MOHARIMET PTO NEWSLETTER Winter Carnival Edition

January 22, 2019

Winter Carnival: Saturday, February 9, from 1:30-4:30pm at ORHS! **Please note the time change**

If you attended the Winter Carnival last year, we hope you're excited for this event. If this is your first Winter Carnival, get ready for a fun afternoon filled of games, activities, and crafts! There will also be raffle baskets, snacks, popcorn, and baked goods available for purchase.



Here's a sampling of what to expect:

• We've brought back some popular games from last year, like Angry Birds Blast, Minion Can Toss, Football toss, Life sized Jenga, and more, plus some NEW games!

• We have some exciting new STEAM crafts and activities planned for you, plus snowflake and spin art fun from yesteryear.



How You Can Help

If you've been shy about volunteering, now is the time to join in! Any amount of time that you can volunteer is much appreciated. Your help is also necessary for a successful event. You can choose to donate in one or all of the four ways:

- 1. Be a part of our team by volunteering to staff the event
- 2. Bake individually wrapped items for the bake sale
- 3. Recycle your gently used small toys for our prize bin
- 4. Donate items or money to fill our raffle baskets.

Volunteer Staffing

Shifts are broken into one-hour blocks of time and you can volunteer for as many as you would like. Once you've signed up, you'll be given more detailed information about what to expect at the event.

See available shifts and sign up here: Winter Carnival Volunteer Shifts

Bake Sale

The delicious treats for our hungry carnival-goers are always a huge hit and another great way we can raise money.

Learn more and sign up here: Winter Carnival Bake Sale



Prize Bin Donations

Send in your gently used, small sized toys for our prize bin. Non-plush items only please. Each child at the carnival will get to choose a prize for completing several stations throughout the event. The collection box is outside of the school office and donations are accepted until **February 1st**.

Raffle Basket Donations

As a part of this event, we incorporate a neat fundraiser using thematic raffle baskets. Everyone is welcome to contribute to any basket they wish. You can donate to the raffle baskets in two easy ways: (1) buy a themed item listed below and send it into school OR (2) donate monetary funds to help fill the baskets.

A brief description of each basket is below:

- **STEM:** Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. This basket promotes critical thinking, problem solving, creativity and innovation. Examples include science kits, DIY projects, coding, building supplies, and really anything that stimulates the young mind.
- **Sports/Outdoor Fun:** This one speaks to the active child and will include items to keep them busy outside. Balls, sleds, waterplay, and maybe some local fan gear!
- Junior Chef: It always tastes better homemade! This basket will appeal to the ones that like to help out and get creative in the kitchen. Items to include

utensils, cookbooks, aprons, cookie cutters, and some fun ingredients to name a few.

- **Family Game Night:** What is your go-to family game? Any favorite snacks to go along with it? There are endless options for this popular basket!
- Arts and Crafts: Everyone loves having extra supplies on hand for that rainy day or school project. Think paints, markers, paper, glue, glitter, and fun galore!
- **Book Bonanza:** Care to share your child's favorite series or maybe YOUR favorite book as a child? This basket is for the family that loves to read.

How to donate basket items:

Want to buy an item that fits with one of these themes? Just send it into school for your child's classroom teacher OR drop it off directly at the collection box located inside the school office.

How to donate money for basket items:

- To donate electronically, <u>click here</u>. Just be sure to include Winter Carnival basket in the note field.
- If you prefer to send in cash/check, you can either drop off an envelope directly to the MOH office staff or send an envelope through your child's class folder. Please label your envelope as follows "Your name, Child's classroom, Date sent in, Attn: PTO Winter Carnival baskets". Donations will be accepted until February 1st.

Thanks in advance for your help making this year's Winter Carnival a success! We're looking forward to seeing you on February 9!

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