the sorting!



Please continue to collect the following items at home:

- Foil drink pouches
 - Candy and cookie wrappers
 - Chip bags
 - Ziplock type baggies
 - Lunchable trays and boxes
- THANK YOU!!**

PTO Fundraiser Results



RED WINGS

Thank you very much to all those who participated in the Red Wings fundraiser. We sold 124 tickets and raised \$555 for the PTO. Congratulations to kindergartener **Gage Kanowski** who was our top ticket seller! He received a Red Wings autographed hockey stick for his efforts! Great job Gage!

HOLIDAY SHOP



We really enjoy this unique opportunity each year for the students to shop on their own for holiday presents! This years shop was a great one! The PTO raised \$1071! Thank you to all of our super volunteers!

COOKIE DOUGH SALE

WOW! Through the efforts of many the PTO raised \$2857 from our Fall Cookie Dough Sale! **THANK YOU!** We are so glad that our families continue to enjoy this popular fundraiser !



SAVE THE DATE!!

Just in time for Spring cleaning, the Fisher PTO will be sponsoring a **MOM - to - MOM SALE** **Saturday, April 21,** in the Fisher Gymnasium! Look for more info soon!!!



ORIGINAL WORKS



This fundraiser is such a wonderful way to celebrate your child's love of art and support your school! The PTO raised \$600 from this fundraiser of which \$300 was donated to the Fisher Art department. This donation will help purchase supplies to enable Fisher students to participate in the Empty Bowls program. Empty Bowls is an international grassroots effort to fight hunger. The basic premise is simple: Potters and other craftspeople, educators and in our case, Fisher students, work to create handcrafted bowls. Students will either purchase their bowl or donate it to be sold at the upcoming Taste the Love of Redford event to be held at George Matick Chevrolet on March 25. The money raised will be donated to the Blessings in a Backpack program. Thank you to all who participated!





Introducing.....Ms. Kimberly Jackson



What is your job title and what are your main responsibilities at Fisher Elementary?

My title is: School Social Worker. My main responsibilities are to promote and enhance the social, emotional and behavioral well-being of all Fisher students through our Positive Behavior Support program. I work with staff in developing interventions for students who may be experiencing difficulties that adversely affects their success in school. I also provide families with information of community resources or agencies to meet any further needs.

Where did you work prior to coming to Fisher Elementary School?

I joined the South Redford School District in August 2008 and worked for the past three years at Thurston High School. Before I came to the district, I worked in Flint, Michigan at a K-8 school for 5 years as a School Social Worker.

Where did you go to school? What type of degree(s) have you received? I received my Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Michigan State University –East Lansing and I received my Masters of Social Work (MSW) from University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

What are some of the things you like to do in your free time?

In my free time I love going to the movies or out to dinner and just spending time with my family and friends.

What is your favorite part of your job here at Fisher?

This is my first year at Fisher, so I definitely love talking to the students, getting to know them and building those relationships with them. I also love coming to work everyday and having such an awesome and caring staff to work with.

Contact Ms. Jackson at jackki01@southredford.net or 313-535-4000 ext. 1411

Upcoming Family Nights



**Fisher Skate Night at
Riverside Arena, Livonia, Mi
Friday Feb. 24, 6-8 pm
\$5 includes skate rental**

**Fisher
Family Fun
Math Night**

**Monday, February 27
5:30-7:00 pm**

Join the teachers and staff for dinner and fun math themed night of games and activities. The cost of this event is \$2/person or \$5/family for all activities and dinner!

2+5=7



BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair is scheduled for March 5th-8th during parent / teacher conferences. Students and parents will have an opportunity to purchase from a selection of hundreds of books from the Scholastic Publishers. Students will also have a chance to visit the book fair during school hours with their class. Look for more information soon!

Bingo For Books:

Friday, February 10th

5:30 pm Dinner

6:00pm Bingo



Please join us for a evening of family fun playing Bingo for new and gently used books. Encourage your children to develop a love of reading! We play a unique game of Bingo to ensure that every player will take home at least one book for the evening, but typically children bring home 3-5 books. The cost is \$3 per person playing, which includes a snack and drink, Parents, grandparents and siblings are welcome to attend and play along with the kids! We have mature reading books as well.



Come early and have dinner with us! We will again be offering a slice of pizza AND a bottle of water for just \$1.

Hope to see you there!



Focus on....Boy and Girl Scouts of America



Fisher students Abby, Jordyn, Keira, Leah, LaTia and Emma from Girl Scout Troop 40305 getting ready for a riding session during a weekend Girl Scout Camp; just one of the many fun and meaningful activities available to Girl Scouts.

Did you know that there are Daisy, Tiger Cub, Cub, Girls and Boy Scouts meetings at Fisher every week? In Girl Scouts, girls discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together. Girl Scouting helps girls develop their full individual potential; relate to others with increasing understanding, skill, and respect; develop values to guide their actions and provide the foundation for sound decision-making; and contribute to the improvement of society through their abilities, leadership skills, and cooperation with others. In this coming March 2012, GSA will celebrate it's 100 anniversary of it's founding.

The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations. The BSA provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness. For over a century, the BSA has helped build the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and life-long values with fun. The Boy Scouts of America believes — and, through over a century of experience, knows — that helping youth is a key to building a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society. This February, our Boy Scouts will hold their annual Blue and Gold Ceremony where they will celebrate the packs anniversary while thanking pack leaders and other adults who have helped them and been inspirations for the leaders, Scouts, and parents.

These particular after school activities at Fisher are fantastic opportunities for both you and your child to better get to know the students and families at Fisher Elementary and the surrounding schools. For more information about our GSA and BSA troops contact:

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PTO Meeting Update



We had a very informational January PTO meeting! Our Fundraising officers reviewed the results of the last few fundraisers (these can be viewed on the Fundraising Update page in this newsletter) and presented a graphic diagram regarding our Fundraising goals, plans, and results so far. It was decided to link this page onto our PTO website so our families could have a better understanding of PTO fundraising. A motion was passed to donate \$250 to Vandenburg Elementary towards the costs of their Martin Luther King Day Celebration. An idea of having a MOM -to-MOM sale was suggested and dates are being looked into. It was confirmed that the Book Fair would be occurring during conferences at the end of February/beginning of March. Other upcoming events were discussed including Skate Night, (Feb 24) Bingo for Books (Feb 10th) and a Movie Night (March date TBA). 4th Grade teacher, Kyle Martin and Principal Amy Davidson attended the meeting as staff liaisons. Mr. Martin thanked the PTO for the Holiday Goodie Bags filled with classroom supplies that were gifted to the teachers before the holiday break. He also spoke about the two Fisher staff organized Family Nights: Math Night (Feb 27th) and Reading Night (Redford Library, March 19th). He asked for suggestions regarding what parents would like to see at these family events and for support from the PTO in helping set up for the events. Mrs. Davidson informed the PTO that the school recently received a check for \$400 from Box Tops for Education! She encourages all to continue to send them in from home! It was noted that a group of parents have begun preparations for the 4th and 5th Grade Battle of the Books. A motion for the PTO to donate \$250 to



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Check out YOUR Fisher PTO on the web!



Join the **George H Fisher PTO** group on Facebook; ask questions get answers and updates. Network with other parents!



Follow us on Twitter **@FisherPTO**

Fisher Elementary website
<http://southredford.net/1U44RK4J>

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support this program was made and passed. There are approx. 85 4th and 5th graders participating in the PTO sponsored intramural hockey program. The 3rd grade participates in the intramural soccer program. The PTO is seeking suggestions for programs to support for the K-2nd grade. We have also asked the teaching and administrative staff for a "wish list" so we can begin forming our budget for the 2012-2013 school year.

Please join us for our next PTO meeting on Tuesday, March 18 at 7:00 pm. Free babysitting is provided. Nominations for the 2012-2013 school year PTO board will be accepted at this meeting.



Questions? Ideas? Concerns? Want to be involved? Let your voice be heard!!!

The staff at Fisher is looking for volunteers to help out with the upcoming **Family Math**



Night on Monday Feb. 27th and for the **Family Reading Night** on Monday, March 19th. Assistance is needed both before and after the programs for set up and clean up. If you can help please contact Jackie McGuire at 313-532-2455

or e-mail at

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Have an idea for a program or event? We want to hear from you!

Please e-mail

fisherpto@gmail.com or contact

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 2/3 **Spirit Shop**
- 2/8 **Count Day**
- 2/13 **South Redford School District Board Mtg.**
Board Room , 26141 Schoolcraft Rd / 7:00 pm
- 2/10 **Bingo for Books**
Fisher Gymnasium / 5:30 pm
- 2/14 **Sweetheart Breakfast**
Fisher Gymnasium / 8 - 8:40 am
- 2/17 **Spirit Shop**
- 2/20-2/21 **NO SCHOOL / 2-day mid-winter break**
- 2/22 **School Resumes**
Market Day order due
- 2/24 **Fisher Elementary Skate Night**
Riverside Arena, Livonia, MI / 6-8 pm
- 2/27 **Fisher Family Math Night**
Fisher Gymnasium / 5:30—7:00 pm
- 2/27 **South Redford School District Board Mtg.**
Addams Elementary / 6:30 pm
- 2/28 **Market Day Pickup**
Art Room / 5-6 pm
- 3/2 **Spirit Shop**
- 3/5 - 3/8 **Scholastic Book Fair**
- 3/7 **Evening Parent/Teacher conferences**
- 3/8 **Half Day for students / Afternoon conferences**
- 3/12 **South Redford School District Board Mtg.**
Board Room , 26141 Schoolcraft Rd / 7:00 pm
- 3/18 **Fisher PTO Meeting**
Media Center / 7:00 pm
- 3/16 **Spirit Shop**
- 3/19 **Fisher Family Reading Night**
Redford Library / 5:30 --7: 00 pm
- 3/26 **South Redford School District Board Mtg.**
Shear, 26141 Schoolcraft Rd. / 6:30 pm
- 3/25 **Taste the Love of Redford**
George Matick Chevrolet

