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Dear Northwest Parents,

Welcome to the 2008-2009 School Year at Northwest! Thanks to the many parents who were able to attend our first PTO meeting on August 28. Judging by the great turn out and enthusiastic volunteers, this is sure to be the best year yet!

This information packet is designed to make it as easy as possible for you to get involved. Please take a few moments to read this letter and take this opportunity to find out how you can support your child's school by participating on the Northwest Elementary PTO and/or by volunteering in one of many school events.

There are many benefits to becoming a member and being involved! A few of these include:

- School updates from our Principal, Mrs. Wakefield during the monthly 1-hour PTO meetings (child care **is** available)
- A voice in how fundraising money is spent on our school
- Showing your children that you support them and their school activities and goals
- Involvement in enhancing your child's education
- Being a PTO member is rewarding and fun!

This packet contains the following forms and additional information on the Northwest PTO:

- **PTO Information Form** – [green] Please complete and return to your child's teacher regardless of whether you are joining the PTO or not. We need the contact information to help keep you better informed.
- **PTO Volunteer Opportunities Form** – [orange] We can use your help!
- **School Directory Information** – [blue] Complete this form only if you want to remove your contact information from the school directory.
- **School Directory Art Contest Entry Form** [white] Entries due September 18th
- **School T-Shirt Order Form** – [pink] Just complete and return it to school with your child along with payment.
- **Folder with a September calendar attached** - We will send out a newsletter each month with important calendar dates and PTO and school related activities. We hope this will help to keep you informed and provide a place to keep this valuable information!

We are looking forward to a great school year and we hope that you will join the Northwest PTO to support your child's education!! If you have any questions about the PTO or would like additional information, please contact Lee Ames at leeames@sbcglobal.net or Cindy Padavick at padavick1994@sbcglobal.net.

Sincerely,

Lee Ames and Cindy Padavick, Northwest Elementary PTO Co-Presidents