



# Kaleidoscope



## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

Greetings!

We have come to the end of our school year and it is time to celebrate another successful year for the PTO!

As the kids are counting down the remaining days of school (and perhaps you are too), the PTO is completing its final events for the year. In these last few weeks, the PTO will once again sponsor the Acorn/Nutmeg ice cream socials and the summer reading programs. The sixth grade is off to Nature's Classroom, which is partially funded by the PTO. Later in June, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade picnic will reunite the Kelly Lane and Wells Road students as they move on to middle school.

For me, it also marks the end of my term as president of the Granby PTO. These past 2 years have been eventful and exciting, with some incredible moments along the way. Our wonderful achievements have made it all worthwhile.

During this time, the PTO has "gone green" and streamlined communication by revamping the website and creating our enewsletter. Through the Enhanced Learning Fund (ELF), the PTO purchased items that encourage innovative and creative learning. We continued to fund many programs and events which serve to augment classroom learning (High Touch – High Tech, Nature's Classroom, and Exploring Arts). Cultural Arts presentations this year entertained students while building character. We have done much to provide various services (Bear Calls, School Pictures, Paul Cryan Photography, Granby Clothing, and Family Activities) to the families of Granby. We expressed our support and appreciation to the faculty and staff through the "Those Important Essentials" Funds, luncheons, teas, and gifts. In May, we honored a teacher and bid a principal a grand farewell. Reaching beyond the schools, we have given back to the community by supporting local businesses. As the year draws to a close, we will bestow each school with a \$10,000.00 gift. All this was made possible through our fundraisers throughout the year. Each Geissler's receipt and box top submitted, each item purchased – whether it was flowers, books, cookie dough or pie - and each dollar donated, it all adds up. I thank you for your generous contributions.

Without a doubt, our tremendous success is due to the fantastic volunteers. My heartfelt thanks go to all those who have stepped forward to make all of this possible. I especially want to thank Deb Ranicar, Secretary, for her dedication, enthusiasm and unwavering support; Peter Nowak, Treasurer, who stepped in upon Terri Schulken's departure (she moved out of the state in January); and John Kroninger and Rebecca Taylor, our Webmaster and Web Designer, who worked tirelessly on our website and emails. These terrific individuals have kept me motivated and focused. Through their enthusiasm, the PTO has grown and continued to flourish. I appreciate all their hard work and commitment as officers and as volunteers.

Invest in Our Schools  
Invest in Our Students  
Invest in Our Community  
Volunteer for the Granby PTO

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Continued**

The incoming executive board brings with them new ideas and a fresh perspective. Lindsay Sessions, our current Vice President will take over as President. Amy Milbrandt, a seasoned PTO veteran (she has chaired Bookfair, Bear Calls and ELF), will be our new Vice President. Kristina Gilton will be the new Secretary, with Sarah Thrall as Assistant Secretary. Peter Nowak will begin his first full year as the Treasurer.

Our next meeting will be held on **June 8th at Kelly Lane Intermediate School**. In this final meeting of the year, we have invited both the owner and Granby manager of Geissler's Supermarket. We will be presenting them with a token of our gratitude for their years of support. In addition, we will again present each school with a special gift. We invite you to join us.

Many thanks and our sincere gratitude goes to all the parents and volunteers who have supported the Elementary PTO. Your time, effort and energy are truly appreciated. Through your participation, contributions and donations, you have made the year a success.

Have a fabulous summer,  
~ *Michele Favolise* ~

**FUNDRAISING**

Thank you to all who made our fundraising efforts this past year a big success! With these efforts, we were able to provide funding for terrific programs and offer many worthwhile services for the students and their families. In the Fall, we will be using a new fundraising company, Entertainment Publications. The fundraiser will be the Sally Foster gift catalog that includes wrapping paper and cookie dough, along with many other products, and the sale of Entertainment Books.

Have a great summer!  
Debbie Cramer & Mary Jo Toczydlowski

**Committee Openings**

These important positions are open for the 2010-2011 school year.

- Board Positions:
  - Assistant Treasurer
- Committee Chair Openings
  - Bear Calls – Wells Road
  - Clothing
  - Family Activities
  - Kaleidoscope
  - Sixth Grade Picnic

**If you or someone you know is interested in filling any of these positions, please contact Michele via [president@granbypto.org](mailto:president@granbypto.org) for more information.**

**Last Call for Cartridge Recycling**

As the school year comes to a close, I will be making final rounds to collect any ink cartridges for the recycling program. If you have any empties, send them in to your child's school by Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for doing your part to conserve our resources, while earning funds for our PTO. If you have any questions about the recycling program, email me at [cartridges@granbypto.org](mailto:cartridges@granbypto.org).

Have a wonderful summer - Kim McCord

**BOX TOPS**

For the months of April and May, the students turned in 2,230 Box Tops! 430 came from Kelly Lane, students at Wells Road turned in 600 and Kearns collected 1,200. That brings the total number of Box Tops collected in the 2009-2010 school year to a whopping 18,471!!! Everyone should be congratulated for helping to make this fundraising program a success.

Please remember to clip and save your Box Tops over the summer and bring them in at the start of the new school year so we can start the year off strong!

**PTO Cares!**  
***Thank You!!!***

PTO Cares! is a fun and easy way to show our teachers and other school employees how much we appreciate all their hard work. These gifts are just little things, but they do mean a lot to the recipients. Please accept my heartfelt thanks for all your wonderful and creative ideas! Because of your commitment and enthusiasm, this program is such a huge success. But the words of the Kearns' staff say it best: "I am so fortunate to be part of the Granby School family -- thanks for your support!" "It doesn't get any better than this -- you made my day!" "Your thoughtfulness made me smile -- Thank you, thank you!"

Any feedback you have about the program is always welcome! Feel free to contact me at [ptocares@granbypto.org](mailto:ptocares@granbypto.org). I hope that you will continue to volunteer next year -- we'd love to have you back in the Fall!

Have a safe and happy summer!

With Gratitude,  
Frانيا Fairchild

**EXPLORING ARTS**

Thank You

Please accept my thanks and gratitude for all the wonderful presentations this year. Your efforts have enriched our children's classroom experience immensely. The time, effort and energy you have contributed to Exploring Arts have helped the program grow and thrive. Without dedicated volunteers, the program could not exist and for this, the teachers, students and the PTO thank you. Any feedback you have about the program is always welcome. If you have suggestions for materials, supplies or just great ideas, please share them. Please feel free to contact us with comments or questions through [exploringarts@granbypto.org](mailto:exploringarts@granbypto.org).

Lastly, I hope that you will continue to volunteer next year. If your child(ren) will be attending Kearns, Kelly Lane or Wells Road school(s) we would love to have you back in the Fall. For those of you moving on, please accept our sincere gratitude for your participation.

Have a wonderful summer.

Best Regards - Michelle DeGagne

**Geissler's Receipts**

Way to go Granby elementary students!!!! For the 2009-2010 school year, we collected over \$208,000 in Geissler's receipts, and in return, Geissler's generously contributed \$10,402 to the PTO. (For those of you keeping track of the monthly totals, the totals for the months of April and May are as follow: Kelly Lane submitted \$14,735 in receipts, Wells Road submitted \$4,647.97 in receipts and receipts from Kearns totaled \$6,381.52).

As the school year ends, we want to extend both our thanks to Geissler's for supporting our PTO and our thanks to you for supporting our hometown store. We will make one more submission to Geissler's before the end of the school year so please send in all of your receipts before the last day of school.

PLEASE remember to save your receipts (and those of your friends and relatives) over the summer and bring them with you next year!

**THANK YOU to the outgoing pto  
board members for their  
dedication, commitment, time,  
and energy TO OUR SCHOOLS,  
Children and COMMUNITY.**

## **THANK YOU to STOP & SHOP**

For those of you who registered a school with your Stop & Shop card, we want to thank you. Due to your efforts of shopping at Stop & Shop, the three elementary schools received a check from Stop & Shop for the following amounts:

Kearns - \$498.71

Wells - \$117.82

Kelly - \$343.38

This is an ongoing program, so please remember to use your shopping card at Stop & Shop for your purchases. For those of you who haven't, please register your shopping card with Stop & Shop and designate a school. Certain items will lead to points that lead to cash to your designated school.

## **PTO Meeting Schedule**

The last meeting of the year is **June 8th at 6:30pm, at Kelly Lane Intermediate School.**

Please join us for a special presentation honoring Geissler's supermarket as well as the PTO Budget approval & installation of the new board members.

For more information, schedule updates, and meeting minutes, please visit our website [www.granbypto.org](http://www.granbypto.org).

## **Dates to Remember:**

### **June**

- Tuesday, June 8 – PTO Meeting @ 6:30 PM at Kelly Lane – PTO Board Installation and Budget Approval
- Monday, June 14 – Friday, June 18 – Early Release
- Friday, June 18 – Last Day of School
- Sunday, June 20 - Family Activity – Toy Story 3 movie @ 10:30 AM at Simsbury Hoyts Cinema

### **August**

- Tuesday, August 31 – First Day of School

# **HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!!!**

