

**Dandelion Family Association**  
**October 3, 2006**

**Dandelion Community Mission Statement**

We are dedicated to promoting positive development in children by:

- Building caring relationships through positive discipline offered in a safe and enriching environment;
- Providing dedicated staff who engage children in the joy and excitement of learning;
- Offering a quality curriculum using innovative and research-based teaching strategies;
- Establishing strong partnerships with parents/guardians; and
- Nourishing spiritual growth through modeling love and respect for each other and the world around us.

**Welcome/Introductions**

*Parents in Attendance: Amy, Mike, Adam and Dee, Deanna, Tanya , Fia and Heather Houck*

*Staff in Attendance: Janice, Sue and Kim*

**Update on DFA Account**

- Current balance as of 10/3/06=\$4488.55  
*(previous balance on 9/12/06—\$1742.93)*
- Activity
  - \$70.00 profit from Parent's Night Out on 9/16/06.
  - Door Prize Playground Fundraiser Deposits--\$2,675
- Funding Factory—Current Balance: 261 pts. or \$104.40  
Earned to date 1,158.00 pts. or \$463.20
  - Sent out another box of laser cartridges. Would like to purchase a new all in one printer, copier, scanner and fax for 317.00 pts.
  - A parent is to look into donating some computer equipment.

**Longaberger Door Prize Playground Fundraiser Update**

- *Total Income Received as of 10/3/06: \$2675.00.*
- *Cost of Baskets: \$1566.30*
- *Profit to date: \$1108.70*
- *Available funds to add toward playground purchase--\$2922.55*
  - *Goal to purchase the Little Tikes Playcenter 5: \$5,000*

**Review of Ice Cream Social on Sept. 23, 12-2 p.m.**

- *Had about 50 families and 20 staff in attendance.*
- *Thanks to Heather's family for donating the ice cream.*

**Wolfgang Candy Fundraiser Update —Deanna and Amy co-chairs**

- *Deanna to draft letter to distribute to families describing the fundraiser.*
- *Kick-off and send out the fundraiser information on October 23. Families will return orders by November 3 for an expected delivery date in the first week of December.*
- *Deanna and Amy to meet week of 10/9 to prepare fundraiser packets*

### Fall Festival Planning

- *2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Festival on Oct. 28 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.*
- *Mike and Dawn will write a letter to families.*
- *Heather will prepare a flier to handout to families.*
- *Children are invited to dress-up in costumes and parade around the classrooms and receive treats.*
- *Will prepare the materials for the Veteran's Day Parade at the Fall Festival (pom-poms and float decorations).*

### Finalize Veteran's Day Parade--November 5

- *Theme—Repeat last year's theme of "These Hands Hold Your Future" and have families make handprints on a "drop-cloth" to decorate the float.*
- *Brian (last year's volunteer) is to secure the hay wagon and will pull the wagon the day of the parade.*
- *Looking for hay bale donations to place on wagon—a few parents know of some sources and will let us know.*
- *Will have children throw candy and waive to the crowd on the float.*

### Vote on new DFA meeting night

- *Parents have inquired in the past about changing the DFA night from the first Tuesday of the month (time conflict with local PTA groups.)*
- *The group voted on changing the DFA meetings to the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month starting November 6.*
- *Kim will notify all DFA members regarding the day change.*

### Elect new chair/co-chairs for 2006-7

- *Tanya and Heather have volunteered to continue as co-chairs of the DFA.*
- *Tanya will prepare monthly DFA agendas starting November.*
- *Mike and Dawn will prepare the minutes from monthly DFA meetings starting November.*

### Possible fundraiser/idea for a family event:

- *Fia suggested guardakid.com <http://www.guardakid.com/andreablaszak.html>—a local group that fingerprints and gathers children's information in the event of a missing child, etc.*
- *Cost to participate, can donate portion of proceeds to the program.*
- *Kim will research and give information at next meeting.*

### Next meeting November 6:

- *Review Wolfgang Candy Fundraiser, Fall Festival and Veteran's Day Parade.*
- *Start planning the holiday open house December 16.*