

RYE PTA NEWSLETTER

MAY 2009

The PTA has been very busy as we near the end of the school year and we have lots to report!

- ❖ **Staff Appreciation Luncheons** were held at both schools and were a big hit. Thanks to everyone who helped with set up, clean up and food donations. The staff had a great time and the food was delicious as always! Please swing by the schools to pick up your dishes if you have not already done so!
- ❖ The annual **Father/Daughter Dance** was held on May 16th at the Rye Junior High with 308 guests in attendance. The girls and their dads danced the night away! A huge thanks to Heidi Coscia for organizing this event and to all who volunteered with decorating and kitchen help.

Many requests for funds have come in for some fantastic programs and needed equipment:

- ❖ **All School Assemblies** was awarded \$8,000.00 to fund assemblies in both schools for the '09-'10 school year. This year's assemblies came in \$2,067.00 under budget. Both PTA and REF, who split the \$10,000.00 cost last year, agreed to rollover the unused funds towards next year, therefore the PTA's outlay is \$5,933.00. Thank you to Jules Grant for coordinating these interesting and enriching programs for the schools. Next year will be her last year and Kathleen MacLeod has graciously stepped forward to take her place. Thanks, Kathleen!
- ❖ **The 8th Grade Graduation** committee of parents was awarded \$2,700.00 in April to plan a very special event for the outgoing class. Since then they were able to discount the cost by \$675.00 so the total will be \$2,025.00. In trying to keep this a surprise for the kids, we will not name the location of the party. If anyone would like details they may contact PTA President Michelle Swenson at mmswen@myfairpoint.net.
- ❖ Rye Elementary School was awarded \$2,824.14, half the amount needed to purchase **snowshoes** for the Physical Education program with the other half being covered by the REF. In the past, RES has borrowed snowshoes and the students have greatly enjoyed using them. The grant will cover the cost of the snowshoes as well as storage equipment and extra snow pants and boots.
- ❖ The 5th Grade teachers were granted \$1,600.00 to fund a **Storyteller in Residence** for the '09-'10 school year. Mike Sullivan will come to the school to teach the 5th grade students the art of storytelling over a 6 week period.
- ❖ RES was awarded \$298.00 to purchase a **new basketball hoop** for the Leaping Lizards playground (K-2) as the existing one is in disrepair. The request was originally for replacing the existing hoop and adding a second, but it was agreed that a request for a second hoop should be put to the School Board next year.
- ❖ Finally, the foreign language teachers at RES were granted up to \$400.00 to purchase food for the **5th Grade World Language Festival** held on May 20th. The Food Festival was the culminating activity of their unit on the foods of Mexico and France.

Upcoming Activities:

- ❖ The annual **Mother/Son Hike** at Mt. Agamenticus is scheduled for Sunday, May 31st.
- ❖ Classes are still enrolling for the **PTA Summer Camp** being held the week of June 22nd.
- ❖ A **5th Grade French Enrichment Workshop** will be held on June 22nd, 9:00 – 11:00am at RES with Mrs. Jarvis.

Sign up forms for Mother/Son Hike and PTA Summer Camp activities can be found at ryepta.org and the French Workshop information has been distributed to the 5th Grade.

****Lastly, please note the **next PTA meeting** has been rescheduled for **Monday, June 15th at 6pm** in the Rye Junior High library. Hope to see you all there!****