

Otter Newsletter for Week of December 27, 2009

It's time to work off the Christmas cookies...

Our next meet is this Saturday, January 2, at home against Hershey. We will try to do most of the set up for this meet while the kids practice on Thursday, December 31.

1) **Jim hopes to post the meet line up at the pool by Thursday's practice. Please check the line up sheets to make sure your swimmer's intention to swim or not swim is accurately reflected.** If the plans recorded on your meet sign up sheet have changed, please email Jim immediately at jgardner@acschools.org. For meet day emergencies only, contact Jim at 270-7012 or David at 644-1220.

2) **Swimmers should report to the racquetball courts no later than 7:10 on Saturday for warm ups.** Younger swimmers (those 12 and under that need to be lined up by our wonderfully patient and conscientious line up ladies) should plan on staying in the courts when they are not competing. Bring blankets, chairs, and "amusements."

3) **Otter parents are needed to do three things:** 1) Cheer for and encourage your swimmer and their teammates; 2) **Sign up to volunteer** for one of the MANY jobs we have available so that we can run an efficient meet; and 3) **Bring your assigned item to the bake sale.** Here are the needs:

If your last name begins with:

A-E: 6 or 8 pack 16 oz. flavored water or Gatorade and candy (skittles, PB cups, M&M's, Air Heads, or Fruit Roll-ups)

F-J: 6 or 8 pack 16 oz. flavored water or Gatorade and 1 dozen donuts or pre-sliced bagels

K-Q: 6 or 8 pack 16 oz. water bottles and candy (see above) or snacks

R-Z: 6 pack cans of soda (Coke, Diet Coke, or Sprite) and pre-cut fruit or veggies sliced and placed in individual plastic bags

Thanks to those who have already volunteered to help staff a meet position. As for everybody else, let's get volunteering!

--To help staff a shift at the bake sale (a great job for those with young kids), email Deb O'Connor at deb.oconnor@comcast.net.

--To officiate or finish judge, email Kathy Wingert at dkwingert@comcast.net. (Volunteers thus far are Gil Weik, Paul Marakowski, Lisa Gehenio, Kathy Wingert, Sandy Neidlinger, and Fred Hain. MORE needed!)

--To time, email Kris Fox at kfox@lebanon.k12.pa.us.

--To set up and tear down, email Rachiele Peters at rachiele_peters@pasd.us.

Please note changes to the practice schedule this week! As indicated on the schedules handed out at practice and on the schedule tab of the website, practice times are altered Monday through Thursday of this week, and there is no practice on January 1. **Note:**

Schedule codes are as follows: “A”= Highly Competitive Group; “B”= Competitive Group; “C”= Beginner Competitive Group.

Frosty Frolic participants—If you signed up to participate in the invitational this Sunday at Elizabethtown College, please verify your entries as posted at practice and write a check for \$3.50 per event to LVST and place it in the payment envelope under the entries. Frolic swimmers should arrive at E-town no later than 11:25. To get to the pool on campus, take 743 south through Elizabethtown to College Avenue. Turn left and proceed to Mount Joy Street. Turn right, go to stop sign, and turn left on to Cedar Street. Go up the hill, and parking is on the left. A map is available on www.eacgators.com under the Frosty Frolic tab.

For those who have not yet picked up their Otterwear, please email Karen Peachey at kpeachey@verizon.net to pick up your stuff!

See you all at the pool!
Kathy Wingert, Secretary