

PTA NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2008

Hi Everyone,

Our first PTA meeting for the year was held Tuesday September 17th and we're off to a flying start for the organization. Meanwhile, on a personal note, I will be handing over to a new PTA President and incoming Board in October who will then serve for the next two year term. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped and supported my board and myself in the last two years and urge you to give as much support as possible to the incoming officers in October. If you are interested in helping out in any way please contact me at harrison.rm@comcast.net. Also, you can visit our website at www.ryepta.org for detailed information on the past 2 years of the PTA in Rye. All the grants are there, detailed minutes of the meetings, past newsletters and 'job descriptions' for various PTA roles. You will see that our PTA is a lively and productive organization. To be part of the Rye PTA is a great experience. Thank you to all the people who have stepped up to help with the new term. We also need a new PTA President, PTA Secretary, Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser CoOrdinator, Newsletter CoOrdinator, After School Enrichment CoOrdinator

These people are currently holding the following positions.

- PTA Treasurer (current term and continuing) – Laura Brown
- PTA Vice President (new term starting October 2008) - Jeannette Lindsay
- Membership CoOrdinator – Jeanne Moynahan
- Bulletin Board CoOrdinator – Sara Nee
- Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser – Michelle Kroistch
- Intramural Sports CoOrdinator – Karen Allen.
- Wrapping Paper Fundraiser CoOrdinators - Christine LeCompte and Cindy Trainor (This is their last year).
- PTA/REF Enrichment committee – Jules Grant
- Rye PTA website manager – Nancy Gardella
- Boxtops CoOrdinator – Lucretia Schafroth
- RJH Volunteer CoOrdinator – Kristin Kassas
- RES Volunteer CoOrdinator – Allie Bitter
- Father-daughter Dance CoOrdinator – Heidi Coscia

Membership

Our membership is already at 123 members due to a great effort on behalf of Jeanne Moynahan. Please remember to sign up! It is just one membership per family. We also encourage all the staff to be members as it's a great way for us all the stay connected. Please show your support for our PTA and remember your membership gives you the right to come to the meetings and vote on any of the grant requests or projects we are planning to put in place. A membership form is on our website. www.ryepta.org

Funding requests granted this month

\$2,200 - 5th Grade Weaving project (as requested by Phoebe Guanaccia). Sarah Haskell, a talented local artist has come into the school for the last two years to teach the 5th grade children about the history of weaving, managed a group weaving project for the whole grade and has shown them how to weave small projects themselves. It has been overwhelmingly popular and the PTA area more than happy to support this program.

\$1,300 – RES is very excited to have Amy Raymond (RJH ‘Grease’ Production CoOrdinator) to produce ‘Annie’. Amy requested \$900 to pay for lighting and sound and another \$400 for set building. Please remember to come and see ‘Annie’ on November 20th, 21st or 22nd November.

\$263.56 – Materials for World Language at RES. Katie Jarvis requested some Applause Learning Resource DVDs to enhance both the French and Spanish language classes. All grades in RES will benefit from this grant.

\$760.74 – Children’s Garden at RES. Parker Cavallero requested some money towards materials for a garden that he (as an Eagle Scout) and a team of volunteers will make in the somewhat dormant garden outside the library. Parker’s plans are for low maintenance plants with sectioned off areas that each grade can ‘own’ to grown their own plants. It was a very well-received idea and we are thankful to Parker for his time and initiative in beautifying this part of RES.

\$590.00 – Denise Wheeler organized for a group of 15 teachers to have an educational excursion to the Isles of Shoals as there has long been a discussion about the importance of this local part of history. The group went in August (before our PTA meeting) so Denise was asking for this grant retrospectively. We unanimously voted for such an educational opportunity for the teachers which in turn is benefit all the children in RES.

Once again, thank you to everyone who has helped make the Rye PTA a lively and efficient organization! Remember – JOIN THE PTA AND HAVE YOUR SAY.

All the best,
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