

# RYE PTA NEWSLETTER

## November 2008

Thanks to all who attended our meeting this month! It was very productive and we have lots to report including new grants, fund-raising updates and important dates to remember.

### GRANTS AWARDED

- § One School, One Book - The students and staff at RJH will all be reading *Seedfolks* by Paul Fleishman. The reading of this book ties in with the upcoming creation of a garden at the school. The cost is \$649.00 to purchase copies of the book for students.
- § A grant of \$100.00 was awarded to purchase needed undergarments and sweat pants for the nurse's office at RES and to purchase winter coats, hats and mittens for RES students in need. If you would like to make a donation of winter outerwear, please contact Cindy Bean or Lane Richardson at RES.

Members also voted unanimously to again give each teacher \$75.00 as reimbursement for out of pocket classroom expenses. We truly appreciate all that our great teachers do and are happy to help them in this way!

### FUND-RAISING UPDATES

- § Our **Election Day Bake Sale** was a big hit bringing in close to \$1,000.00! Thanks to all who baked, bought and volunteered to make this such a huge success!
- § The **Thanksgiving Pie Fund-raiser** was once again very successful selling 214 pies! That is a profit of \$1,304.00 and 42 more pies than last year! Thanks to Michelle Kroitzsh and Lisa Chase for all their hard work. \*\*Remember to pick up your pies on Monday 11/24 at RJH from 2:45 - 7:00pm. Also, if you can lend a hand transporting the pies from Petey's to RJH on 11/24 at 2pm or help with distribution that night, contact Allie Bitter at [abitter@gmail.com](mailto:abitter@gmail.com) or Michelle Swenson at [mmswen@verizon.net](mailto:mmswen@verizon.net).

## BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

We would appreciate if everyone who has not done so could please take a few minutes to register your name and email at the BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION web site. There are many benefits, such as valuable coupons for participating products, fun, kid-friendly recipes, and many opportunities to win large amounts of BOX TOPS (e.g. 1,000 or 10,000) for our school each month.

Another way to earn cash for our school is through the BOX TOPS Marketplace Program. This offers a rebate to the school based on a percentage of your online purchases from participating merchants. Make your online purchases as normal, but before you submit your order, go to the BOX TOPS Marketplace and have our school designated as the recipient of the purchase credits. This is easy to set up and often there are additional benefits, such as free shipping, associated with going through the site. Please take a minute to look at this program at [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com) and remember to use it as you do your holiday shopping!

Thank you for your continued support of the BOX TOPS Program! If you have any questions, please contact Lucretia Schafroth at [schafbach@aol.com](mailto:schafbach@aol.com).

## COMMUNITY NEED

It has come to our attention that a member of our community needs help. Julianna Jestude, mother of 6<sup>th</sup> grader Harry Jestude Heisy, will be undergoing surgery. A fund has been established at TDBanknorth to help her raise the funds she will need to care for Harry while she is out of work and recovering from her surgery. If you would like to make a donation to the Julianna Jestude Recovery Fund contact Karen Andronaco at TDBanknorth at 964-5400.

## IMPORTANT DATES

§ **Meadow Farms** Fund-raiser items can be picked up at RES on Monday 11/24 and Tuesday 11/25 between 5:00 and 7:00 pm. Volunteers are welcome to help with unpacking and organization of

the boxes on Monday afternoon, as well as staffing pick up night.  
Contact Allie Bitter at [abitter@gmail.com](mailto:abitter@gmail.com) for more info.

- § Pick up your **Thanksgiving Pies** at RJH Monday 11/24 between 2:45 and 7:00pm.
- § The annual **Spaghetti Dinner** will be held on April 2, 2009! More details to come.
- § The **Father/Daughter Dance** will be held on May 16, 2009!

**\*\*REMEMBER TO GO SEE THE FABULOUS PRODUCTION OF "ANNIE" AT RES PLAYING FRIDAY AND SATURDAY 11/21 AND 11/22!!!!**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

We currently have 175 members. Last year, we had 199 which won us an award at the recent State PTA Convention for increased membership in the 2007-2008 school year! Wouldn't it be great to reach 200+ members this year?

*If you have not joined, please visit our website at [ryepta.org](http://ryepta.org) to look at all the great programs we sponsor and to download a membership form. By becoming a member you are helping us fund wonderful enrichment programs and community events for our children. You also get to vote on how PTA money is spent, suggest new ideas, and get involved in your child's school experience!*

**PLEASE COME TO OUR NEXT MEETING ON  
DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00PM AT THE RYE  
JUNIOR HIGH LIBRARY!!!!!!**

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Swenson at [mmswen@verizon.net](mailto:mmswen@verizon.net).