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The PTA is a non-profit organization with a vision: ***Making every child's potential a reality.***

The PTA mission is to provide a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child.

RESTAURANT NIGHT IS SEPTEMBER 30th!

Come join your Flower Valley friends for dinner at Urban Burger on Wednesday, September 30th. 15% of all sales (eat-in or take-out) from 5:00-8:00 p.m. will be donated to the PTA. Urban Burger is located in the Rock Creek Village Shopping Center at the corner of Bauer Drive and Norbeck Road. We look forward to seeing everyone there!



GET YOUR FVES DIRECTORY – JOIN THE PTA BY SEPT. 25th!

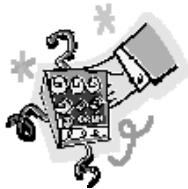
Join the FVES PTA to make our school better! Our goal is to have 230 members and only 108 members have signed up. Help us reach our goal! And as a member, you receive a comprehensive PTA Directory. Join today! Download and complete the membership form from www.fvespta.com and send it with payment to school by Friday, Sept. 25, 2009. Questions? Please contact **Susan Girard, 301-871-6196**, or segirard@comcast.net.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6th is PTA MEETING & CURRICULUM NIGHT!

From 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., learn more about the PTA's plans for the 2009-2010 school year and vote on the PTA budget. *Only members can vote - so get your membership form in by September 25th and have a say in how we spend your money!*

The meeting will be followed by a presentation on Swine Flu plans and everything you want to know about testing this year. Childcare is available during the meeting for children ages 4-11. We need a parent volunteer to supervise, and it's a great opportunity for middle/high school interested in earning SSL hours. **Christine Barbour: christine_barbour@verizon.net**.

The time is NOW for the biggest fundraiser of the year!



We are full swing into the biggest fundraiser for Flower Valley this year! If every student sells just 5 items from the catalogs, we will exceed our goal of \$10,000 for the PTA! Remember, every item sold generates 50% profit for our classrooms and our students, and your child earns more prizes for more items sold!

You've got questions; PTA's Innisbrook Chair Cathy Ribaldo's got answers:

Q. *The school year just started; why are you begging for fundraising money already?*

A. The timing of this fundraiser was set so that delivery of the items could take place in time for the holidays; many of the products are seasonal (Hanukkah and Christmas) and a September launch means that delivery can happen by mid-November.

Q. *What is all the extra stuff in the catalog, and why is there a separate catalog for candy?*

A. The Innisbrook fundraiser includes all items from both catalogs, and has expanded its collection to include not only giftwrap, but some additional fantastic selections. Browse through and see - this year's selection includes things that would make great corporate gifts, treats for the in-laws and holiday baking!

Q. *How does EZ Order work?*

A. EZ Order is the online way to submit orders. It saves on volunteer time and helps eliminate order errors. Go to www.innisbrook.com and follow the prompts - it really is E-Z!

Q. *I don't have online access at home - how can I place an order?*

A. If you send in the standard order form with payment, we will EZ Order for you.

Q. *When I use the EZ Order method online, should I also turn in my order form to school?*

A. No, but do keep the form, so you remember who ordered what at distribution time! You'll get a printed voucher from your online entry, and should submit that to FVES with your payment.

Q. *To whom do I write my check?*

A. Flower Valley PTA.

Q. *Should I charge sales tax?*

A. Yes! Add 6% to your order's total.

Q. *What if I only want to order one item?*

A. Great! Every item you order benefits your school, and you'll get some great stuff, too!

Q. *When does the fundraiser end? The flyer says Sept. 21 but the newsletter says October.*

A. Innisbrook claims the Sept 21 deadline, but orders can be submitted through mid-October, so you get extra time. But if your orders are ready sooner, please submit them as soon as you can! Volunteers still reconcile vouchers and payments to make distribution easier.

Thank you in advance for your strong support of this fundraiser. Remember, this is the **ONLY** big fundraiser planned for 2009-10. **NOW** is your chance to support your school. Send any additional questions to **Cathy** at **301-460-6878** or **ribaudo@comcast.net**.



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Send PTA NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS to Communications Coordinator, Kirsten Hawkins at **rockinhawkins@verizon.net** by **September 29, 2009** for inclusion in the next newsletter.