

# Hartford News

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## Mr. Z's Sale Begins!

The Fall Fundraiser for Hartford's PSO began on **October 12th**. All students should have come home with a sales brochure featuring pizzas, gifts, magazines, candy, and frozen goods. Additional order forms are available in the office. This fundraiser is very important because it is the primary way that the PSO raises money. Last year we raised over \$8,300! The money raised helps pay for classroom activities, field trips, family nights, staff appreciation activities, and the end of the year picnic. For more details, see page 3. The sale ends on **Monday, November 3rd**. All orders should be returned by that date! All order forms should be returned with payment in the form of a check. Do not send cash! All students who sell at least one item will be entered in a drawing to win fun prizes! The pick-up date for all items is **Thursday, November 19th** from 4:00 to 6:00. All items must be picked up that day or they will be returned to Mr. Z's for a refund. If you have any questions, please call the Parent Coordinator for the Sale. You can reach Dan Burzynski at 263-0685 or danburz@att.net with questions.

There are always questions about prizes for the Mr. Z's sale. Everyone who sells at least one item will be entered into a drawing, and some students are randomly selected to win prizes. We cannot give prizes based on who sells the most items, or give prizes for students who sell 5, 10, 15, etc... items. This is not Mr. Z's policy or Hartford's own policy, it is the policy put forth by the School Board for all MPS schools. MPS School Board Administrative Policy 7:22 says that, "individual staff members, students, or members of their families shall not receive sales incentives such as money, gifts, or merchandise from vendors or the school for their participation or sales efforts during a school fundraising activity." An over-emphasis on prizes can lead to unhealthy and destructive competition which undermines the purpose of fundraisers, which should be to support the school community and its activities. If you disagree with the policy, and many people do, please contact your School Board representative. Only he or she can change the policy.

October 2009

## Calendar

10/12	Mr. Z's Fundraiser Begins
10/13 & 14	Conferences Book Fair
10/16	No School
10/26	Mr. Z Sale Ends
10/27	Pumpkin Night 6:00-7:30 pm
10/29	No School
10/30	No School
11/4	Picture Re-Take Day
11/12	PSO Meeting 6:00-7:30 pm
11/19	Mr. Z Sale Pick-up 4:00-6:00 pm
11/21	Friends of Hartford Arts Fundraiser 6:30 to 10:00 pm

# Friends of Hartford Plans Annual Fundraiser

## Saturday, November 21st

The Friends of Hartford is a group of parents, staff, and friends of Hartford who are committed to raising money to support Hartford's excellence. This year, Margaret and Dave Cory will chair the event. The Friends of Hartford will hold their annual fundraiser on Saturday, November 21st to support the many great things happening at Hartford. We hope to raise \$15,000 again this year! Once again, the funds raised from the verbal and silent auction this year will directly sup-

port the programs for the Arts at Hartford. Last year's auction raised enough money to support artists-in-residence in each classroom. The auction this year is sure to include restaurant gift certificates, tickets for theatre and sporting events, and creative masterpieces. Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 21st at 6:30 pm. Be sure to invite family and friends. The event will be held at a new venue this year, RedLine (1422 N. 4th Street). Flyers have been sent home with more information.

Tickets for the event are available in the office. Tickets are \$25 per person (\$50 per couple).

For more information, to make a donation for the auction, or to help solicit donations for the event, contact Margaret Cory at 964-7690 or mcory@wi.rr.com. Volunteers are needed to help make the event a success. We really need your help. Meetings are held every other week in the school library.

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### Spelling Bee

Preparation has begun for the Second Annual Scripps Spelling Bee at Hartford. The Spelling Bee is planned for Thursday, December 17th at 9:00 am. Participation is optional, open to any student in grades 3 through 8. Anyone who wishes to be in the Spelling Bee must participate in practices. Practices have already begun, but it is not too late to participate. Practices are in Room 7 from 2:30 to 4:00 pm on Mondays. New students are welcome to begin through October, but cannot begin after October 31st. Parents are welcome to attend the practices. Sign-up sheets were sent home, but additional sheets are available in the office. The winner of the Spelling Bee will represent Hartford at regional bees. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, contact Maria Dixon (Hartford parent) at mdjdixon@yahoo.com.

### Newsletter Articles

One of the goals of this newsletter is to provide parents with general information about events in the community. If you are aware of any social, recreational, or academic events in Milwaukee, please consider including them in the newsletter. Articles for this newsletter may be submitted by any Hartford student, parent, or staff member. Leave your articles for submission in the PSO mailbox in the office. Please write "Newsletter" on your submission so that it is routed properly. You may also e-mail submissions to danburz@att.net. The deadline for the next newsletter is November 13<sup>th</sup>. Are there events or community activities that you would like to hear more about or share with others? Call Dan Burzynski at 263-0685 with any ideas or questions about submissions for the newsletter.

# Frequently Asked Questions about the Mr. Z's Fundraiser

- **Why do we have a fundraiser?** The Mr. Z's fundraiser is the primary way that the Parent-Staff Organization (PSO) raises money for its activities.
- **Where does the money go?** The money supports activities like family nights (Pasta Dinner, Pumpkin Night, etc...), staff appreciation events, field trips, awards banquets, graduation, picnics, and other school activities.
- **Who decides how the money is used?** Anyone who attends the monthly PSO meetings. Staff make requests for money for specific events, and those present vote on whether to provide money to fund the request. If you attend a PSO meeting, you can decide whether to buy new uniforms or put money toward a field trip.
- **How do I start?** Before starting to sell, please neatly print your child's name and classroom on the order form. Print a telephone number where we can contact a parent or guardian with questions.
- **How do magazine orders work?** When you order a magazine, you are really ordering a voucher for either \$10 or \$20 toward a subscription. You do not need to select a magazine now. When your order comes, you will receive a postcard on which to print the name of the magazine you want and where to send it. You will then mail in that postcard in order to get your magazine subscription started.
- **When is the money due?** The money is due when the orders are returned, on October 26th. Everything should be paid for when it is ordered. Keep one copy of the order form, return the other 2 with payment.
- **How should I pay?** All payment should be made by a check or money order, payable to Hartford University School. It is best to send one check, but more than one will be accepted. **DO NOT SEND CASH!** We are not responsible for lost or stolen cash. Every year, someone is disappointed when an envelope of cash is lost or some money is missing. With cash, there is no way to prove payment. A check can prove your payment. **DO NOT SEND CASH!** Your order may not be filled, or you may owe money. Sending a large amount of cash with a student, even the most responsible student, is not a good idea.
- **Can my child win a prize?** Everyone who sells at least one item is entered into a random drawing to win a prize. Prizes are given on the day of pick-up. Prizes are **not** given to those who sell the most products. This is according to MPS policy, which allows random drawings, but not incentive prizes for selling a certain amount of products. We know that other schools do not follow this policy, but they are violating MPS rules by doing so. We have chosen to follow the MPS policy, and approximately 12 Hartford students will be randomly selected to win a prize.
- **What are the prizes this year?** One student will win either a \$75 debit card or one-night stay at Chula Vista waterpark in the Dells. There is also an MP3 player, a strobe light, a fan with an LED message, and other small prizes. Again, remember that prizes are **not** given to those who sell the most. Anyone who sells at least one item is entered into a drawing to win prizes.
- **What if my child loses the sale booklet or order form?** Extra order forms and sale packets are available in the office. Pick one up or call to have another one sent home with your child. It is also suggested to get a clean order form if you find yourself crossing a lot of things out.
- **When do I pick up my order?** All items must be picked up between 4:00 & 6:00 pm on Thursday, November 19th.
- **Can I pick up my order before 4:00 or after 6:00?** The answer is generally "no." Please do not show up early, expecting your order to be ready. The delivery truck comes between 2 and 3 and over 100 orders have to be organized. Volunteers will not stay past 6:00 to wait for orders to be picked up.
- **What if I forget to pick up my order on Nov. 19th?** All orders that are not picked up on Nov. 19th will be cancelled. The products will be returned to Mr. Z's, and a refund will be available. There are no exceptions to this policy. You may have someone else pick up your order if you are not available, but that person will still need to come between 4 and 6 pm on Nov. 19th.
- **What if I have questions?** The sale is coordinated by Dan Burzynski, a Hartford parent. Call him at 263-0685 or e-mail danburz@att.net with questions. Your child's teacher and the office staff do not have anything to do with the details of the sale. They can help, but Dan is the best person to ask.

## **\* IMPORTANT \* MPS' New Transportation Rule \* IMPORTANT \***

This summer, the Milwaukee School Board established a new rule that students must live within seven miles of a neighborhood specialty school (like Hartford) in order to receive bus services. The new rule was put into effect September 18, 2009. Anyone who lived beyond 7 miles from the school before that date will be grandfathered and receive bussing unless they move somewhere else beyond the 7 mile limit. In other words, if you were getting transportation before, you will still get it. If you move beyond the 7 mile limit, you will lose your transportation services to Hartford. Anyone seeking transportation from this point forward will not be transported to Hartford unless they live more than 1 mile and less than 7 miles from the school. Special education students will continue receiving transportation as designated in their IEPs.

Note that the distance is measured by MPS via roads, not as the crow flies. The 7-mile distance refers to wherever the pick-up point is (whether your house or daycare). Be aware that you could lose your bus service if the daycare where your child gets picked up moves or closes (even if you do not move). You can estimate your distance on Mapquest or your odometer, but MPS makes the final determination of distance. Call the office to find out if an address qualifies for bus service to Hartford. If you intend to move, you need to consider whether or not you may lose your transportation to Hartford. For more information about the new policy, contact the office.

## **Early Enrollment for High School**

Approximately 22 MPS schools have Early Enrollment from now through November 25th. Early Enrollment is a period during which MPS begins accepting applications for many of its best schools. Many schools have Open Houses during this period. It is important to apply during this period because many schools, such as King, Riverside, High School of the Arts, Reagan, Hamilton, and Bradley Tech will fill up before the general enrollment period. Students may apply to as many schools as they choose, but each school has varying entrance requirements such as admission testing and auditioning. Though most schools with admissions testing offer 2 days on which students can take the tests, stu-

dents need to make sure to attend testing when it is offered. Students who miss deadlines may not be accepted into the school of their choice. Letters of acceptance for early enrollment will be sent in early December. In January, (11th-29th) the regular three-choice school selection period will begin. Students that participate in Early Enrollment

cannot participate in the three-choice selection unless they give up their early enrollment seat. Special education students are encouraged to apply during the Early Enrollment period. Hartford eighth graders attended the High School Fair at Lincoln Center for the Arts on October 7th, but parents and students are encouraged to discuss high school options with Ms. Kush (Hartford's school counselor). Students also should begin asking for letters of recommendation as soon as they receive the forms. Please give teachers at least 48 hours to complete the recommendations. For information about high school applications, contact Ms. Kush at 906-4725 or [kushmr@milwaukee.k12.wi.us](mailto:kushmr@milwaukee.k12.wi.us).

The three-choice school selection process in January is random. The student names three choices and the computer assigns placement. Don't let the computer choose your school! Participate in Early Enrollment for high school now!

## 3rd Grade Brownies

A Brownie Troop for 3rd grade girls is beginning at Hartford. Maureen Stone (Maura's mom) and Lisa Hanel (Claire's mom) will be leading the troop. They will generally meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month after school from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. All girls in 3rd grade are welcome to participate. There is an informational meeting at 6:30 on October 13th and the first meetings will be after school on Oct. 27th and Nov. 10th. Interested girls should come to the meetings or parents can contact the leaders at 963-4634 or mostone44@att.net (Maureen) or at 630-7959 or lhanel@cdhh.org (Lisa).

Hartford also has a Junior Girl Scout troop for 5th grade girls that has been going strong for years under the leadership of Lori Pitts and Dana Hoffman. If you are interested in starting a Boy Scout Troop or Girl Scout troop for your child's class at Hartford, know that you are welcome to do so. Interested parents should contact the school to set up a place for meetings and go through whatever leadership training and troop procedures are required by the scouts.

## Hartford Staff

Congratulations to Ms. Coleman, who is now officially a paraprofessional. Her role in the office as Parent Coordinator will not change. However, her new classification will hopefully secure her position when cuts are made to general office staff in MPS.

We also bid a fond farewell to Engineer Brian Vila. Mr. Vila was promoted to a position at Morse, and the new Engineer at Hartford is Mr. Henry Reddick. Be sure to welcome him!!

## Free Computers

MPS wants every household to have access to a computer. Computers are one of the best learning and communication tools available in the 21st century. MPS is continuing its Digital Inclusion Program, as it works toward all MPS households having at least one personal computer with internet access in their homes. MPS has re-programmed computers that are no longer being used and is offering them free of charge to qualified MPS households. In order to receive a free computer, an MPS household must (1) not have previously received a computer under this program, (2), not have a computer in the household, (3), have high speed internet services or a functional phone line (not a cell phone), (4) and have an application on file for all children in the household for the free and reduced lunch program. If you qualify, you must come to the school during business hours before October 30, 2009 to complete an application. Computers are not guaranteed to eligible families. There are a limited number available, so act now. For more information, contact the school office.

## Pumpkin Night

**Oct. 27th, 6:00-7:30 pm**

Pumpkin Night is always a popular family night. Join Hartford students and families for this exciting and fun time. Pick out a pumpkin to decorate or play challenging math games. Guess the weight of the GIANT pumpkin. You can even wear a costume if you would like. There will be hot dogs, baked goods, and taffy apples available for sale. Thanks to the PSO for agreeing to pay for the pumpkins to ensure that everyone can have one.



Because the prices of pumpkins has gone up to \$4-5 each, please consider making a donation to help cover the cost of the pumpkins.

# Winter Sports

Winter sports are starting soon at Hartford. Please remember that any student who wants to participate in sports must pay the \$20 athletic fee, which is a once-a-year fee that covers all sports. Also, students are expected to live up to Hartford's behavior expectations. Students should demonstrate appropriate behavior at practices and games. Students who do not live up to the Hartford behavior expectations will not be allowed to participate in sports. All students, grades 4-8 must have permission from their teacher and parent to participate. Students in grades 6-8 must also maintain a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) in order to play sports at Hartford.

The tentative schedule of winter sports is below, but may change. Sign-up sheets and more information will come home soon. Mr. K will coach 5th & 6th grade boys basketball, Ms. Wagner and Ms. Cline will coach 7th & 8th grade girls volleyball, and Mr. Wamser will coach 4th-6th grade girls basketball.

<u>Grades</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Practice Day</u>	<u>Practices Begin</u>	<u>Games Begin</u>
7th & 8th gr. boys	basketball	Mondays	December	01/09/2010
4th & 5th gr. boys	basketball	Tuesdays	November	12/05/2009
5th & 6th gr. boys	basketball	Wednesdays	November	12/05/2009
7th & 8th gr. girls	volleyball	Thursdays	December	01/09/2010
4th & 5th gr. girls	basketball	Fridays	November	12/05/2009
5th & 6th gr. girls	basketball	Fridays	November	12/05/2009

All practices will be held after school and will finish at 4:00 pm. It is very important that parents are on time and pick up their children at 4:00 pm!! Middle school students (6th-8th grades) will be issued bus tickets in order to take the bus home. Students taking the bus home must have permission from their parents to do so. Please contact the school if you have questions about athletics.

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## Ice Skating on Days Off

Looking for something to do on your days off? The Petit National Ice Center at State Fair Park (500 S. 84th Street) offers skating camps on many days off for MPS. On October 29th and 30th, the Petit is offering day-long workshops to help kids ages 6 to 12 develop their ice skating skills. There are also crafts and other activities off the ice. Students can attend 1/2 day camps (9 to noon both days for \$35) or full-day camps (9 to 4:30 on both days for \$65). Lunch is available for \$5. For more information, go to [www.ThePettit.com](http://www.ThePettit.com) or call 266-0100.

Please be sure to check the Lost and Found area outside of the auditorium. Clothing and other items are already starting to pile up. Please label your children's clothing so that lost items can be returned to you.

# Raising Money for Hartford

Hartford participates in many small fundraising programs that involve collecting labels and caps — Campbell's labels, Kemp's milk caps, Tyson labels, box tops, etc.... Thanks for sending in all of these items to help raise money for the school.

However, it is not as easy as collecting 3 milk caps and getting 15¢. What you may not know is that each program has a minimum number that must be collected before submission. In addition, some programs only make payouts a few times a year, so the minimum amount must be gathered by a particular date. Below are some updates to where we stand with our fundraising programs:

- Campbell's Labels for Education—Campbell's requires 40 labels for submission. We have the minimum, but would like to collect as many as possible.
- Boxtops for Education—We have the minimum we need, but we have to submit labels by the end of October. Any labels collected after that will not be paid out until Spring.

- Kemp's Milk Caps for Cash. We have collected 822, but need at least 1,000 for submission. We need 178 more.
- Capri Sun Juice pouches—We need a minimum of 200 for submission. Since we only have 14, we need 186 before submission. Each Capri Sun juice pouch will earn us 2¢.
- Dean's Kids Caps and Cash—We have collected 185 Dean's caps from dairy products and need 815 more in order to have enough to submit.
- Tyson Project A+ Labels—We need at least 100 to submit for payment, and only have 2 labels from Tyson frozen foods. We need 98 more in order to submit them and receive 24¢ per label.

Remember to send your boxtops for education by October 30th!!!

- Kwik Trip's Milk Moola—We have just begun this program and need at least 1,000 for submission.



## Mad Hot Tap & Ballroom

Hartford students will again be participating in Mad Hot Ballroom and Mad Hot Tap this year. Ms. Korom's 5th grade will be learning ballroom steps, and Mr. Moses' 5th grade class will be perfecting their tap moves. Led by instructors from Danceworks, the students will prepare choreographed routines and perform in a competition with other schools at the Bradley Center in Spring. Though practice won't begin for a while, the students went to the Marcus Center on Sept. 30th to kick-off this year's program and see some pieces from *Forever Tango*, a touring Broadway musical. Participants in last year's competition (including Hartford students) also performed the tango they had learned last year. Watch the newsletter for more information.

## Coke Caps for Hartford

Hartford is now registered to benefit from Coca-Cola's My Coke Rewards program. The codes that you collect from Coke caps and cases can benefit Hartford. All Coke products (Coke, Sprite, Dasani, Powerade, Minute Maid) have codes on the plastic bottle caps or printed on the cases. There are two ways you can donate your Coke Rewards to Hartford. The easiest way is to send your caps and codes from packages to the school. We will register the codes for the school. The other option is to enter the codes yourself under your own account at [www.MyCokeRewards.com](http://www.MyCokeRewards.com). When you go to redeem your points, select Hartford to donate your points to them.

## Preventing the Flu

### PSO Meetings

Nov. 12

Jan. 7

Feb. 11

Mar. 4

Apr. 15

May 13

More than 3300 cases of H1N1 (swine flu) have already been confirmed in the city of Milwaukee this year, and the health department expects the number of cases to rise this fall. Unlike the typical flu, the H1N1 has primarily occurred in younger people, especially those with underlying health conditions (diabetes, asthma, obesity, etc...). Though there is no need to panic, it is a good time to review the necessary steps to prevent flu outbreaks. The flu is very easy to spread by touch, coughing, and sneezing. A person can spread the flu a day before they show symptoms and for more than a week after becoming ill.

- Be alert for flu symptoms, which include fever, body aches, chills, fatigue, sore throat, runny or stuff nose, and

cough. Symptoms may also include vomiting and diarrhea.

- Stay home if you have flu symptoms! Staying home 7 days after symptoms started is best, but do not go to work or school at least 24 hours after the fever has stopped without the use of medication.
- Contact the doctor if flu symptoms are severe or worsening.
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or upper sleeve.
- Do not share food or drink with others.
- Consider getting a flu shot as vaccines become available.

## Pasta Dinner — Thanks and Congratulations

Once again, the Pasta Dinner was a great success. Thanks to everyone who helped. Thanks to Paula Storniolo, who planned and coordinated the volunteers for the event. Thanks, too, to Carl Storniolo (cook), Anthony Ramirez (cook), Bob Werner (cook), John Horgan (cook), Kathy Ramirez (shopper), Maureen Stone (set up/clean up), Tom Horgan (set up) Alessandro Storniolo (set up), Jada Carter (bread server), Shannon Kevlin (clean up), Cleandra Coleman (set up), Margaret Cory (PSO table), Maria Dixon (money collection), Brian Dixon (money collection), and Howard Hoffman (money collection). Thanks to all of the staff who helped serve the food and make sure that everyone felt welcome at the Open House. Thanks to everyone, staff and families, who brought a dish to share.

The Open House was made even more exciting with the opportunity to win prizes at the many stations throughout the school. Each station provided information about some aspect of Hartford (PSO, Athletics, Arts, Music, Nursing, etc...). It was a good way to find out about all that Hartford has to offer, with the chance to win prizes along the way. Congratulations to all the winners (with the parents' names listed and the students in parentheses). Jennifer Huertas (RaeVaughn Huertas, Rm 29) won the grand prize of an 8-piece non-stick cookware set. Cacy Williams (Eric Williams, Rm 25), Margaret Cory (Juliet Cory, UWM Children's Center), Tomica Holland (Jaques Thompson, Rm 8), C.M. Priest (Jazmyn Priest, Rm 13), Alando & Nancy McMurtry (Trajon McMurtry, Rm 13) all won Pick N' Save gift certificates valued at \$20-25. Congratulations!!



## Hartford Census

Each year, the Hartford administration has to budget in Spring for the number of students it expects to have in Fall. For every child below the target, the school loses thousands of dollars of funding. For every child above the target, additional funding is available. At the same time, the school has to maintain manageable class sizes. Dr. Ellwood budgeted for 674 this year. The official number of students counted on the 3rd Friday of September was 677. This allows Hartford to maintain its expected funding and still have manageable class sizes (approximately 30).



## Testing at Hartford

At the October PSO meeting, Dr. Ellwood reported that students in grades 3 through 8 had begun taking some tests meant to predict performance on the WKCE. The WKCE is the state-mandated standardized testing in Wisconsin for students in grades 3-8 which will be administered in November. Unfortunately, the assessments did not show the progress from last year that was hoped for. While some students and grades performed well, many did not. The good news is that teachers are now able to target their attention to students who need additional help in certain subject areas before the WKCE begins in November. If your child is one of those children needing help, the teacher likely can update you during conferences. Do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher to get more information about his or her progress.

## PSO Spending and Decisions

The year is young, but the PSO has already been busy. At the September meeting, those present voted to pay \$509.68 to pay for the back-to-school picnic at Kern Park. The picnic was well attended and worth the investment to build Hartford's community. The PSO also paid \$719.23 for a breakfast for staff on their first day back to school. MPS rules do not allow the school to pay for food for the staff, so the breakfast would not have happened without the PSO's support. At the October meeting, those present voted to pay \$198.00 for busses for the 6th and 7th graders to attend Indian Summer. It is nearly an annual trip that provides an interesting cultural learning experience early in the school year. We also voted to pay up to \$800.00 for pumpkins for Pumpkin Night. Ms. Whyte will continue to negotiate prices, but expects them to be \$2-4 each. We also voted to pay \$209.52 for the lanyards, badges, and Hartford Hurrahs (the printing) that are part of the introduction of the PBIS program at Hartford. More information about the program was in the last newsletter, and updates will be found in future newsletters.

At the October meeting, those who attended discussed ways to continue to build the Hartford community. We agreed that Hartford does a great job of creating large group opportunities for staff, families, and students to socialize. Hartford has more family nights and all-school events (like picnics) than almost any other MPS grade school. While they are well-attended and generally well-run, the large-group events can be a little intimidating for new families. What seems to be missing are the opportunities to strengthen the relationships between small groups of families — people who share a grade level, new students, people who live in the same neighborhoods or take the same bus, etc.... There were many good ideas at the meeting, and those present decided to take small steps to build small-group social networks at Hartford. A committee is being formed, and you can look for more information in the future!

## Medications

If your child takes medication during the school day, be sure you have completed an MPS Medication Form. Medication should be brought to school in a correctly labeled medication bottle with the form completed. If your child carries an inhaler for asthma, notify the school nurse. The nurse will be better able to respond in case of an asthma attack if the nurse is aware of the student's asthma.

Students who get frequent headaches or cramps may keep over-the-counter medication at school. However, you should complete the MPS Over-the-Counter Medication Form with the correctly labeled medication bottle. Students should not carry medication (even over-the-counter medicine) with them. If you have any questions, contact Hartford's school nurse, Donna Hasan.

## Boxtops For Education

Hartford continues to collect the Labels for Education that can be found on Campbell's products. More than just Campbell's soup, the Campbell's company also makes Prego, Pepperidge Farm products, Swanson soups, and V8. Look for Labels for Education on all of those products. This semester's labels are due by October 31st, so make sure to send them in today!

You can find out more at [www.LabelsForEducation.com](http://www.LabelsForEducation.com). You can earn additional points, find recipe ideas, and learn more about the program. You can also enter sweepstakes to help Hartford win prizes. The "Busload of Prizes" contest going on now will award one lucky school \$25,000 worth of arts, athletics, or academics gear. You can enter once a day through 10/31/09.

## Fire Safety Month

October is Fire Prevention Month. Every year, more than 4,000 people die in home fires in this country, but there are some simple things you can do to help make your family safe.

- Have smoke detectors on each level of your home. Test them monthly.
- Make sure each detector has a working battery. Replace the battery in each smoke detector at least once a year.
- Remind your kids to get out of the house in case of a fire. Fires burn fast — even the smallest fire can get out of control in less than 5 minutes.
- Plan your escape with your children. Show them the many ways they could exit (including windows) and where to meet in case of a fire.
- Keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children.
- Keep space heaters 3 feet away from anything.
- Keep a fire extinguisher near your stove. Never try to put out a stove fire with water.

## Climate Survey

Take the annual MPS Climate Survey now! Each year MPS encourages parents to complete the survey in order to gather the opinions about each school from parents, students, and staff. The survey is available now until December 22. The survey takes about 10-15 minutes to complete and is available in English, Spanish, and Hmong. All surveys are confidential. The survey can be taken online at home, at school, or anywhere that has a computer with internet access. A paper copy is also available in the Hartford office. Please ask for help at the office if needed. You can take the survey now by logging on to [www.milwaukee.k12.wi.us](http://www.milwaukee.k12.wi.us). Go to the Parent page and click on the Parent Climate Survey. Students are encouraged to take a student survey. For more information, call 475-8225.

# New School Fundraiser: Kwik Trip

This year our school is participating in the *Milk Moola* and *Donuts to Dough* program, sponsored by Kwik Trip. *Milk Moola* is an easy way for us to earn 5¢ for each cap and bag top from Kwik Trip products such as milk, orange juice, bottled water and Kwik Trip's fruit drinks that you turn in. *Donuts to Dough* is an easy way to earn 10¢ for each Glazers price oval you turn in from each Dozen or Half-Dozen boxes of Glazers donuts. This money can be used for a variety of purposes such as new equipment, books, supplies, or school-sponsored trips. Anywhere there's a need for extra funding, this program will certainly help. Children can bring the caps, bag tops, and Glazers price ovals into school anytime. We can receive cash payments monthly from Kwik Trip, so there's no need to save them up at home. Simply bring them in for deposit into our collection box by the office and we can start benefiting from the cash right away.

If you would like to learn more about *Milk Moola* and *Donuts to Dough* you can visit the Milk Moola web site at [www.milkmoola.com](http://www.milkmoola.com). There you'll find the latest information about the program, frequently asked questions and the official rules and guidelines. So the next time you're in Kwik Trip and reach for a box of Glazers donuts or something to drink, don't forget to save those price ovals and caps!



## Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be October 12-15th. Look for books to be displayed on the 1st floor from 8:30 to 11:00 am and noon to 2:00 pm. The Book Fair will also be open during conferences: 4:00 to 7:00 pm on Tuesday and 3:00 to 6:15 pm on Wednesday. Children will have chances to visit the Book Fair with their classes, and parents can visit with their families during conferences. There are no discounts or buy-one-get-one-free at this sale. Checks should be made out to Hartford, though most debit and credit cards are also accepted.

## Picture Day — Re-Takes 11/4

Picture Day has already been held for the Fall semester. As the flyer that was sent home stated, full payment for pictures was due on picture day. Parents who ordered picture packages should receive them soon. If you do not like how the pictures turned out, you must send the entire package back and new pictures will be taken on November 4th. LifeTouch guarantees your satisfaction. If not satisfied with the pictures or the re-takes, they will refund your money.

Unlike years past, all orders were due on picture day. Proofs will not be sent home. If you did not order your pictures on picture day, you have to contact the picture company (soon!) directly to receive pictures. Call the LifeTouch customer care line at 1-866-620-8073 if you have questions. They can direct you how you can still receive portraits. Hartford's picture ID number with LifeTouch is #MD139770YO.



Another round of school pictures will be taken in Spring. We expect to return to a system where pictures are taken and proofs are sent home before money is due.