

PTA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
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This month the PTA meeting was held at 6pm in the Rye Junior High library on Tuesday November 13th. As always, we continue to alternate the meetings between 3pm and 6pm each month. Everyone is welcome at our meetings – members, non-members, children, students and grandparents. This month we are happy to announce two grants.

Mary Coombs, RJH librarian requested and was granted \$1,130 towards a subscription to Grolier online Encyclopedia. It is becoming increasingly important that our children from K through 8 grades learn how to research on the Internet. There are many inappropriate and inaccurate sites and as many people have learned just because it is on the Internet doesn't mean it is true. Grolier online is a safe and reliable source of information that will be accessible to all students both in school and at home.

Michelle Wirth, RJH music teacher requested some guitar hooks. This will get those guitars off the floor and onto the wall when they are not in use. Making life in the music room a lot less cluttered and more productive! The grant was for \$310.

Lane Richardson asked us to remind parents to be extra mindful when dropping off children in the mornings. Please do not allow your children to run through the parking lot into school. Please either release them from your car at the front door of the school (from the passengers' side NOT the driver's side) or if you are going to park, walk in with them yourself. This is an important safety issue for all concerned. Lane would also like to thank everyone for putting their child's name on the visor - this is helping the afternoon flow of traffic immensely!

Chris Pollet has been in conversation with George Cushing, SAU 50 Superintendent, regarding the subject of bullying. RJH and RES in conjunction with Portsmouth High School are planning an informational night regarding all aspects of bullying both in school and online. The PTA will be working with RES and RJH to assist where needed. If you require more information please contact us.

Both our schools are going through the process of the New England Accreditation of Schools and Colleges. In the initial stages the process involves our school administrators and teachers. Later there is a chance for parents to become involved. This promises to be both a rewarding and interesting experience. If you are interested in serving on a committee that will mean a commitment of one to two hours a month next Spring please contact Lane at [Irichardson@sau50.org](mailto:Irichardson@sau50.org) or Chris [cpollet@sau50.org](mailto:cpollet@sau50.org).

A few brief reminders:

Please pick up your Genevieve's wrapping paper and goods from RES stage area.  
Please come to our next PTA meeting Tuesday December 11th, 2007