

**Welcome** back to school! And, a warm welcome to those who are new to our community!

Throughout the 2009-2010 school year, the Dover PTO will celebrate **Make A Difference!** We take our cue from the school's mission statement: "*Chickering School is a place where children learn, laugh, grow, care and make a difference.*"

As the PTO, we want to make a difference in the lives of our children, their school, and our community. We will accomplish this through:

- providing over \$30K in aid to teachers in each classroom
- sponsoring over \$30K in enrichment programs
- planning social gatherings, such as the Family Picnic, Dads/Donuts, and Family Fun Night
- hosting staff and teacher appreciation events
- participating more visibly in town events, such as Dover Days
- fostering school spirit with the sale of apparel featuring our *new* Chickering logo
- raising funds to support programs through a gift wrap sale and major Spring auction (4/10/10)

Please join us at these upcoming events to kick-off the school year:

- **Family Picnic on Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, Lower Chickering Fields.
- **New Parent/Kindergarten Parent Coffee, September 10<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00 - 10:00 am
- **Back to School Open House, September 17<sup>th</sup>**, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm
- **PTO Quarterly Meeting, September 18<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00 – 10:00 am

**Last call for Room parents!!!** If you have already responded that you are interested in being a Room Parent, there is no need to re-send your information; we have it! If you are interested and haven't yet responded, please do so **by Tuesday September 8<sup>th</sup>**. It's a great way to spend time in your child's classroom. Please contact Carolyn Ringel at [bakeringel@yahoo.com](mailto:bakeringel@yahoo.com) or 774-893-4037; send your name, child's name, and child's teacher.

And, don't forget to fill out your **PTO Volunteer Form** (due 9/11) and **Chickering Directory/Excuse Pad Order** (due 9/14).

A reminder, too, about our new *Wacky Wednesday's*. There will be a **half day** every other Wednesday throughout the year, beginning on September 9<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow.

We are looking forward making 2009-2010 another exciting year at Chickering!

*Forms and more detailed information may also be found on our website [www.doverpto.org](http://www.doverpto.org).*

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PTO President

