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Next PTO Meeting: Thurs., September 22nd at 5:30 p.m.

We bless you, God of Seed and Harvest, and we bless each other. That the beauty of this world and the love that created it might be expressed through our lives, and be a blessing to others now and always. Amen.

Uniform Exchange

The Uniform Exchange area underwent a facelift this summer. Many 'thanks' to Curt Buenting for moving the existing shelf; adding an additional shelf; and filling holes and repainting...all during the worst heat of the summer! Thanks also to Erin Schmitz for keeping all of the clothes organized throughout the summer. With the help of Kim Darr and Melissa Robinson, our Uniform Exchange Coordinators, we plan to keep this area as organized as possible so that it can be easily used by all Assumption families.

Please note the following guidelines for donations. These will be posted in the Uniform Exchange area as well:

Uniform Exchange Guidelines

- * Clothes must have no visible stains or tears/holes.
- * Clothing must meet uniform regulations as posted on Assumption's website.
- * Always place donations in the "Donations" box in the exchange area. The Uniform Exchange Coordinator will sort, hang, and store them as needed.

WELCOME...to our families who are new to Assumption School this year. We hope your school year is off to a fabulous start! We know you'll have questions along the way, so please don't hesitate to find someone to ask. The PTO would like to welcome your participation at monthly meetings throughout the year. New voices and fresh ideas are encouraged! Mark your calendars and try to join us in the near future – we look forward to seeing you!

6th Annual B.R.A.G.

The big day is just around the corner! Pray for good weather for bike riding/walking next Friday, September 23rd. We hope you're able to join us, whether you're riding with your child or volunteering that afternoon. Thank you to everyone who has been raising money for BRAG this year. An extra special thank you to our 2011 BRAG committee: John & Caryn Paulin, Lisa Rosenmeyer, Mike & Kim Darr, Melissa Robinson, and Jeff & Kim Grubb for all of their work!

Did you know...??

The school calendar that has been printed and sent home with students in the past is now online on the school's website. This calendar notes school activities throughout the year, student and teacher birthdays, dress down days, and vacation days.

Thank you for using your REDcard!

Assumption School received a check for **\$1,565.30** from Target's *Take Charge of Education* program. Thank you for making Assumption your designated school!



POP TABS POP TABS POP TABS

Assumption School is again collecting pop tabs to benefit the Ronald McDonald House in Des Moines. The 3rd & 4th grade class is organizing the project and will be collecting and counting pop tabs each week. The class with the largest percentage of pop tabs at the end of the contest will receive a prize. This will be ongoing throughout the year, so please help us by bringing in all your pop tabs!

<p>2011-2012 PTO Officers</p>	<p>Gina Derry, President Cathy Moellenbeck, Vice President Brenda Erps, SCRIP Chair</p>	<p>Bret & Anne Posegate, Treasurers Erin Schmitz, Secretary</p>
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VOLLEYBALL

The Assumption Middle School Girl's Volleyball League is in full swing, with one Saturday of play under its belt. Thanks to Brenda Erps, Cathy Moellenbeck, Erin Schmitz, and Cheryl Burkhart for coaching our team. This year's team includes: Margaret Creighton, Amanda Erps, Annemarie Darr, Anna Moellenbeck, Lilly Creighton, Megan Burkhart, and Lydia Steier. The game schedule can be found on the school website. All games are played at Dowling, and admission to regular season games is free. **Go Tigers!**

Coming
Soon:
Sweatshirt
Sale



PTO will again offer sweatshirts for sale this fall. Additional school logo merchandise will be offered as well: long-sleeved t-shirts, stocking hats, baseball caps, and visors. Order forms will be sent home with students and emailed to parents on Monday, September 26th. This is not intended to be a fundraiser; prices reflect the costs we have to cover. Show your school pride!

SCRIP News..... We continue to use the SCRIP program as a means for upgrades around our church and school. If you haven't used SCRIP before and maybe don't understand it, please contact our SCRIP Coordinators, Christie Creighton, Cathy Moellenbeck, or Brenda Erps. They will be happy to explain it to you. This is a great budgeting tool for those monthly grocery trips or weekly gas fill-ups. Maybe you have that hard-to-buy-for person? Give them a gift card; there are several vendors available.

Every little bit goes toward improvements at our church and school!



Mock Trial

The Middle School Mock Trial program started this week, under the direction of Christie Creighton. This year, the students will be working on a criminal case. It involves the arrest and prosecution of a grandparent who overdosed a 2-year-old grandchild with cough medication resulting in the child's death. The witnesses include the grandparent, a police detective, the coroner, and the child's own pediatrician who treated the child the day before she died. Is it really the grandparent's fault...is it a tragic accident...should the pediatrician have hospitalized the child earlier? These are just some of the issues they will be working on in the case of STATE vs. FLYNN FLETCHER.

Did you know..... our students have dress down days twice a month? Some are free (just for fun) while others cost \$1.00 and are purely optional. Did you know that all of the money raised from Dollar Dress down days is donated to the Connection Café, which is a meal program that offers lunch at no cost to homeless and low income families? The Connection Café was created by The Bridge, a collaboration of four downtown Des Moines Churches as a part of their mission to the poor. Assumption is one of over 40 churches that volunteer to provide these meals. Please share this information with your children so that they can understand their role in this very important ministry.

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Fun Facts about Ms. Paulsen (Assumption Middle School Teacher)

- I grew up in Perry, Iowa
- I am the oldest of 5 children.
- I graduated from the University of Iowa, and I'm a HUGE Hawkeye fan!
- I am getting married on June 16, 2012.
- I was in an opera when I was 11 years old.
- I participated in the Des Moines Children's Choir for 4 years.
- My hobbies are camping, canoeing, shopping, reading, and teaching.
- I have 23 cousins on my mom's side, and I love spending time with every single one of them!

Do you have ideas to share? Would you like to be a bigger part of making Assumption School the best it can be for our students? PTO officer contact information can be found at www.assumptionschoolgranger.org/pto.html. Or better yet...come to our next meeting!