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Dear Parents/Guardians of the JROTC cadets,

Where has the summer gone? Welcome to the JROTC family...we look forward to an exciting year! Now that the 2009 -2010 school year has officially begun, we will resume our monthly meetings which will be held on the 1st Monday of each month in the JROTC classroom at 7:00pm. Due to the Labor Day Holiday, our first meeting will be held Monday **September 14, 2009 at 7:00pm in the JROTC** classroom at the Ambridge High School. On behalf of the JROTC Instructors and the Executive Board, I would like to personally invite you to attend these meetings. When attending the Parent-Support Group meetings please park in the 11th street lot adjacent to the school (near the Police Station) and enter the building through the side entrance.

The purpose of the JROTC Parent-Support Group is to provide support to our cadets and the instructors throughout the year. One of our primary functions is to assist the program with raising funds to help offset the many costs associated with the program and minimize the family's expense. As you may or may not be aware of, the JROTC receives "NO" funding from the school district yet we are a very active program both in the school and within the community. Without our support, the opportunities that our cadets are afforded to go on trips and attend camps will be minimized. Therefore, your support is needed! Past experience tells us that our cadets DON'T always inform us of everything that is going on. Therefore, by attending these meetings, once a month, you are able to keep abreast of the upcoming events and activities and you will be informed of what is expected of your cadet. There are several major events planned for this year, ie... The Annual Boot Camp Trip (Hawaii), Military Ball (May 15th), Cadet Halloween & Christmas parties, etc. We will also be raising funds to purchase Christmas gifts for the physically and mentally handicapped children at McGuire Homes. It is important to stay informed of all activities. We hope to see you at the meetings, look forward to your attendance, and appreciate any assistance/support that you can provide to make the aforementioned events a success!

In accordance with our Bi-Laws, all voting members must pay a nominal fee. The cost of our membership is only \$1.00 per year. You do not need to be a member to attend but you must be a member to vote. Any adult is welcome to attend all of the monthly meetings. The School District's policy requires those who chaperone trips to have current clearances/background checks (additional information pertaining to this issue will be discussed at our meetings). Therefore, you are encouraged to complete this process in advance if you are interested in possibly chaperoning trips in the future and provide the information to the JROTC Instructors

I hope to see you at the meeting on September 14, 2009.

Sincerely,

Cindy Deschaine
President
JROTC Parent Support Group