

Greetings!

We are thrilled to be the co-presidents of the PTO this year. Planning for the school year has already begun. We have some exciting in-house field trips already booked! Trout Fishing of America will be performing at MSA in December. Check 'em out at

www.troutmusic.com.

Please mark your calendars and be sure to join us for the first PTO meeting on Wednesday, September 10th. We will be looking for volunteers to sign up for various events throughout the year.

You might be asking "Why should I volunteer?" The "official" answer is that participation through volunteering allows you to be hands-on with your child's education and gives you a voice. But here are some more fun reasons:

- Our kids love to see us in "their" environment.
- You get to know your children's teachers and your children's friends.
- Participation through attendance at PTO meetings gives you a voice.
- You help decide what fun stuff we do as a group.
- You help decide where we spend PTO money.

As if that weren't enough, if you are new to MSA, the established families are available to answer questions and ease your transition into our school family. We're always happy to help wherever possible. An added bonus is that you have the opportunity to meet lots of wonderful and talented people and gain some great

friends!

(Did we mention that FREE childcare is provided at every meeting?)

Anyway, that's our introduction. We look forward to serving in this capacity over the 08-09 school year and hope to have a great time!

Respectfully,
Sheryn Anthes and Helen Stewart
Co-Presidents MSA PTO

2008-2009 MSA PTO BOARD

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Who likes to Blog?

We've heard it's the biggest thing on the internet, so we decided we'd try it out.



The blog address is
<http://msapto.blogspot.com/>.

Here are the rules:

Email Helen to be invited at
momtorobert@hotmail.com.

The only way to keep this private over 35 people is to make it subscription-based.

Please keep it nice. This was built for information-sharing, not flaming. If you have concerns about another post, please notify Sheryn or Helen.

Post ideas for in-house field trips, fun events for the kids or adults, or neat websites. We love cool stuff and want to share it with everyone.

That's it! Try it out with us!

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 17	Sunday	6:00 p.m.	End of Summer Picnic
September 10	Wednesday	6:15 p.m.	First PTO Meeting
September 12	Friday	6:00 p.m.	Back-to-School Picnic
September 16	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Back-to-School Night - Elementary
September 25	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Back-to-School Night - Primary
October 18	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	MSA Flea Market

Did someone say, "VOLUNTEER"?

We're serious about this! Please, please, PLEASE fill out the enclosed Volunteer Form.

Hey, we know you're busy; we are, too! We just want to make sure everyone gets a chance and no one gets "stuck" with more than they can handle.

We'll work with you to make sure that your job meets your needs and uses your talents!

Just take 10 minutes to fill it out and we'll do the rest!

End of Summer Picnic

Say hi to your old Montessori friends!

Meet some new ones!

Bring your own dinner and a blanket!

Come and join us for some fun!

New Parents: this is a wonderful opportunity for your child to meet their future classmates.

When: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 17th

Where: Jefferson Manor Park, at Farmington Drive & Telegraph Road

(Show your kids where their bus stop is!)