

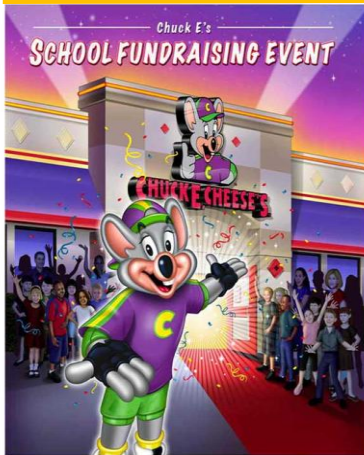


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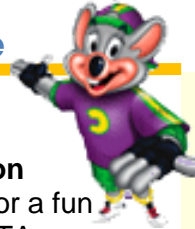
Family Fun Night at Chuck E. Cheese



The Valley View Elementary PTA is hosting a Family Night at Chuck E. Cheese, Dickson City on April 12, 2010. Take the kids out for a fun night between 3 and 9 p.m. Our PTA earns a percentage of the sales when you say you are supporting VVEPTA.

Everyone that attends is entered into a drawing for a basket full of Chuck's goodies. Flyers with coupons for tokens will be sent home soon.

Any questions please contact Amy Borgacci, 876-0630 or Dawn Rudalavage, 876-1014.



PTA Meetings for the 2009-2010 School Year

Valley View Elementary PTA will meet at 7:00 PM in the Valley View Elementary Center on the following dates:

April 13, 2010

May 11, 2010

Child care is available for ages 3-11.

Kindergarten parents are asked to donate healthy snacks for our April meeting refreshment table.



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Dear Parents, Teachers, and Administration,

Thank you for your support with our Spring Fundraisers, Family Nights, and our Easter Event this past month. The parents and children who participated had a wonderful time. It was awesome to see so many teachers at the events as well. Thank you to the many chairs and volunteers who did a great job.

Good Luck to our students as they begin taking their standardized tests this month. This month's general meeting will include a speaker from our school administration who will give information regarding the standardized tests. Have you ever had a question that you haven't asked about them? Feel free to ask at the meeting.

April and May are important months for Leadership in our PTA organization. In the April meeting, the Nominating Committee will recommend future Officers. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at both the April and May meetings for Officer positions. Additionally, if you are interested in participating as a board member, you are encouraged to sign up at the April or May meeting. At the May meeting, we ask for your presence to choose and accept your new Officers.

We have received a donation of four tickets to Fiorelli's Mother's Day Event - a special thanks to both Lisa Shanley and Fiorelli's. Our chair, Gina Taylor will be sending flyers home to raffle off the tickets in the next few weeks. Jim Calpin has volunteered to be our Arbor Day chair once more. The PTA is providing a live tree to each student to plant in honor of the holiday.

I wish you all a chance to spend a family day outside and take advantage of the warmer weather!

Kristie



'Egg'cellent Easter Event



Thanks to everyone who supported the annual 'Egg'cellent Easter Event held on Saturday, March 20th. The event attracted nearly 270 children who enjoyed a fun-filled day of activities! We would like to thank the following sponsors who helped to make this event a great success: New Look Line Striping, Abington Center, Mini-Golf, Inc., Idle Hours, Quinn's Supermarket, Price Chopper, Giant, Pennstar, Santarelli & Sons, and the Valley View Elementary PTA. Also, a special thanks to the parents and student volunteers who helped organize and run the activities for the event and Intermediate School Janitors and staff for their assistance. Thank you for a job well done!!

Because of your generosity, the basket raffle at the 'Egg'cellent Easter Event was a huge success. Thank you so much for all of your donations and beautiful baskets.

Quinn's Supermarket, Cherie Uhrin's Styling Salon, First Class Gymnastics, A M R Gymnastics Center, Coccetti's, Maria's Corner, Cinemark, The Adventure Zone, Planet Fitness, Cedar Bicycle, Andy's Pizza, Debbie's Floral Boutique Inc., Tiffany's Tap & Grill, Pete N Reenies, The Eatery by Jessica, Fiorelli Family Catering, Café Soriano's, The Art School of Northeastern Pennsylvania, A J's Club Soda Inc., A & A Pizza & Hoagies, S-P-A Karate, Real Deal, Tag'd, S & S Auto Detailing, Lavender Goose, Mrs. Kishel, PTA Board Members, & PTA Families.

Congratulations to the following basket winners:

Emily Mondak, Cara Minelli, Kelly McLaughlin, Emma Sherwood, Ben Toczykowski, Debbie Essig, Juillanna Mazza, Amanda Sherwood, Barry Linger, Eric Demkosky, Tammy Gerek, James Caserin, Ellen Graminsino, Lilly Gallo, Justin Kolsovsky, Turlip Family, Denise Daiute, Kelsey Conlin, Tanner Peters, Madeline Dench, Vanessa Antenori, Kaylee Martin, Gia Mazza, Angela Shander, Nadine Gillen, Lori Reilly, Dom Perini, Savannah Scanlon, Amanda Russell, Timmy Stiledger, Nick Bianci, Evan Jenner, Adam, & Mackenzie McHale.



Family Fitness Night Success

The evening was a success and the kids danced their hearts out and had a great time! (Especially Mrs. Kishel doing the Macarena!!). **Thank you to the following volunteers who helped me tremendously:**

Debbie Smith, Marla Kovatch, Mrs. Maria Kishel, Danielle Ainey, Barbara Weber, Amy Borgacci, Kristal Clifford, Lynn Antenori, Maria Taramelli, Lisa Shanley, Helen Shander, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Kielar, Eric Iyob, Rosemary Tacakas from Mid Valley Diabetes Education office, Alicia from AMR Gymnastics, and anyone else who offered their time that evening. The evening was a success because of all of you-- Thank you so much!!



Bicycle & Internet Safety

March 8th--Lackawanna Co. Safety Program Director Kathy Fox presented to all K-2nd grades on BICYCLE SAFETY--she discussed the importance of helmet use, bike readiness, and bike and road safety.

March 12th--Detective Chris Kolcharno from the Lackawanna Co. DA's office presented to the entire Intermediate School--INTERNET SAFETY--he discussed the do's and don'ts of the computer, how to avoid online criminals and pedophiles, and how students can protect themselves in chat rooms.

Thank you to both of them for their great presentations and take home materials for parents to review.



HEALTHY KIDS CORNER

By Cindy Iyob MS, RD, LD

HEALTHIER EASTER BASKET IDEAS

The Easter Bunny will be arriving very soon! Although Easter baskets are typically filled with an array of chocolate bunnies, Peeps, or rainbow-colored jelly beans, why not encourage the Easter Bunny to consider a few healthier food choices to include in your child's Easter basket this year?

Here are some ideal choices:

1) DRIED FRUITS and NUTS--Dried apple, pineapple, or peach slices, or boxes of raisins or chopped dates. These foods items are full of essential vitamins and minerals. Put together a home-made trail mix of the above-mentioned dried fruits, nuts, pretzels, multi-grain Cheerios, and a few chocolate chips.

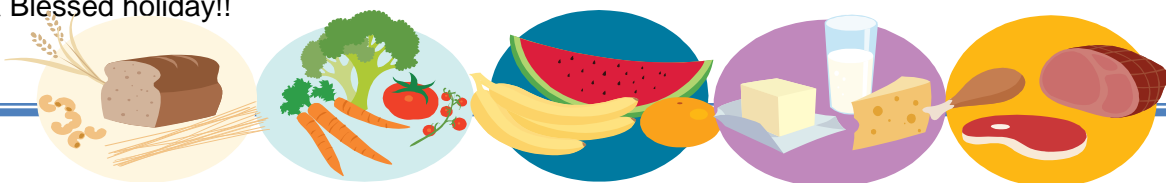
2) POPCORN--Popcorn is inexpensive, healthy, and easy to make. Avoid packages labeled with high saturated fats (avoid popcorn with butter topping included).

3) FAVORITE CHOCOLATE TREATS--A few well-chosen sweet treats can still be part of the Easter celebration, just provide these treats in smaller-sized packages, lower-fat versions, and encourage moderation. Included with your child's favorite chocolate or other Easter candy, how about 100% fruit snacks, yogurt-covered or chocolate-covered raisins?

4) EASTER TREATS NEED NOT ALWAYS BE EDIBLE--Fill baskets with puzzles, craft projects, coloring books/activity books, CD's, books, or mini-games. How about something that encourages your children to get outside and get active? Include all types of balls, jump ropes, bubbles, or sidewalk chalk.

The Easter holiday is a special time for family, friends, fun, and of course, food. By no means do we expect our children to avoid all goodies and treats on the Easter holiday. But as parents/caretakers, it is our responsibility to encourage moderation and good nutritious food choices.

Have a Blessed holiday!!



Play Day T-Shirts Update

The t-shirts for the volunteers will be available at the April 13th PTA meeting. Please have payment of \$5 at time of pick-up.

Any questions or to arrange a different pick-up time please call Megan Horeis at 383-5473. All students will be receiving their shirts at school.

Kindergarten	May 26, 2010
First Grade	May 25, 2010
Second Grade	May 25, 2010
Third Grade	May 10, 2010
Fourth Grade	May 11, 2010
Fifth Grade	May 12, 2010



April 2010

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1 EASTER VACATION SCHOOL CLOSED	2 EASTER VACATION SCHOOL CLOSED
5	6	7	8 1st Grade Field Trip to Irem Temple Circus	9
12 Family Night at Chuck E. Cheese 3-9 PM	13 PTA Meeting 7PM Elem. Center	14	15 Kindergarten Field Trip to Scranton Cultural Center	16
19	20 1st Grade Musical	21	22	23 12:30 Dismissal
26	27 Kindergarten Musical 5th Grade Panoramic Picture	28	29 2nd Grade Pioneer Show	30