

"ARRR" NEWS

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Student Council Wants You!

Student Council is underway and needs your great ideas, school pride, and energy! Please stop by Miss Thill's Room F109, for an interest survey and parent permission form. Turn in your completed forms to Miss Thill no later than Wednesday, September 30. All those interested in joining Student Council, we would love to have you! Our meetings will be on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month in F109. The next meeting is October 1.

Pirate Sports

All contests are scheduled to begin at 4:15 PM unless otherwise noted. Students who would like to support our teams must leave school grounds at the end of the school day but may return at 4 PM.

Mon., 9/28 Girls Volleyball v. Plano, 8th Away, 7th Home

Tues., 9/29 Boys Soccer @ Sandwich
Girls Volleyball v. Yorkville, 8th Home, 7th Away
Cross Country – AVM @ Old Post

Thurs., 10/1

PACK THE GYM NIGHT!

Boys Soccer v. Thompson @ Home
Girls Volleyball v. Thompson, 8th Away, 7th Home

Boys Basketball Tryouts Soon

All 7th and 8th grade boys interested in trying out for basketball need to have (1) a 2009 physical turned into the Nurse's Office and (2) a completed Waiver Form turned into Coach Baker or Coach Mosley. Tryouts start Tuesday, Oct. 13. Any questions, see Coach Baker in F217 or Coach Mosley in D126. Thanks.

Poms Try-Outs – October 9

All 7th or 8th grade girls interested in trying out for Poms must have a current sports physical on file with the nurse by October 2.

Clinics will be held in the cafeteria Tuesday, October 6 and Wednesday, October 7 from 5:30-7:30 PM. Tryouts will begin at 3:15 on Friday, October 9th. Girls must attend all three days in order to be considered for the squad.

Pom handouts are available in the Main Office and are due to Ms. Postlewaite in Room E108 no later than Wednesday, September 30.

Join Yearbook Staff!

All students interested in joining the yearbook staff should pick up a Yearbook Club Information sheet outside D208 and return it to Mrs. Pucci by Friday, October 2. Also, the deadline to preorder your yearbook is next Wednesday, Sept. 30. See last week's "Arrr" News for the order form.

Art Club Starts Tuesday

Any Plank student may join Art Club—you do not have to be in an art class this semester to join. All participants must have a permission slip. See Ms. Gordon in E213 or Mr. Everson in E215 for more information.

Lost Your Glasses?

There are several pairs of glasses in a box in the Student Services office. Many of them were found last spring. If you lost your glasses, stop by the office and see if yours have been found!

Quote of the week...

Be the change you wish to see reflected in the world.

-- Mahatma Gandhi

Social Networking for Parents 101 **Tues., Sept. 29, 7 PM** **Plank LRC Computer Lab**

Come learn some tips on how to keep your children safe while they are online. Please bring your child's student ID# and social network (e.g., MySpace) ID and password. Space is limited. Call 630-551-9408 to register.

H&S Cookie Dough Sale Begins 10/2

October 2 marks the start of the Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough fundraiser. Students will bring home order forms on that Friday. Additional information will be online at the Plank webpage under the Parent/Parent Organization link.

Free Flu Forum – September 29

The public is invited to attend a free presentation on the flu (seasonal and H1N1) at 7 p.m. on September 29 at Traugher Junior High School, 570 Colchester in Oswego. The panel discussion, The "New" Flu & You, will be presented by the Kendall County Health Department in conjunction with Oswego Community Unit School District 308. During the presentation members of the KCHD will answer the 20 most commonly asked questions about the flu including how individuals can protect their families and prevent the spread of the illness. There will also be time to address questions from the public. For further information review the attachment or call the Kendall County Health Department at 630.553.9100.

Thanks for coming to **Curriculum Night!**

We had an excellent turn out for Curriculum Night. We hope to see you all again for Parent/Teacher conferences on November 23 and 24!

Join Home & School

If you haven't become a member of Plank Home & School, there's still time. You can print our membership form from the school's website or send in a note with your name, student's name and grade, contact phone number and e mail address, along with your \$5.00 family membership fee to the school's office. Your contribution supports our efforts to provide educational and fun activities to our kids as well as materials and equipment for the school. Checks should be made payable to Plank Home and School.

Congratulations, Top Pirates!

We would like to recognize the students who were selected at Top Pirates these last two weeks. These students were selected by their teachers for displaying the qualities of Character Counts!sm

9/18	6 th Grade:	Monica Lopez Michael DeJesus
	7 th Grade:	Briana Schultz Victor Bautista
	8 th Grade:	Sam Wilson Pearl Fox
9/25	6 th Grade:	Jissel Gomez Jeremiah Naranjo
	7 th Grade:	Isayah Cantu Lamont Carter
	8 th Grade:	Fisnik Balazi Scott Rios

Keep it up, Pirates!

Easing the Teasing Program **Tues., Oct. 13, 7~8:30 PM** **Oswego East High School**

Teasing is a universal and widespread problem and it cannot be completely prevented. Although children are unable to control what others say or do, they can learn to control their own responses and reactions, which will "ease the tease." All District 308 parents are invited to attend this free program to learn about the types of teasing, the reactions and effects of teasing, why children tease, the 10 "easing" strategies, the importance of bystanders and tips for parents of the teasers and/or targets.

Save Your **Subscriptions!!**

Renew your favorite magazines through your student during our fall magazine drive, which begins **October 5**. More information will be coming home soon.

Calling all Crafters and Vendors

Plank Home and School is looking for **crafters and other vendors** to participate in our **Plank Holiday Celebration**, Saturday, **December 12**, 2009 from 10:00 am to 3:00pm. The event, formerly known as Plank Promenade, has been redesigned to give it a more festive and family oriented atmosphere. ***This year the activity will benefit Plank's Teacher Grants Program and the Mutual Ground shelter for battered women and children.*** Public admission to the event will consist of a toy donation for the shelter.

You can **reserve your space** for ***only \$10*** per table and a donation of a sample of your product for the raffle. It will be up to you to make an additional donation to the Grants Program based on your sales.

Plank families, staff and their families will have **priority** among the applicants. To join our Holiday Celebration please **complete the form below** and return it to the Plank Office along with your registration fee **as soon as possible**. Applications will be processed on a first come first served basis.

For more information please contact Ilia Rivera at: plankhsa@yahoo.com or (630)551-0347.

Plank Holiday Celebration December 12, 2009 10:00 am – 3:00pm

Crafters and Vendors Registration

Vendor Name _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

Email _____

How are you connected to the school? ___ parent/guardian ___ student's relative ___ school staff ___ staff's relative ___ no connection, just want to join the celebration!

Description of the product or service _____

How many tables and chairs will you need? ___ table (s) ___ chair (s)

Please make your check to Plank Home and School Association

For Home and School use only:

Date received _____ by _____ Fee included \$ _____ Cash _____

Check number _____ Approved _____ Notification date _____