

# IMPORTANT!

Please complete and return the enclosed form and your donation by **Wednesday, November 18th.** This will allow your child to be eligible to select a prize from the Hoben treasure chest.

The first class that has every student return their donation form will receive a FREE pizza party!

Each student who returns the donation form will be entered into the Grand Prize drawing for a \$25.00 gift card to Pizza Hut!

## DID YOU KNOW?

While the state provides funding for our school's operating expenses, the programs listed above - and many others - wouldn't be possible without Hoben Council funding. So, please consider a donation. Any amount is greatly appreciated!



## OUR THANKS

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Your Invitation from the  
**Hoben Elementary  
School Council**

# Who are we?

The Hoben Council is our parent-staff group that works to support the students, staff and parents of Hoben Elementary School.

## Our Invitation to You

"The American family is the rock on which a solid education can be built. I have seen examples all over this nation where two-parent families, single parents, stepparents, grandparents, aunts and uncles are providing strong family support for their children to learn. If families teach the love of learning, it can make all the difference in the world to their children." — **Richard W. Riley, Former U.S. Secretary of Education**

The best schools have parent advocates. It's these parents that believe in involving themselves in the education of their children and making a difference in the communities in which they live. Do you want to become a parent advocate? If so, then consider volunteering on the Hoben Council, attending council meetings or volunteering in your child's classroom.

We realize that for some parents, time is limited. So, whether you currently volunteer or support Hoben in other ways, we invite you to make a donation toward classroom resources for your child(ren). It's your donation, combined with those of hundreds of other parents that make great things possible at Hoben.

*Please join me in supporting our children, the future of tomorrow, by making a donation to the Hoben Council. Your support will make a difference.*

— *Liz Vartanian-Gibbs, Hoben School Principal*

# Benefits for Your Child

So, where does the money from your donation go? At Hoben, 100% of your donation is spent on programs that benefit the school and your children's classrooms, such as:

- Math support equipment like state-of-the-art calculators needed for your child to enhance their math experience
- Field trips that extend classroom learning and help students make real-world connections
- Playground games painted on the playground and other new playground pieces for all grades to enjoy
- "Reading Olympics" program promotes reading in the 2nd grade
- School assemblies that positively impact your child's learning in all subjects
- Teacher grants that purchase equipment or other materials to enhance learning for each grade level
- Classroom grants allow teachers to purchase supplies and materials for their individual classrooms
- Art Volunteer Program allows parent volunteers to come into the classrooms and provide students information on different artists through the ages - Sponsored by the Plymouth Arts Council
- March Is Reading Month - Camp Read-A-Lot and an annual author visit
- Seat Sacks which conveniently hold a child's math materials to the back of their chair

These days, families are busier than ever. This is why we have discontinued the selling of wrapping paper, pizzas and entertainment books where only a small percentage of your purchase goes back into the school. We are simply asking for a "one-time" donation for the above programs and more.

# Our Goal

Our goal is for every child to bring back a completed donation form (enclosed) with at least a \$25 donation. Remember, it's through these donations that Hoben is able to continue to provide your child(ren) with the best resources for successful learning.

The impact of donations is huge. Through the purchase of learning resources, we are able to directly impact Hoben's MEAP scores. High MEAP scores, like those listed below, can help increase your property value and draw more families looking for high-quality education, like that offered at Hoben, into our community.

## MEAP ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

5th Grade Students, Fall 2008

Percent Meeting or Exceeding Standards

|                         | Math | Reading | Science | Writing | English/LA |
|-------------------------|------|---------|---------|---------|------------|
| Hoben School            | 94.2 | 92.2    | 91.3    | 71.8    | 90.3       |
| Michigan State Average* | 76.8 | 81.5    | 83.1    | 63.4    | 78.2       |

\*Michigan Department of Education Public Results Report