

# PTA Newsletter

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February 2007

Hi Everyone,

This month's meeting was held at 6 pm in the RJH library and despite the freezing temperature outside it was a warm and productive meeting inside! It's great to see both parents and teachers attending the 6 pm meetings as perhaps they cannot make at the other times. Remember everyone is welcome. Non-members as well as members. The PTA is a whole community organization.

- The highlight this month is the Spaghetti dinner. Kathy MacAlpine and Julia Madden have been hard at work organizing this PTA event. This year the dinner will be held on Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5.30-7.30. We welcome everyone to this family night with the ever-exciting silent auction, Beth Booth (the balloon lady), a chance to order your delicious Girl Scout cookies, and generally a chance to relax and have fun with your friends in the Rye School Community. If you or your child would like to help out in any way please contact Kathy MacAlpine – [macalpine@comcast.net](mailto:macalpine@comcast.net). Remember everyone is welcome!
- Cindy Trainor and Christine LeCompte came to the meeting with an update on the wrapping paper fundraiser. After much research it has been decided the PTA wrapping paper fundraiser for September 2007 will be with a company called Genevieve's. What is particularly appealing about this company is the amount of local businesses it utilizes, which means there is less chance of delays due to travel and also we like the idea of supporting our local businesses! Thanks very much to Cindy and Christine for all their research and hard work so far!
- Last Friday we had a nutrition speaker come to school (organized by Lisa Furman and Holly Warden). She was really excellent. Her name is Jane Hackett and she came to us from Exeter Hospital. We have another speaker coming to RJH library on March 20<sup>th</sup> from 6.00 – 7.00pm. His name is Dr. Mark Arsenault from the Arsenault Family Chiropractic Center and he will be giving a presentation on 'Raising Healthy Children'.
- Please make a note for the meeting next month – Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 8am. At this meeting we would like to vote on an Art project for RES. The request for a grant is from Jo Ann Manning and Mike Schwartz for \$3,955.60. The project entails all the children in RES designing individual tiles which will be put together to make a wall mural of one large design. The artist they are working with is a member of the League of New Hampshire Craftsman and you can visit his website for further information. [www.claystudios.com](http://www.claystudios.com).
- Mike Schwartz is interested in organizing an information night for 8<sup>th</sup> grade RJH parents to get together with Portsmouth High parents as a way of finding out about the transition from Middle School to High School. If you would be interested in helping out with this please contact the PTA.

Finally, last but not least, on behalf of Lane and all the children, parents, and staff at Rye Elementary School; the PTA would like to ask you to please be ever vigilant and thoughtful when picking up your children in the afternoon. Please do not ever leave your car engine running and exit the car. Also, we all need to remember to be thoughtful of those in charge of dismissing our children. A note should be sent into school in the morning if there is a different arrangement for your child's pick-up. If this isn't possible, please phone the school ahead of time – even if it is 10 minutes before pick-up it is still thoughtful and helpful to the maintenance of a smooth-running pick-up. Please remember all this is being done in the best interests of our children and ourselves.

Thank you again to everyone for their support and encouragement. We welcome your input. Please email any time.

[www.ryepta.org](http://www.ryepta.org)

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**"Life isn't a matter of milestones, but of moments." — Rose Kennedy, mother of JFK (1890-1995)**

The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones that care.



### RJH News

During the month of February we will hold our annual fundraiser to support the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Each homeroom will have a collection box for students to deposit their spare change and / or donation they would like to make. At the end of the two weeks, any homeroom that has raised \$100 will enjoy a pizza party at the end of the day on the Friday before February vacation. The mission of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma and to offer support as families deal with these.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the annual school contest of the National Word Power Challenge. The grade level winners were: Grade 8 –Johnna St.Cyr, Grade 7 –Chloe Walton, Grade 6 –Ben Mardin. The National Word Power Challenge is a vocabulary contest designed for schools nationwide with any or all of grades four through eight.

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the annual Regional MathCounts Competition held at UNH on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The students were: Grade 8–Lisa Harning, Grade 8 –Alexa Jackson, Grade 8 –Sam Truslow Grade 7 – Chloe Walton, Grade 6 – Jack Dugan, Grade 6 – Nick Balboni. Sam Truslow placed in the top ten and went on to compete in the Count Down Round.

### PTA Calendar – upcoming dates - 2006 – 2007

Check the PTA website for full calendar activities and monthly schedule  
[www.ryepta.org](http://www.ryepta.org)

#### **February**

Thursday 2/22 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. **Spaghetti Dinner** RES Gym

#### **March**

Tuesday 3/13 8:00 a.m. **PTA meeting** RJH Library

Tuesday 3/20 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. **Presentation - "Raising Healthy Children"**  
 Dr. Mark Arsenault, Arsenault Family Chiropractic  
 RJH Library

#### **April**

Tuesday 4/10 3:00 p.m. **PTA meeting** RJH Library

#### **May**

Tuesday 5/8 6:00 p.m. **PTA meeting** RJH Library

#### **June**

Sunday 6/3 TBA **Mother / Son Hike to Mt. Agamenticus**

Tuesday 6/12 8:00 a.m. **PTA meeting** RJH Library

#### Websites of interest

Great Ideas for Family Fun  
[www.amazingmoms.com](http://www.amazingmoms.com)

Essential Guide for Home Computing  
[www.theonlinefamily.net](http://www.theonlinefamily.net)

**There's nothing wrong with having your goals really high and trying to achieve them. That's the fun part. - Tiger Woods**

If there are any suggestions / comments / ideas for future newsletters; please feel free to contact Dianne Crisp, [srfrmm@comcast.net](mailto:srfrmm@comcast.net).