

PTA Newsletter

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October 2006

President's Corner

Welcome to Rye PTA, 2006! This year is a change over within the PTA Board. We would like to thank Lisa Chase, the outgoing President; Robin Robinson, the outgoing Vice-President; and Judy Esposito, the outgoing Secretary for all of their hard work over the last two years. We would also like to thank Lara Wolfenden, who has been Treasurer for the past year and will continue to do so for this current year.

The new board members and various committee chairs are posted on the PTA website - www.ryepta.org, which we encourage you to visit frequently for PTA past, present, and future news.

The PTA is the largest parent involvement organization in the USA with nearly 6 million members and there is no doubt they get results. With parental involvement in school life, through the PTA, it has been proven time and time again that kids do better when their parents are involved academically, emotionally, and socially.

It is our goal to work on communication between the school and the parents. We hope you will become involved, committed, and above all passionate about our school community, effective communication, and the difference we can all make in our children's lives.

We would really appreciate and encourage you to help in whatever way you can. Feel free to contact any of the PTA board with your queries, suggestions, or observations.

Please join us as we do our best to give our children the best!

Rebecca Harrison
President

Gianna Alden
Vice-President

Amelia Rockelein
Secretary

Lara Wolfenden
Treasurer

PTA Who's Who 2006 - 2007

After-School Enrichment Coordinator
Enrichment Assembly Program Committee Chair
Newsletter
Membership Coordinator
Public Relations/Media Contact
RJH Representative
RJH Student Council
Volunteer Coordinator
Website Coordinator

Beth Kendall
Jules Grant
Dianne Crisp
Jeanne Moynahan
Janet Stevens
Marty Random
Annie Adams
Andrea Swanson
Nancy Gardella

Fundraiser Coordinators

Father/Daughter/Someone Special Dance
Sally Foster
Spaghetti Dinner

Karen Nadeau
Dora Hand
Kathy MacAlpine
Julia Madden

RJH News

A BIG *Thank you* to Andrea at The Potting Shed for helping us with the mums and perennials that were planted in front of the Junior High School. We were able to plant mums and some perennials for next year.

Another BIG *Thank you* to the RJH Garden Volunteers!

Misty Aikens
Ellen Bergeron
Cody Kent
Greta Kent
Leslie Latimer
Marty Random
Tracy Ritzo

It is beautiful!

We had a great turn-out for both the 6th and 7th grade Coffee Hours with Principal Jan Yost.

RES News

It was a cold and rainy Saturday when many hard working volunteers showed up to help with the Beautification at RES. We are so thankful to the MacAlpine family for playing a huge part in the day. They accomplished so much, with backhoes, and landscapers, and a lot of hard work – they cleaned brush, exposed a beautiful stone wall, planted trees and shrubs, and made us two beautiful gardens by the front door.

We are very thankful to the MacAlpine family for their generous donations of the crab apple tree, the beautiful shrubs and perennials, as well as the new fence. We would also like to thank Rich Clark from Abenaki Landscape and Irrigation for donating his time, manpower, and a front-end loader.

A BIG *Thank you* to the following families for giving of their time and for all their hard work:

the LaPortas, the Brian Sullivans, the Patenaudes, the Sedorics, the Stephen Kennedys, the Hammer/Whites, the Anderson/Eatons, the Husslages, the Nelsons, the Maddens, and the Grants. And thank you as well to staff members: Cindy Bean, Eric Ross, Ann Jule, Lane Richardson and her daughter, Kara.

It all looks so great!

Children are not casual guests in our home. They have been loaned to us temporarily for the purpose of loving them and instilling a foundation of values on which their future lives will be built.

Dr. James C. Dobson

Websites of interest

National PTA
www.pta.org

Help your teen thrive!
www.goodparentsinc.com

Parent's Guide to K-12
www.greatschools.net

Learning Difficulties
www.schwablearning.com

Are you new to town and/or the school system?
We would like to welcome you to Rye!

If there is something we can help you with, while you get settled in town and/or in the school system – we would like to help you however we can.

- * community
- * sports activities
- * after-school programs

Whatever you have questions about, we will try our best to help you as you get settled.

Again – welcome!
We look forward to meeting you!

Rebecca Harrison
PTA President
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The secret in education lies in respecting the student.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Box Tops for Education – General Mills promotion

We need someone to take over the coordination of this program. If you want to learn more about it, you can go to the website. www.boxtops4education.com

- We need to get the information to all the parents and the children, in both schools
- The children bring in the box tops from the various grocery item boxes
- We send it into General Mills
- They send us back money!
- It's that easy!

If you are interested in helping out with this, please contact Rebecca Harrison
harrison.rm@comcast.net

Do you have questions about the Rye PTA?

Are you are looking for a way to participate in the PTA, and don't know where help is needed?

Are you wanting to volunteer in the school someplace / somewhere / somehow?

Go to the PTA website!
You will find direction there!

www.ryepta.org

PTA Calendar – upcoming dates - 2006 – 2007

Check the PTA website for full calendar activities and monthly schedule
www.ryepta.org

October

Saturday 10/28 12 – 3 p.m. **RJH Student Council Fall Fest**

Annie Adams and the RJH Student Council have worked hard to put together a fun-filled afternoon of activities to raise money for their planned Penguin Plunge, which in turn raises money for the Special Olympics. Please come and support them and bring all your friends and family.

Tuesday 10/31 **2nd handout for Pie Fundraiser**

November

Friday 11/3 **Deadline for Pie Fundraiser Forms**

Tuesday 11/14 6:00 p.m. **PTA meeting**
RJH Library

This will be our first meeting as the new PTA Board. We hope to use the time to plan our goals, fundraising ideas, and activities for the year. We really encourage you to come to this meeting. We are particularly hoping to see working parents who have stated that they would love to be more involved when they can. There are several ways all parents can help outside the school hours to aid the PTA and our mission.

Friday 11/17 9 – 10 a.m. **Morning Coffee with the Principal**
RES lobby – with Lane Richardson
Sponsored by the PTA

This will be the second morning coffee at the RES. It was a great success last time. This is a wonderful chance to come and chat with Lane and other parents about what is going on in RES. Please contact Gianna Alden at mgalden@comcast.net if you would like to attend -- and also if you can help with baking something to go with the coffee and tea provided.

Friday 11/17 **Pies are delivered to freezers at RJH**

Monday 11/20 2:45 – 4:40 p.m. **Distributing pies from RJH**
6:30 – 8:00 p.m. contact person is Judy Esposito
espoonwheels@juno.com

December

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