

F.I.R.S.T. ALERT!!!

HVS F.I.R.S.T. CLUB PARENT BOOSTERS NEWSLETTER

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Volume 2

WELCOME!!!

Well, we're off and running. Our goal as a booster organization is to support our students in the F.I.R.S.T. Club both in spirit and in finances. So...that means we will be doing some major fundraising. Our goal is to raise enough funds to send the team to the various competitions, without having to have families pay a portion of the cost. We will need everyone's involvement in order to accomplish this.

This entire project runs upwards of \$100,00.00. We are fortunate in that the General Motors Proving Grounds, our corporate partner, is very generous, and contributes about \$70,000.00 to the project. The remainder is up to us to raise.

So, read on... we already have some projects underway and are in need of parent and student involvement in all aspects of our fundraising.

Candy Sales

We have just completed an in-school candy sale. We had 50 cent and dollar candy for sale, which the students were able to sell in both high schools. This sale did not raise as much money as we had hoped.

We still have some outstanding money from the sale, so please check with your student to be sure they turned in all candy money. If any parents are interested in taking candy to work to sell, we still have some left.

We will be having another candy sale after the first of the year. Stay tuned...

Pop Bottle Receipts

Another ongoing fund-raiser will be pop

bottle returns. We will be approaching this in several different ways.

First, we are asking you to save your pop bottle return receipts and have your student turn them in at their meetings or bring them to the parent booster meetings.

We will also be soliciting bottles from the community. We will have designated days in the upcoming months where we will have volunteers posted at area grocery stores to ask shoppers for their bottles. We will also send out fliers telling residents that our students will be happy to pick up bottles from their homes on certain dates.

Our first such drive occurred on Sunday Nov. 29th. We had only a small group of students participating. The greater the participation, the greater the outcome. Watch for upcoming dates. .

Valentine's Day Dinner Dance

We are planning a Valentine's Day Dinner Dance scheduled for Saturday Feb. 13th at Baker's of Milford. We will have a full dinner, with a choice of two entrees, side dishes and dessert. And a DJ for dancing the night away. This event was a rousing success last year, and raised over \$16,000.00.

We are looking for volunteers to help with these arrangements and publicity. We will be looking to all parents to help with ticket sales. And parents to help that evening taking tickets.

Silent Auction

At the Dinner Dance we will also be hosting a silent auction. We will be soliciting items for auction from businesses

throughout the area.

We will need volunteers to assist in soliciting donations (we have the beginnings of a great list of potential donors!), inventorying our donations, setting up the auction and working the auction the night of the dinner dance. Please let us know where you can help.

If you own a business, and would like to donate a product or gift certificate, please let us know. If you work for a company that may donate something, (a product, gift certificate, tickets to sports events, week-end get away, etc.) we want to talk to you!

Our F.I.R.S.T. Store - The HOT Spot

Once again, we have had a property owner in downtown Milford graciously donate to us the use of their store for the upcoming holiday season. Students and parents have worked endless hours cleaning and setting up the store and making craft items to stock it.

If you, or your student, are a crafter, and would like to sell your craft in our store on consignment and donate a percentage of the proceeds to F.I.R.S.T., please contact us.

The HOT Spot, located at the corner of Main Street and West Huron, will be open every weekend until Christmas. Hours will be Friday evenings from 5 to 9 PM, Saturday from 10 to 6 and Sunday from 12 to 6. We will need parents and students to volunteer for at least two hour shifts to operate the store and to do gift wrapping.

Sign up sheets will be at the meetings or you can call us to volunteer.

Garage Sale

We are hoping to hold a huge garage sale. Details for this fund-raiser are still to be worked out. If you are interested in

assisting with this event (scheduling, advertising, collecting and pricing items, etc.) please let us know. A chairperson and committee are needed.

Cook Book

We have been busy putting together a cook book with recipes submitted by students, parents and other community members. We are in the last phase of editing this book. We will have the book available in the HOT Spot for sale and will be asking all team members to also sell them.

Breadsmith Discount Cards

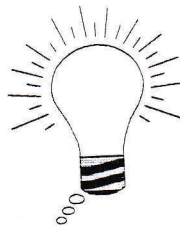
We have been selling Breadsmith Discount Cards for the past several weeks. Cards are \$5.00 and contain \$6.00 worth of discounts to the Breadsmith store. These are relatively easy to sell and provide 50% profit for our group. Anyone interested in selling more cards, please see Bill or Jake Beningo.

Community Discount Cards

We are also putting together our own discount card. We have businesses in the area which have agreed to offer a discount to users of the card. These will be available in the next few weeks. All team members will be asked to sell these as well.

Any Ideas???

If you have any other ideas for fundraising, please share them with us. The more funds we are able to raise, the more students we will be able to send along with our robot to the competitions.



Please feel free to call any of the **Booster Officers** to volunteer or offer suggestions. We need everyone's involvement!!!

We have regularly scheduled **Booster meetings**. Our meetings are held on **Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in Room 705 at Milford High School**. The meeting schedule is :

Dec. 17	
Jan. 7	Jan. 21
Feb. 4	Feb. 18
March 4	March 18
April 1	April 15
May 13	May 27

Dates to Remember

Dec.	HOT Spot open
Dec. 13	ESPN Broadcast
Jan. 8	"Kick Off"
Feb. 13	Valentine's Day Dinner Dance
Feb. 25-27	Motorola Open - Chicago
March 11 - 13	Philadelphia Alliance Open
March 25-27	Great Lakes Open - Ypsilanti
April ?	Adopt A Road Clean Up
April 22-24	National Competition - Orlando
May ?	Banquet
August 14-15	Milford Memories Site Maint.

Other Possible Fund-raisers

Food Vendor Station at U of M Football Stadium

Avon Special Campaign Sales

Comedy Night

Craft Shows

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The Teams have been chosen !!!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to the Huron Valley Schools F.I.R.S.T. Robotics Team and Boosters. We are really looking forward to the upcoming year and all that it will bring for our students involved in F.I.R.S.T.

BOOSTER CLUB MEETINGS

Booster Club meetings will be held on every other Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. at Milford High School in room 705.

Student and parent members of both the traveling and non-traveling teams are expected to participate in the Booster Club meetings.

The next **Booster Club meeting** will be on **Thursday October 1st.**

HALLOWEEN PARTY AND HAUNTED HOUSE FUND-RAISER

We plan to hold this event again, the weekend of October 24th at Johnson Elementary. If you have not already signed up to work on this event, please contact the following students:

Halloween Party and Games

Andy Fleming 684-0727 or

Dana Sylvester 685-0727

Haunted Forest

Dustin Nader 685-2566 or

Jacob Benningo 685-9169

ADOPT A ROAD

Team members participated in our Adopt-A-Road clean-up Sept. 24th. We spent a morning cleaning up along our area of Commerce Road and really made a difference. We had a very small group. Please remember we need everyone to participate in all activities. Check out our sign on our stretch of road (Commerce Road, starting at the west Village limit (near Hubbell Pond Park) and continuing westward to Hickory Ridge Road).

POP BOTTLE RETURNS

This will be an **ongoing fund-raiser**. Please keep your receipts from pop bottles you return to local grocery stores. Turn them in at either the student or Booster club meetings, in an envelope with your name on it. We want you to get credit for your contributions.

We will also be having a community bottle drive on Sunday November 29th..

COOK BOOK

We are in the midst of compiling a collection of recipes to print our own F.I.R.S.T. 'HOT' Team Cook Book. Once printed, we will be selling them as a fund-raiser. Our goal is to have it available for holiday gift giving.

So, **turn in your recipes** as soon as possible.....either at the Booster meeting, or to Andy Fleming at Milford or Dana Cochrane at Lakeland.

BOOSTER OFFICERS

Please feel free to contact us at any time with questions, suggestions, etc.. As you can see, there are many opportunities for you to step in and help in a big way.....

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Publicity Chair

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Candy Sales Chair

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Halloween Party Chair

Valentine's Dinner Dance Chair

Discount Card Chair

Megan Sloan 889-3476 Home

HOT SHOT PROGRAM & LEGO PILOT PROJECT

The training was held Sept. 26th. For those students wishing to be mentors and who missed the training, please contact either Mr. Cender or Mr. Swierkos to sign up for a classroom and to make arrangements for training.

CANDY SALES

We will be selling 50 cent and dollar candy in both high schools the first two weeks in November. Stay tuned for the details...

THE 'HOT SPOT' RETURNS !

We are working on a site for the HOT Spot Holiday Store. We have a new landlord and a building and are working on Village approval of our site plan. We will once again be on Main Street in downtown Milford.

Those of you who are 'crafty', please think about what you can make that we will be able to sell at the store. We will also need to schedule workers to cover the store hours we are open. So think about what free time you have on weekends starting Thanksgiving weekend.