

# RYE PTA NEWSLETTER

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Thanks again to all who attended the PTA meeting on January 20th. We truly appreciate those who take the time to come and support the great programs and activities going on in our schools! Please read on to learn about the grants that were awarded and about our upcoming events:

- The Rye Junior High 8th graders are participating in an art project called "Picturing America" where they will study important American works of art. They will research and interpret their chosen piece, create period dress and present a parallel creation of their own. The program will culminate with a community art show on May 21st. The program was awarded \$300.00 to purchase materials needed.
- Music teacher, Michelle Wirth was awarded \$280.00 for sheet music needed for the Rye Junior High chorus's Washington DC trip.
- Finally, the "Talents by the Sea" literary and art journal was awarded \$1,000.00 (with the possibility of more). Donations to this fantastic art and writing showcase are down this year. If you have not already offered your support and would like to make a donation, please contact Jen Madden at [jennifermadden@beangroup.com](mailto:jennifermadden@beangroup.com).

Upcoming events:

- Both schools will have an accreditation visit in March from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). Volunteers will be needed to provide refreshments each day of the visit. Look for more on this in the coming weeks.

- The annual Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for April 2nd. Planning is underway. If you would like to help in any way, or would like to donate a good or service to the raffle, please contact Eileen McGrath at [enmcgrath@gmail.com](mailto:enmcgrath@gmail.com) or Gina Kohlhase at [regina.kohlhase@comcast.net](mailto:regina.kohlhase@comcast.net).
- Lastly, the PTA has been approached about funding the building of a running track at RES. Please look for and read the flier that will be coming out shortly detailing this project.

We hope to see you all at the next PTA meeting on February 17th at 6pm in the RJH library. Come and voice your opinion on the running track - WE NEED YOU!!!

If you have any questions, or would like to become a member, please contact Michelle Swenson at [mmswen@verizon.net](mailto:mmswen@verizon.net) or visit the PTA website at [ryepta.org](http://ryepta.org)!

**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!**