

SHELBURNE P.T.O.

The Shelburne Parent-Teacher Organization is made up of interested parents and teachers of the Village and Middle Schools who hope to promote education in Shelburne through interest, financial help, and work.

Meetings are held on Monday evenings six times throughout the year. A schedule of programs planned for 1970-71 is listed below:

September 14, 1970 - Introduction of New Teachers and PTO Program.

October 5, 1970 - Shelburne Schools and the Vermont Design -
Dean Corrigan.

Many of us are aware that the educational approach used in our schools is based in important part on the Vermont Design for Education. How many of us know what the Design really is? Come and find out. Dean Corrigan of the UVM School of Education who is one of the men behind the Vermont Design will tell us about it.

November, 1970 - Individual Classroom Visits

Parents are welcome to visit the schools at any time, but during November a program will be set up to encourage parents to visit the schools and learn more about what their children are doing.

February 1, 1971 - The School Budget and Goals for 1971-72.
The School Committee

How often does someone ask "Where does all that money go?" This is the night to find out. Shelburne schools have a fine reputation which can be better maintained with informed parents and taxpayers.

March 8, 1971 - A New Approach--Grade 5 Social Studies

Those of us who, a few years back, learned about the world from a textbook should be stimulated and challenged by this sample of an innovative curriculum presented by the students who are using it.

April 5, 1971 - The Child, the Parents, and the School:
A Psychological View

A pediatrician, an educator, and an educational psychologist will discuss the very real but often unrecognized relationships between the child, parent and school and their effect on the child's adjustment in the school situation.

May 3, 1971 - The Village School Science Program

There is a new approach to the study of science in the Village School. This program may help us to understand not only what, but hopefully how our children learn.

Most of the work of the PTO is done through committees. Here you will find described the work of each committee, what help is asked for, and who the chairmen are so that you can offer your help. It is only through the help of many people that we can serve our town.

Swim Program:

Mrs. Judy Heldmann, Mrs. Margie Amidon
Mrs. Dorothy Wadehul, and Sandra Pitts
Co-Chairmen

Each summer we sponsor and organize a 3-week Red Cross Water Safety Program with lessons for children at the Town Beach. Volunteers are needed for organization and supervision, and swimming ability is not a pre-requisite.

Health Clinics:

Mrs. Mary Lou Anderson, Mrs. Julie O'Donnell
Co-Chairmen

The primary work of this committee is to organize a program of dental examination and fluoridation for children in our schools, beginning in the fall and continuing through January or as long as is necessary. Other clinics relative to health matters will be considered as needed.

Pet Show:

Mrs. Carol Hove, Mrs. Dianne Decker Co-Chairmen

The Shelburne Pet Show, held the week after school is out in June (date for 1970 is June 22), offers the town a chance for much wholesome fun while the PTO earns money. A Pet Parade, rides, booths, and contests offer room for many volunteers, most of the work to be done in June.

Refreshments:

Mrs. Carol Lewis, Mrs. Joanne Myers Co-Chairmen

Refreshments at each regular meeting give PTO members a chance to talk over programs and to get acquainted, too. You can help with light refreshments for just one meeting.

Membership:

Mrs. Susan Kieny Chairman

Membership dues of 75¢ per person or \$1.50 per couple are received at meetings or any time. This small amount from each person adds up to a sum we can spend on our children.

Budget and Finances:

Art Forsythe

Anticipated income for the year is estimated and plans made as to how to best use the funds. Early fall is the time for this operation.

Programs:

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Amidon, Chairmen

Programs are planned which it is hoped will be of interest and help to parents and teachers. Suggestions, for this year or next, are always welcome.

Audio-Visual/Library: Mrs. Kay Ryder, Chairman; Mrs. Donna Pittman,
Book Fair

This committee seeks help from the PTO in purchasing a wide range of teaching aids for both schools--Library and audio-visual supplies, including map charts and sheet music. Primary money-raising activity is an October Book Fair, when you can purchase books for yourself or your schools, and part of profit is to the PTO. People who can help on the book fair are needed--sign up now.

Vitamins: Mrs. Mary Lou Sutherland, Chairman

Daily vitamins are made available to Shelburne families at very low cost through your PTO.

Calendar: Mrs. Barbara McDowell, Mrs. Carolyn Simmons
Co-Chairmen

A Community Birthday Calendar is printed by the PTO as a money-making project and for the convenience of Shelburne families. Birthdays and anniversaries of friends, meeting dates, and museum days are handily printed on a good sized kitchen calendar. Help is needed in soliciting advertising, selling calendars, and delivery--primarily in October.

Publicity: Mrs. Phyllis Deming, Mrs. Carolyn Simmons
Co-Chairmen

We'll try to keep you informed of what the PTO is doing and how you can take part.

Safety: Mrs. Betty Smith, Mrs. Nancy Lord Co-Chairmen

Concerns of public safety are brought forth and implemented by this committee. Possible concerns are crossing guards, traffic lights, side-walks, bus schedules, etc. Your ideas and help are invited.

Korny Kapers:- Gus Mercaldo, Chairman

The fun of a musical pantomime reaps financial rewards for the PTO. Planning begins any time, rehearsals are in the spring, and the production is in April. A wide variety of talents are used to help your town.

School Board Liaison: Mrs. Nancy Hartman, Chairman

Members of this committee take turns attending school board meetings, acting as a go-between with the PTO. Items of interest can be relayed both directions. Sign up if you are willing to attend an occasional school board meeting to represent the PTO interest.

OFFICERS FOR 1970-71

Presidents: Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Curtis
1st Vice-Presidents: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hayden
2nd Vice-Presidents: Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Amidon
Secretary: Mrs. Marie Lord
Treasurer: Mr. Enoch Tompkins
Advisors: Messrs. G. A. Mercaldo and John Winton