

*** HELP WANTED ***

We need your help to get ready for the Spring Carnival! We have decided to make our own games so we have them for future use. A local scout is undertaking this project in order to get his Eagle Scout rank! We are also in need of supplies to build the games - lumber and hardware. If you are able to assist us in getting supplies donated or you can volunteer to assist in building the games, please e-mail us at brookmanpta@yahoo.com.

FREE & EASY FUNDRAISING

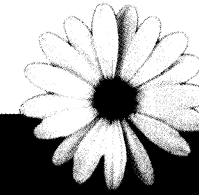
There are many ways to generate funds for the school without any cost to you!

Capri Sun drink pouches: We are collecting drink pouches (even if they're not Capri Sun - they'll still accept them). We will receive \$0.02 per pouch which will add up fast. A bin will be set up in the cafeteria for this program - remind your child to remove their straw before tossing their used pouch into the bin!

Albertsons: Go to www.albertsonscp.com and link your Fresh Values card to Brookman ID# 49000124990. You will donate every time you shop. Last year you helped us earn \$2111.61!

Box tops & ink cartridges: collect these items & send them to school with your child or bring them to the office. We send these in & receive money back. Last year you helped us earn \$756 from box tops and \$27.78 from ink cartridges!

Fresh & Easy: Turn in all receipts totaling \$20 or more. The school receives \$1 back for every \$20 spent! (Receipts cannot be combined, so the total must be over \$20 in order to receive credit.)



Spotlight Corner

This month's spotlight is on
Anne Ficklin, PTA Vice President - 2nd

Like many of us I grew up knowing the term 'PTA'. I had a general idea about what it was - a bunch of Moms that did stuff at school - yep, that's just about it! My own Mom always worked full time and was not involved in the PTA, so I had a very limited knowledge.

When my son started school, I wanted to be involved both in his classroom and at the school. I signed up for the PTA. I was wary of what may be involved but I wanted to help. I sent in my info and membership dues and waited for a call to come when they needed help. The call never came, so I didn't think much more about it.

First grade rolled around and I found myself with an entire day to fill up with activity. Again, I signed up for the PTA. I volunteered to help in the classroom and began to get to know people at the school. I became aware that if I wanted to help I would need to come to them and say, "What can I do?". I just assumed that by joining the PTA I automatically became a volunteer, whether I wanted to or not. That was not the case at all - there was a relatively small group that was running everything and didn't expect every PTA member to be able to help out.

I was amazed to find out how much they actually did with so few volunteers; and so I became actively involved in the PTA. As a stay at home Mom I am excited to get out and help, and to talk to other grown-ups. I love being part of the school. Every time I walk down the hall there is at least one child smiling and waving at me because they're excited to see me. Being able to help the students and teachers makes me happy. I know that I am valued & appreciated. I have made some great friendships over the years and I have the satisfaction of being involved for my child, who definitely knows what the PTA does.

