

# **PTA Newsletter**

## **October 2008**

Hello Everyone,

The October PTA meeting was a very eventful one. It was the last meeting for the outgoing board. We all owe a great thanks to Rebecca Harrison, Gianna Alden and Andrea Swanson for their hard work and commitment to the PTA over the last several years!

At the end of the meeting, members in attendance voted in a new board to serve for the next two years. Serving as President will be Michelle Swenson. She has lived in Rye for five years and has two boys, Johnathan in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and David in kindergarten. Serving as Vice President will be Jeannette Lindsay. She recently moved to Rye from Dover and has one daughter, Sarah in kindergarten and another, Ava in preschool. The new Secretary is Dawn Masci. She is also new to Rye having recently moved from Berwick, ME. Her daughter Sarah is in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and her son Peter is in 4<sup>th</sup>.

There were four funding requests submitted this month and all were approved by the members. They are as follows:

- § Piper Cronin requested \$400.00 to fund the Badminton Club after school at Rye Junior High. The students had a wonderful time with this last year and the PTA is happy to support it again.
- § Also submitted by Piper Cronin was \$600.00 for Wheelchair Basketball for 6th-8th graders. All in attendance agreed it was a worthwhile program for the students.
- § Rye Elementary School counselor Linda Perrott requested \$200.00 to fund "Kids on the Block". This program uses puppets to teach students the effects of bullying and is for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades.
- § Lastly, a request was made by RES band teacher Andrea Papoutsy for \$614.05 for a comprehensive recorder program. The funds will be for a new program called "Recorder Karate" and will benefit the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. With this program, students will receive a new color string to add to their recorders after they have successfully learned to play increasingly challenging songs.

### Membership

We are currently at 172 members and growing! Please go to the PTA website and join if you have not already. Your membership helps to bring wonderful programs to our children like those above. [www.ryepta.org](http://www.ryepta.org).

## Fundraising



The PTA will be holding a **Bake Sale** on Election Day, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 8am at RES! **WE ARE IN NEED OF BAKERS AS WELL AS PEOPLE TO STAFF THE TABLE!!!** Baked goods can be dropped off in the RES lobby between 5pm -6pm Monday Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> and starting at 6:30am Tuesday Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. Contact Allie Bitter at [abitter@gmail.com](mailto:abitter@gmail.com) for volunteer details.

The Meadow Farms fundraiser was a great success bringing in about \$10,095.00 of which half goes directly to programs for the children. Thanks to Christine LeCompte and Cindy Trainor!

Thanksgiving Pie order forms will be coming out October 31<sup>st</sup>. These are delicious pies from Valley View Orchards! The deadline for ordering is November 14<sup>th</sup>!

## Intramural Sports

Star Wars with Mr. Ross and his crew is going very well. The children are having a great time! Look for more sessions after the holidays!

We would like to offer more After School Enrichment programs after the holidays. If you would like to help with coordination, please contact Jeannette Lindsay at [lindsay\\_jeannette@yahoo.com](mailto:lindsay_jeannette@yahoo.com).

Thanks everyone for the wonderful support you give to the PTA. **Please come to our next meeting in the Rye Junior High Library on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.** We welcome your ideas and feedback!

Please feel free to contact Michelle Swenson with any questions or comments at [mmswe@verizon.net](mailto:mmswe@verizon.net).

