

Resolution #10-1004-03

Recognition of Tyler Run Elementary as "Parent Group of the Year"

WHEREAS, Liberty Township Board of Trustees, staff, and citizens would like to recognize Tyler Run Elementary School PTO for being chosen "Parent Group of the Year" by PTO Today's Magazine, and

WHEREAS, Tyler Run students come from Liberty Township and Powell and these residents have conducted themselves, honorably and with distinction.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE LIBERTY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES, DELAWARE COUNTY, recognize and congratulate Tyler Run Elementary School PTO for being chosen as "Parent Group of the Year".

This Resolution shall be in force and become effective immediately upon its execution.

Motion made by Sybert and seconded by Mann.

Vote: NP Ms. Carducci yes Mr. Mann yes Mr. Sybert

10/4/10
Date

Robert Mann
Robert Mann, Trustee

Curtis J. Sybert
Curtis J. Sybert, Trustee

Mary Carducci, Trustee

CERTIFIED BY:

Mark S. Gerber
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Tyler Run Parent-Teacher Organization Earns National Honor

The Olentangy Local School District is proud to announce that the Tyler Run Elementary School (TRES) Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) has been selected as the 2010 National Parent Group of the Year by PTO Today magazine.

PTO Today received approximately 500 entries from across the country for this award. The TRES PTO was selected based upon its "creative approaches to events, its strong parent involvement and its service to others."

"This is quite an honor for the Tyler Run PTO, its leaders and its parent members. They have worked hard to provide enhanced opportunities for our students, and their example of community involvement is another valuable lesson for our kids," said Superintendent Wade Lucas, Ed.D. "I know that there are great things going on each and every day at Olentangy, and it's especially gratifying to see our families' efforts recognized in this way. Olentangy Schools is very appreciative of the efforts of these remarkable volunteers."

PTO Today will present the TRES PTO with its award on Friday, September 24 at 9:15 a.m. The presentation will help kick off the school's fourth annual Walk-A-Thon, during which students take a one-mile, supervised walk through the neighborhood to reinforce the importance of making healthy choices and staying physically fit.

For more information on the PTO award, visit www.ptotoday.com/pto-today-articles/article/1075-national-winner-a-simple-formula-for-success.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities within the Olentangy Local School District, visit www.olentangy.k12.oh.us/volunteer.html.

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PTO Today calls Tyler Run leaders nation's best

By **BRETT NUCKLES**

Suburban News Publications

Tyler Run Elementary is home to some of the best parent leaders in the country, a national education magazine said last week.

From about 500 entries submitted by parent groups nationwide, PTO Today magazine has selected the Tyler Run PTO as its 2010 National Parent Group of the Year.

According to the magazine, the Tyler Run group stood out because of its "creative approaches to events, its strong parent involvement and its service to others."

Tyler Run PTO Co-president Traci Rivard, who leads the group alongside Kelly Green,

said that the award is a result of the group's passion for their mission.

"Being part of the PTO is such a great way to get involved in your kids' lives," she said. "It's a way to know what's going on in the schools and to be connected with the teachers."

The Tyler Run group works hard to provide a wide array of fun, educational activities for the children throughout the school year, Rivard said. The group sponsors more than 50 activities a year, including a field trip to COSI, enrichment and multicultural days, author visits and more.

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An annual Storytelling Festival that takes place each February is always a hit with the children, Rivard said. At the festival, students participate in numerous activities to read and learn about literacy and storytelling. The event also includes a book drive for a local charity.

"We're giving back to the community and our kids are having a blast in the meantime," Rivard said.

In order to fund its yearly lineup of events the group hosts the Tyler Run Walk-a-Thon, its sole fundraiser. The event, held each fall, includes festival games, a silent auction, live on-stage entertainment and plenty of walking.

This year's Walk-a-Thon will take place on Sept. 22. In just its fourth year, the fundraising event has been hugely successful, Rivard said.

"We're proud to say that it's our only real fundraiser," she said. "We try to minimize how many times we're asking parents for money, and they appreciate that."

This year, the event will also include a special presentation at 9:15 a.m. for Tyler Run PTO members to receive the PTO Today award.

"That will be a wonderful way to kick off the event," Rivard said. "We're really excited about it."

Along with national recognition the PTO will receive a cash prize, as well as personalized Tyler Run candy bars to sell for additional fundraising at school events.

The recognition is well-deserved, said Tyler Run Principal Jennifer Mazza.

"They got this award after ten years, but truly they should get it every year," she said. "We're just so grateful and thankful to work with such a wonderful group of parents."

Ultimately, the success of the Tyler Run PTO is a reflection of the Olentangy community as a whole, Rivard said.

"I'm very blessed to be in the kind of community where I feel like people want to be involved," she said.

"Now" is the perfect time for parents with even the slightest interest in the PTO to get involved, Rivard said.

"We want people to realize that the PTO isn't a scary thing to be involved in," she said. "It's fun and exciting."

Moving forward, Rivard said that she hopes to continue to serve the PTO and to serve as an example for her children to follow.

"I'm proud to show my children what the outcome can be when you are involved in something as special as this," she said. "They get to see that when you volunteer and are part of your community, great things can happen."



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Hi Dave,

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