

# Townshend School Club

The Townshend School Club is comprised of parents of the Townshend Elementary School, with input from the principal and staff. All members of the School Club are involved in the fundraising and the decision making processes. The School Club depends on parents' involvement and support in order to be successful raising money throughout the year to fund activities such as field trips, enrichment programs, winter sports, improvements to our playground, the fishing derby in the spring and other items that the principal feels would benefit the children of our school.

The School Club meets once a month (usually the first Tuesday of each month) to discuss fundraising events and the funding of activities. All parents are encouraged to participate because as school budgets become leaner, this educational support makes a significant difference in the quality of programming for all children.

## Townshend School Club Activities

### Rewards Programs:

- ❖ Price Chopper Tools for Schools Program: runs from September through February. Purchases are linked to PC advantage rewards card. TES redeems the points for educational supplies.
- ❖ Hannefords Helps Schools: runs September through December and links purchases to rewards for educational supplies.
- ❖ Boxtops for Education: Symbols are clipped from food items purchased. These are collected in a box in the front lobby of the school and redeemed for money.
- ❖ Campbell's Food Line: UPC codes are clipped and collected in the same box (above) in the school lobby and redeemed for school supplies.

### Fundraisers:

- ❖ Walk-a-Thon: This school-wide event is held in October. Each student provides a list of addresses to whom a sponsor-request letter will be mailed. On the designated day, the entire school community walk various routes around Townshend.
- ❖ Read-a-Thon: This is a culminating event as part of the March Reading Challenge. Students gather sponsors for this challenge and participating students commit to reading 45 minutes of every hour from 7:00pm to 7:00am. Parent volunteers chaperone, provide snacks and prizes, as well as cooking breakfast and cleaning up.
- ❖ Spring Flower Sale: A variety of hanging baskets are available to purchase for Memorial Day.

## *Events:*

- ❖ *Soccer: A sign-up sheet is sent home and participating students must purchase a team shirt (approximately \$10.00) to play.*
- ❖ *Winter Sports: Our Winter Sports Program runs for 8 Wednesday afternoons in January through March. A variety of winter sports activities are chaperoned by volunteers. These activities may include cross-country and downhill skiing, snowboarding, snow shoeing, swimming, and horseback riding. Transportation to these events is dependent on parents volunteers who have the necessary insurance (100/300) to transport students. Instructors must have criminal record checks completed through the WCSU. An equipment swap day is held in October or early November for downhill skiing equipment ONLY. Used winter clothing is also available. All information about these programs will be sent to parents through Thursday Notes. Questions about these procedures can be answered by calling the school (365-7506).*
- ❖ *Holiday Craft-Making Day: School Club plans and gathers materials for a variety of crafts to be assembled by students on a day in December. Parent volunteers assists with assembly and wrapping of these gifts.*
- ❖ *Holiday Lunch: This lunch is a gift to each child from several sources: school club, the TES kitchen and the teachers. Parents may volunteer to serve the food.*
- ❖ *Family Fun Nights: School club offers a variety of events such as Movie Night, Game Night and Roller skating one weekend night a month November through April.*
- ❖ *Green-up Day: This is a state-wide voluntary event held on the first Saturday in May. Bags are distributed through the school for families wishing to participate in road-side clean-up.*
- ❖ *Teacher Appreciation Week: The first week in May is nationally celebrated as Teacher Appreciation week. The TES School Club honors our entire staff by providing a luncheon and recess coverage. In addition, each staff member receives an individual gift from School Club.*
- ❖ *Fishing Derby: The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department provides fish to be stocked in each participating town. Townshend holds a Fishing Derby the first Saturday in June. School Club offers a variety of prizes and refreshments at this event.*
- ❖ *Field Day School Picnic: Students participate in a variety of athletic games organized by the PE teacher and classroom teachers. After this, School Club provides a picnic lunch for all students and staff. Volunteers cook and serve.*