

Dear Kindergarten families:

Welcome both veteran families and newcomers to the Chickering Class of 2016!

For new families, we want to introduce the Dover PTO and let you know how we work to enrich your family's Chickering experience. Our mission is to strengthen the Chickering community by:

1. Enabling communication
2. Providing volunteers
3. Raising money to fund Chickering projects – curriculum enrichment (50-55% of our budget), teacher support (30-35%), community building (10%)

The Dover PTO is run by a 12-member Executive Board and 40+ committee chairs. Additionally, hundreds of parents provide thousands of volunteer hours. It's a team effort!

Here are some of the ways that we all work together to strengthen the community:

- Communications: Weekly e-mail blasts, monthly newsletters and web updates on what's going on and how families can be involved.
- Volunteers: Lots of opportunities ... room parent; classroom, playground or library helper; cook for bus driver and staff appreciation events.
- Curriculum enrichment: Over 30 grade-specific and school-wide programs that enrich the classroom curriculum.
- Teacher support: Direct money for teachers to spend on their classrooms and classroom libraries. Grant money for specific learning requests.
- Community outreach: Speakers and community service projects.
- Special projects: A *new* Outdoor Classroom to complement the science curriculum.

Please take a moment to look at our web site – **DoverPTO.org** –it is the “go to” source of information for Chickering families.

We have a Rock and Roll theme Auction scheduled for April 10, 2010 6:30pm at the Hunnewell building at Elm Bank in Dover! We would love for you to attend! This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new families and learn about all the amazing work PTO contributes to the Chickering experience. Please see the web site DoverPTO.org for more information.

If you have any questions, feel free to email us at **4betsywryan@comcast.net**.

Welcome!!

The 2009-10 Executive Board

Betsy Ryan (PTO President) Anne Nolen and Meg Field (PTO Vice Presidents), Pam LaDoto, Georgia Dakoyannis, Wendy Darragh, Vicki Hadar, Mary Yanke, Jennifer Friesen, Judy Schulz, Barbara Dawley, Michele Mandel, Suzanne Nystrom, Carolyn Ringel

