

RYE PTA NEWS

October 2009

It has been a busy fall. We just completed our annual fundraiser. Thank you to all who placed orders! Your purchases help to fund the following exciting projects that were approved these past two months:

- \$2,500.00 to purchase a new flagpole at Rye Elementary and install a garden to encircle it.
- \$427.66 for the RES World Language teachers to purchase Classic Concentration games in French and Spanish.
- \$585.00 to purchase 100 copies of the book, *Three Cups of Tea* for the Rye Junior High One Book, One School program.
- \$1,839.95 to science teacher, Robin Ellwood's Sounds of Nature project at RJH.
- \$519.00 for the Rye Safe Routes to School committee to purchase promotional t-shirts with the new Safe Routes logo.
- \$75.00 to fund a Revolutionary War camp reenactment for grade 5.

On October 22nd, the PTA sponsored an informative guest speaker at Rye Junior High. Richard Guerry from the **Institute for Responsible Online and Cell Phone Communication (I.R.O.C.2)** spoke with students and adults in separate sessions warning of the dangers of irresponsible use of today's rapidly changing digital technology. He offered valuable and eye-opening information on the repercussions of "sexting", inappropriate web postings and much more. Thanks to all those who attended. We urge everyone to visit I.R.O.C.2's website for more information - www.iroc2.org.

REMINDERS!!

- If you have not already done so, please remember to renew your PTA membership for the current school year. If you are unsure of your status, you can contact us at ryepta@myfairpoint.net. If are not a member and would like to join, forms can be found on our website at ryepta.org.
- Please register on the Boxtops for Education website. Doing so helps our schools chances of winning valuable sweepstakes prizes. Also, please don't forget to go through the boxtops website when placing your online holiday orders with participating merchants. A percentage of your total purchase amount is rebated to RES. Examples of vendors are GAP, Old Navy, Land's End, drugstore.com, Home Depot, Staples and more. Visit www.boxtops4education.com for more info. Thanks to all who contribute boxtops and to all our helpful clippers!!!!
- The annual PTA Pie Fundraiser kicks off next week. Don't miss your chance to serve these delicious pies at your upcoming holiday dinners and parties. Look for order forms coming via email and in your children's backpacks.

Lastly, the next PTA meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 2nd at 3:30pm. See you then and as always - THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!