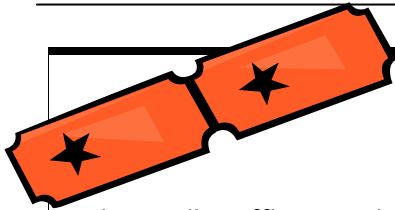


# MLK Elementary School PTO December 2011 Newsletter



## Fall Fundraiser Raffle

The Fall Raffle Fundraiser has begun! Each student received 10 tickets to sell for \$1 each. Please return all money collected with ticket stubs in the envelope provided (indicate if you want more tickets to sell). Please help us reach our goal of selling 10,000 tickets!

The top selling class wins a pizza party. All students selling 10 tickets or more receive a coupon for a free ice cream and are entered to win a \$25 Toys R Us Gift Certificate. Top selling student receives a \$50 Toys R Us Gift Certificate.

**Winners will be announced on December 14.  
Top prize is \$500!!**



## News and Updates from the PTO . . .

### Open Schools Week at MLK – December 5-8

In preparation for school registration, the Providence Public School District is sponsoring Open School Week. We are looking for volunteers who are interested in leading school tours and sharing the MLK story with students and families interested in coming to the King School next year. MLK parent Jill Davidson is coordinating volunteers and will hold optional training sessions on Wed., November 30 and Friday, December 2 from 12-1pm. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jill at [jill.davidson@gmail.com](mailto:jill.davidson@gmail.com) or 345-2464 .

#### Open Schools @ MLK School

December 5	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
December 6	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
December 7	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
December 8	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Lunchtime Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help during lunch and recess. This is a wonderful opportunity to truly get to know the wonderful students, faculty, and staff at MLK and help out in a great way. Lunch is in thirty minute shifts from 11:35am to 1:05pm. To volunteer, please call the main office at 456-9398. Volunteers will have to complete and submit the required PPSD volunteer information form and background check.



### Calendar

Dec. 5-8	Open Schools Week
Dec. 14	December PTO Meeting and Raffle Drawing
Dec. 24	Winter Break Begins
Jan. 3	Back to School
Jan. 16	No School - MLK Holiday



## Spotlight: Enrichment Programs in Math and Literacy



### Family Math - Making Math Fun!

Wednesday December 7, 3:15-4:30

Wednesday December 14, 3:15-4:30

Families are encouraged to participate in the Family Math Program.

This program provides math skills in a relaxed and fun manner - one in which participants learn, spend time, solve problems with their children and feel constructively instrumental in their mutual development. It will increase the comfort zone between parents and their children to share math experiences in the home. Participants will work together to find solutions to games, puzzles, and problems of a mathematical nature. It will be open to families with children in grades 1-3. Family Math is sponsored by MLK PTO.

### Mommy & Me

December 5, 3:15-4:30

December 12, 3:15-4:30



This program is crucial to connect what happens inside the classroom to what happens outside so that literacy can become a tool for making changes in students' lives. Participants will learn what their children do at school and what kind of literacy skills they need to be successful in reading. The focus will be on the phonemic awareness and phonics. It is open to K-1 grade parents and children. Mommy & Me is sponsored by Target.

**New After School Programs:** Mt. Hope Learning Center (MHLC) is offering a after-school enrichment classes at MLK. These programs are great for families not looking for five day afterschool programs. Students will go to the cafeteria for a healthy snack and then proceed to the classroom space with the instructor at 3:30pm. For more information or to enroll, please call 455-8875.

- Latin Dance: Tues & Thurs, 3:30-5:00
- Spanish : Tues & Thurs, 3:30-4:30
- Guitar: Wed, 3:30-5:00

### Parent-Teacher Communication

There was such a great turnout for Parent Teach Conferences last month! Remember, you can communicate with MLK faculty about your child's progress all year long. To schedule a meeting, call the main office to leave a message for your child's teacher, or send a note in your child's backpack.

**Help the PTO:** The PTO is always in need of volunteers! Simply email [mlkpto@gmail.com](mailto:mlkpto@gmail.com) with your interests **or** sign up to help out for a particular event **or** work with the PTO to organize an event or fundraiser **or** sign up to chair one of the PTO committees **or** talk with Principal Ciesla or your child's teacher to learn about ways you can assist in making MLK the best school in the nation!



### Book Fair - A Big Thank You:

Thank you to the many, many volunteers who helped make November's book fair such a big success. A very special thank you to Book Fair coordinator Kristina Emberg. Fabulous job!!

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