



# PAW PRINTS

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**Leggee Elementary School**

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## *Dear Parents of Leggee Elementary Students,*

I'd like to welcome you back to another school year in School District 158. We are very excited about this coming school year. There are more learning opportunities ahead for our students and our families this year than ever before. Thanks to the PTA, we now have three more SmartBoards in classrooms. This technology will continue to give children more varied ways to learn. Your students continue to be our number one priority day in and day out, and we look forward to our year with them. We thought that it would be helpful to list a few helpful tips for you to read and use. These tips are good steps toward a successful school year:

1. Read with your child daily. Read aloud or read together. Whatever the case may be, the time that is spent reading is invaluable.
2. Check your student's assignment notebook daily. All first through fifth grade students fill them out daily and are then checked for parents' signatures the next day. Some teachers may handle it differently, so check with them if you have any questions.
3. Stay in contact with your child's teacher. Parent/Teacher communication is the most important step towards a great year.
4. Please know that we are always available to help. If any of our staff can ever be of assistance to you, do not hesitate to call.

We look forward to another great year of partnering with the Leggee PTA. Our staff would encourage you to join the PTA and partner with us in providing the best school year ever.

Again, thank you for allowing us the privilege of growing with your child. We look forward to a wonderful year.

Sincerely,

Mr. Iddings, Principal

## *Letter from the President...*

Congrats on another great start to our school year! For those new to Leggee, we welcome you and to those returning, welcome back! My name is Jen Besch and I am your PTA President for this school year. This will be my third year as President and I am lucky to work with a fantastic board and fellow PTA members. I have two children at Leggee - a 3rd grader and 4th grader, a crazy dog and I am a stay-at-home mom. As President, I do the best I can to ensure that Leggee and your children are receiving the best education our school can offer. We, the PTA, work closely with Mr. Iddings and Mrs. Tontillo and the teachers, on approving programs and events that will help us provide funding to areas in need like Reading, Music, P.E. and Art among others. Over the years, we have helped fund several SMARTBoards that are currently being utilized at Leggee to help enrich our children's learning. I would love to see every child at Leggee get that opportunity and be able to help fund a board for every classroom. Over the summer, your PTA has been busy working for you and planning fun events to help enrich your children's educational experience.

We started off this year with our annual Purple Sash volunteers. These moms and dads helped direct students to their respective classes and hallways the first few days of school. I'm happy to announce, no one got lost on our watch. Yahoo! Our next big initiative is our 2nd annual Fun Run scheduled for Wednesday, September 14th. Our goal is to raise \$30,000 this year (that's about \$30 per student) which will ensure all the areas we help fund not to get cut. What does that mean for you? YOU DON'T NEED TO SELL ANYTHING!!! Just ask family and friends to pledge your child to run and/or walk to support their school and PTA - super easy, healthy and FUN!!!! We will need volunteers the day of, so let me know if you would like to help out.

Finally, I would like to personally invite you to our first PTA meeting of the 2011-2012 school year. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 13th at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. This is your chance to meet new people, learn what the PTA does and what we help fund and find out ways you can help make your child's school year successful! I hope to meet you there!

Sincerely,  
Jen Besch

## School Events

### 2nd Annual

#### Fun Run



The Leggee Fun Run is on September 14th. Pledge packets were delivered to students this past week. We forgot to mention that you may [pledge online](#) through Paypal as well. Additional information, pledge forms and raffle tickets can be found on our website, [www.leggeeptpta.org](http://www.leggeeptpta.org).

This is the PTA's main fundraiser to raise funds for the 2011 - 2012 school year. **Our goal is to raise \$30,000 which amounts to \$30 per student.** Every student will participate and receive a race sticker.

We have some awesome prizes to be won, including a girls and boys bike, a \$50 gift certificate to Pump It Up and a 2012 Stingray Bay family pass, not to mention Brunswick Zone Funtastic family passes, Pump It Up jumper passes, AMC Theater tickets, free kids meals to various local restaurants and much, much more!!!

#### Chuck E. Cheese

The first family dining day is on September 22nd from 3 - 9 p.m. at Chuck E. Cheese in Crystal Lake. A portion of the proceeds will go back to Leggee Elementary!!!



#### Craft

#### Fair/Bake Sale



Save the date for this year's craft fair and bake sale Saturday, November 19th from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Leggee Elementary.

If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact Kate Darnall at 847-659-9239 or email at [kate@tknked.com](mailto:kate@tknked.com). Further details will come.

#### Calendar

**Sept. 8th**  
Curriculum Night  
**Sept. 13th**  
PTA Meeting  
7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria  
**Sept. 14th**  
2nd Annual Leggee Fun Run  
**Sept. 15th**  
Market Day Order Forms Due  
**Sept. 16th**  
Picture Day  
**Sept. 19th**



## General Information

### New Leggee

#### Faces

We have a few new faces at Leggee this school year. Let's give the following teachers and staff a warm welcome.

**Sharon Davis**  
**Katie Dunmore**  
**Rebecca Floyd**  
**Mike Ginczycki**  
**Jennifer Golovin**  
**Rita Gore**  
**Jen Johnson**  
**Michelle King**  
**Rose Maltese**  
**Tricia Marchand**  
**Shannon Mayhall**



#### Fall Spirit Wear

Show your Leopard pride in style. [View our fall spirit wear line](#). We have some great new products! Ordering is due by September 14th. Any questions please contact Jill at [jdoles@district158.org](mailto:jdoles@district158.org).



#### Click, Click

2ClickFundraising.com is here to help raise money for Leggee through online shopping. With just 2 clicks, your online shopping will turn into donations for the Leggee PTA to benefit our school. It's a super easy!!! Check out the [merchants](#) involved.



#### Volunteers

#### Needed

**Gardeners**  
We need help planning, digging and getting things going on our community garden! Last year, Mrs. Kunde secured a Lowes grant for this and we need to get digging! If you have a green thumb (or brown thumb but wish to make it green) we WANT YOU!!!!



#### Family Social Event Planners

We would love some help in planning our monthly fun nights out!

#### Teacher Conference Meals

We are looking for one or two volunteers to help organize the meals that will be given to the teachers and staff on November 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Not organized, then maybe you could

## Committee Notes

### PTA

#### Membership

#### September is membership month!!!

Membership brochures came home this week so please take a minute to read why we need your support. You do not need to volunteer to be part of the PTA; just paying the dues will benefit our students. These funds go directly back into the school's programs. Dues for families are \$10 and \$5 for teachers/staff.



You may sign up through our website ([www.leggeeptpta.org](http://www.leggeeptpta.org)) or fill out the [membership brochure](#) and return to school. It's your time to make a difference!

**Become a member and receive a school excuse note pad. (50 sheets)**

#### Market Day

Market Day is a food cooperative fundraiser sponsored by the Leggee PTA offering a wide selection of over 180 high quality foods. The products range from butcher shop meats and poultry to easy family meals, delicious appetizers and gourmet desserts.



Paper ordering forms will be coming home soon and are due September 15th. You may also place an order online at [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com). Our school code is 16072. Internet orders are due September 19th. Market Day pickup is Thursday, September 22nd from 4 - 5 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

#### Box Tops, Campbell's Soup Labels, etc...

Congrats on a VERY successful Box Tops campaign last year! Leggee is currently ranked 23 out of 5,992 Illinois schools with a 2010-2011 earnings total of \$5,014!!! September's Box Top collection sheet has been distributed and there are 25 spots this month to fit all of your summer collecting. Please remember no staples and to paper clip Bonus Box



Market Day Internet Orders Due

**Sept. 22nd**

Chuck E. Cheese Night

3 - 9 p.m. in Crystal Lake

Market Day Pickup

(4 - 5 p.m. in the cafeteria)

Box Tops DUE!

**Sept. 27th**

Family Reading Night

6 - 8 p.m.

**Join Our Mailing List!**

Sign up today to stay informed about school events and other PTA information.

Like us on Facebook 

provide a dish over one of these days.

**Mom/Son Event**

We need an event planner and volunteers. The date is TBD, but likely will be in February to avoid the spring sports and other activities.

**Teacher Appreciation**

This year Teacher Appreciation week is May 7 - 11. We know it is several months away, but we are in need of two volunteers to chair this committee. Wonderful things have been done in the past and we hope to continue the trend.

*If interested in volunteering for any of the above, please contact Jen Besch at [jenbesch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jenbesch@sbcglobal.net).*

**5K Cancer**

**Walk**

The Breast Cancer Support Hour "You're Not Alone" 5K Cancer

Walk will be held on Saturday, October 1st at 9:30 a.m. at the Sun City Fountain View Pavilion. Registration is \$15 and has already begun. View [further information](#).



Tops. Expired Box Tops are not accepted. *Tip: You can also put the collection sheet inside a "Ziploc" baggie in groups of 50.*

Make sure to look at the back of your collection sheet for 3 exciting promotions. **Leggee is VERY close to winning \$5,000 for field trips from Kleenex.** We need to be in the Top 100 schools to WIN and we are currently ranked at 70 with 75 Supporters. To register, visit [www.facebook.com/kleenex](http://www.facebook.com/kleenex). Click on "Like" then click on the "Field Trips" tab. **We have only 2 weeks left.** Please share this with all of your family and friends.

**Did you know? We also collect...**

- Campbell's UPC codes and caps. Campbell's no longer accepts the front of the label, only the UPC codes or caps.
- Tyson's Project A+ labels found on Tyson nugget packages. Worth 24 cents for each label. We need the entire label, not just the logo.
- Swiss Valley milk caps (white milk only), which are worth 5 cents a cap. Send clean milk caps to school in a Ziploc bag.

Please do not attach any of these to the Box Top collection sheet since all four programs are separate companies and sent to different locations. Thank you SO much for your support.