



# The Grape Vine

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## D.A.R.E. Graduation

Congratulations to our D.A.R.E. graduates! Last Thursday our fifth grade students concluded their DARE instruction with a graduation ceremony held at High Mountain School. DARE instructor Sean Phillips led the ceremony which was attended by all of the North Haledon DARE officers, Mayor George, Chief Bracco, the fifth grade teaching team, Ms. Cardiello, Ms Hastie, Mr. Wilson, various faculty members, Board members, students, family and friends.

The entire 5th grade class, led by Mr. Shepard, sang a wonderful rendition of "Lean on Me," the DARE theme song. Three students were honored for their essays: Magdaleen Nasser, Alexa Simone, and Jared Avarado. Three other students were honored for their posters: Leah Woods, Connor Bushoven, and Hannah Tait. Both the essays and the posters were a required part of the DARE program. The evening topped off with a slide presentation featuring the students and their instructor.

Heartfelt thanks go to Mrs. Romeo for coordinating the program, Mr. Shepard, Mr. Tinari, Ms. DelVecchio, Ms. Kimble, Mrs. Pagano and to all who were a part of this special event. Also, a great big thank you to all of the committee volunteers who helped with decorations, hospitality, gifts, etc. Finally, we are very grateful to Officer Sean for his dedication to our children and this extremely important program.

## Upcoming Performances

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade "Nifty Fifty" at Memorial School

*Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m.*

### Spring Concert at HMS

*Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm*

### Lip Sync at High Mountain School

*Thursday & Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>*

The Next meeting of the North Haledon PTO will be held on Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. in the all-purpose room at Memorial School School.



## Coffee and Conversation

There will be a **special evening session** of "Coffee and Conversation" with Ms. Cardiello next week **Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** in the all-purpose room at High Mountain School. All parents are encouraged to attend!

Our first regular session of the spring will meet on **Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am.** at HMS. Come on down, and enjoy a cup of coffee! Spend an hour with Ms. Cardiello, parents and residents to find out what is happening in the North Haledon school district. There will be topics brought up for your input! Don't miss it! Stop by, enjoy the company and hear the news. We look forward to seeing you on the 13<sup>th</sup>!

## Family Fun Night at The Ice Vault in Wayne

**Thursday, April 1, 2010 - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

It's not too late to order tickets: \$5 in advance. \$7 at the door. Skate rentals are \$2 To purchase tickets or for further information, please contact Gina Stanziale at 973-423-2078 or ginastanz@aol.com.



## NHDPTO's Tricky Tray 2010



### "Casino Royale"

Monday, April 19, 2010

THE TIDES - North Haledon, NJ

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner served at 7:00 p.m.

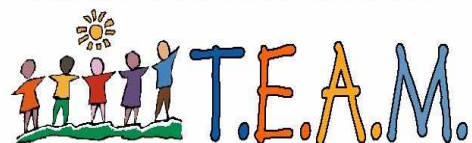


TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW \$45 per person which includes 3-course meal, dessert, tea & coffee.

Ticket order forms were sent home and can also be found online. For further information, please contact: Gina Stanziale at 973-423-2078 or ginastanz@aol.com



## NORTH HALEDON PTO



**TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE**

## Pancake Breakfast

Join the North Haledon Education Foundation at their Annual Pancake Breakfast.

**Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

Just a few steps away from the Annual Easter Egg Hunt; we'll be serving pancakes, sausage, OJ, coffee & tea. Admission is \$7/adults, \$5/seniors, \$4/children (ages 3-10 years old).

For further information call:  
Cyndi Cavagnaro 973-423-1425 or  
Susan Gora 973-238-0473.



## HMS Student Council News

### FREE FOOD AND FUN FOR SENIORS!!

On **Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**, the HMS Student Council will sponsor a **FREE early bird Pasta Dinner and BINGO** for all North Haledon **SENIOR CITIZENS**, beginning at 4:00 p.m. and ending at 5:30 p.m. It will be held in the High Mountain School all-purpose room, where the Student Council representatives will be your hosts and hostesses. All grandparents are welcome. Please call Mrs. Huizing at High Mountain School **973-427-1220 by Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>** to hold your reservation. We hope to see you there!

### SCHOOL DANCE THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 26<sup>th</sup>

The Student Council is sponsoring its second dance this Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at High Mountain School. **Come dressed in the style of your favorite decade: 60's, 70's, 80's or 90's.** Tickets are being sold during lunch for \$5.00. If you purchase tickets at the dance, the price is \$5.50. Once again, the dance will begin at 7:00 and will end at 9:00 for grades 5 and 6, and end at 10:00 for grades 7 and 8. Pizza, snacks, and drinks will be sold throughout the evening. We are looking forward to another successful event.

### SPRING FLOWER SALE

This year HMS Student Council is having its Spring Flower Sale to raise money for various activities for the North Haledon School District. The sale offers two types of hanging baskets: 8" hanging baskets for \$10.00 each and 10" hanging baskets for \$15.00 each. If you would like to support our fundraiser, please fill out an order form (found online), and return to school **by Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**.

Order pick-up date is Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, just in time for Mother's Day. Pick up location is H MS cafeteria after school at 2:50.



## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Corner

- Class of 2010 -

### Attention Parents:

- **Volunteers are needed** to sell 50/50 tickets Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at Foodtown.
- If you would like additional **50/50 Raffle Tickets** to sell or have any questions regarding this fund raiser, please contact Jodi Hudspeth directly 973-304-0293.
- The **final installment** of parent contributions for this year's 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities is past due. Please send payment into Cyndi Cavagnaro, 8<sup>th</sup> grade treasurer. If you have any questions or concerns regarding installments please contact Cyndi directly 973-423-1425.
- Still waiting for photos of your child for the **8<sup>th</sup> grade DVD**. Please submit them to designated parent or Digna Siclari.
- **The next parent meeting** will be held on Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the library at HMS. For updates, send your email address to cwaukamp@yahoo.com.
- **8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation** is Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**All Together for Our Children!**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee**

## Memorial School Art Fair Bring the Whole Family!

We have been working in partnership with KidsArt Fairs on an art enrichment program that culminates in a "one night only" event that will demonstrate your child's creativity; and on **Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** we will host a **KidsArt Fair** in the gym at Memorial School with music by Select Choral Group from High Mountain School and refreshments provided by the PTO. It will be an exciting event for all and we hope you will be able to make it!

Artwork created by children, whose parents plan on attending, will be professionally framed and displayed at our Art Fair. Parents may purchase the frame package for \$29.95 (plus tax) which is 50% off suggested retail price. Memorial School will keep proceeds from the net frame sales to fund technology in the Art program.

To learn more about this exciting event please visit our school's website where you will find a link to additional information. If you have any questions please feel free to contact our art teacher Jennifer Lally at [jlally@nhschools.net](mailto:jlally@nhschools.net). We hope to see all of you there!

## Attention 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents

Photos for 4<sup>th</sup> grade move-up are being collected. You may send in 4-5 school-age photos (k-4<sup>th</sup>) of your child or group shots of your child with other classmates via email to [movingup4thgrade@yahoo.com](mailto:movingup4thgrade@yahoo.com) or send them into school. Please be sure to have child's name on back of each photo submitted. Also, no baby, toddler or sibling pictures. Any questions contact Lynn Lalley or Kathy Spinnler.



## Can-Tab Collection

Troop 374 continues to collect can tabs to help the children at the Ronald McDonald House.

*Did you know that one tab equals one minute of dialysis for a child in need?* An estimated 800,000 tabs have been collected so far. Every tab counts. Please collect tabs and send them into school with your child. Call Jeanne Fondacaro at 973-423-9088 with questions

## Pitchers & Catchers

Pitchers and catchers clinic is held in the Manchester High School gym on Wednesday nights. The last night of clinic is March 31<sup>st</sup>. The times are: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders 6:30-7:30 p.m., and 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 7:30-8:30 p.m. No 2<sup>nd</sup> graders unless they are on the 8u travel team.

## "Box Tops For Education"

### Win a Pizza Party for your Homeroom!

The North Haledon Education Foundation collects "box tops for education" continually throughout the year in an effort to fulfill grant requests made by our teachers. These coupons can be found on General Mills products. The money received back from General Mills, is put towards our grant fund.

**REMINDER:** Keep collecting "box tops for education" The homeroom that collects the most box tops by **April 30, 2010** will win a pizza party, compliments of the NHEF.



**We're almost there!!!**

# Tricky Tray 2010

Please join us on **Tuesday March 30<sup>th</sup>**  
at Firehouse #1 on Belmont Avenue - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

For what you might ask???

- **Help us wrap baskets**
- **Drop off any donations from businesses you may have solicited**
- **Drop off your family donation**
- **Drop off your class basket**



For those families who have a donation but don't have it wrapped; no worries, we'll do it for you!

Your support is truly appreciated!

*Thank you,  
Tricky Tray 2010 Committee*

# STUDENT COUNCIL SPRING FLOWER SALE



High Mountain School's Student Council is having its Spring Flower Sale to raise money for various activities for the North Haledon School District. The sale offers two types of hanging baskets: 8" hanging baskets for \$10.00 each and 10" hanging baskets for \$15.00 each.

If you would like to support our fundraiser, please fill out the order form below. Put the order form and money (*cash or checks written to the HMS Student Activity Fund*) in an envelope labeled Student Council Spring Flower Sale and submit to the HMS office. **All orders are due by Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you for your support.

**Order pick-up date is Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>,** just in time for Mother's Day! Pick up location is HMS cafeteria after school at 2:50 p.m.

NAME (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

8" HANGING BASKETS for \$10.00 each- Three flower choices. No color choices.

1. Begonias \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00= \$\_\_\_\_\_
2. Impatients \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00= \$\_\_\_\_\_
3. Petunias \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00= \$\_\_\_\_\_

10" HANGING BASKETS for \$15.00 each.- Three flower choices. No color choices.

1. Double Impatients \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00= \$\_\_\_\_\_
2. Geranium \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00= \$\_\_\_\_\_
3. New Guinea Impatients \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00= \$\_\_\_\_\_

Total number of 8" baskets: \_\_\_\_\_ Total cost: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Total number of 10" baskets: \_\_\_\_\_ Total cost: \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount enclosed for all baskets:** \$\_\_\_\_\_



*The North Haledon PTO Proudly Presents...*

## *Tricky Tray 2010 "Casino Royale"*

*Monday, April 19, 2010*

*The Tides  
North Haledon, New Jersey*

*Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and Dinner served at 7:00 p.m.*

*Admission is \$45 per person and includes 3-course meal, dessert, tea & coffee.*

*For further information, please contact  
Gina Stanziale at 973 423 2078 or [ginastanz@aol.com](mailto:ginastanz@aol.com)*

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Please complete and detach the form below and return it along with full payment no later than Thursday, April 1, 2010. Checks should be made payable to the "NHPTO". Tickets limited to the first 400.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45.00 per person. Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Required for tickets/table assignment)

Special seating requests: \_\_\_\_\_

(Tables may be reserved for 10 – 12 people)

Sorry, I cannot attend. I have enclosed a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# NORTH HALEDON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY



## Upcoming Programs and Activities for March 2010



*Registration for the following programs and activities is underway.*



**Book Buddies** meet after school the first Friday of each month. Beginning readers in grades 1 & 2 are paired with older students to read together, one on one. Students in grades 5 & up and those who need Community Service hours are encouraged to volunteer as Senior Book Buddies! The next Book Buddies program will be March 5<sup>th</sup>.



**Craft 'n' Go**, an after-school craft program for borough children is held the second Friday of each month. The next Craft 'n' Go program will be on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Children in grades K-8 are invited to register for the 3:30 or 4:15 p.m. session.



The **Readers Kaffeeklatsch** book club meets the third Wednesday of each month at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. "Telex from Cuba" by Rachel Kushner will be discussed at the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.



**The Computer Clubhouse** is open for supervised after-school gaming the third Friday of each month. The next session will be March 19<sup>th</sup>. Students in grades 5-8 may sign up for the 3:30 or 4:15 session.



The **Socrates Cafe** discussion group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:30 and at 7:30 p.m. The afternoon group will discuss current events; the evening group will explore "A Philosophy for Living." Newcomers are always welcome. The next meeting will be March 23<sup>rd</sup>.



Join us on a trip to see **Hair** at the al Hirschfeld Theatre on Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. The bus will leave from the Municipal Building at 6 p.m. The cost, which is \$100 for the general public and \$95 for members of Friends, includes transportation, orchestra seats and driver's tip.



**Spring Story Time** for borough children will be held on Wednesdays starting March 31<sup>st</sup>. Two year olds (and a caregiver) are invited to participate in the 9:15-9:45 a.m. session; three to five year olds are invited to attend the 10:15-11:00 a.m. or 1:15-2:00 p.m. session. Proof of residency required!

***For more information call: 973-427-6213 ext. 4.***

## NORTH HALEDON PTO



### 2009

- ✓ Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>: Fall Fundraiser Kickoff
- ✓ Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> North Haledon Day - Dunk Tank
- ✓ Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> Fall Fundraiser Ends
  - ✓ Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> First PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. at High Mountain School
  - ✓ Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> Memorial School's Annual Halloween Party 2-5 p.m. at Memorial School
- ✓ Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> "Gold Buying" fundraiser 6-9 p.m. at High Mountain School.
- ✓ Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. at High Mountain School
- ✓ Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> Pick up your Poinsettia Plans beginning 3:00 p.m.– Memorial School
- ✓ Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Memorial School
- ✓ Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> Food Drive Begins – Memorial School
- ✓ Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> Holiday Shop Begins during school hours – Memorial School

### 2010

- ✓ Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. at HMS - Session on Bullying
  - ✓ Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> Family Fun Night: "Disney On Ice - 100 Years of Magic"
- ✓ Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> Book Fair Preview Night at Memorial School - 5:30 p.m.
- ✓ Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Memorial School - Session on "Texting"
- ✓ Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> Book Fair this week at Memorial School
  - ✓ Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> Family Fun Night: Volleyball Game at High Mountain School
  - ✓ Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten Registration WEEK – Memorial School
- ✓ Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> Family Fun Night: Harlem Globetrotters 7:30 p.m.
  - ✓ Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup> PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m.
  - Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> Family Fun Night - Ice Skating
  - Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> PTO Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Memorial School
  - Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> Fingerprinting– Memorial School
  - Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup> Tricky Tray at The Tides
  - Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. at High Mountain School
  - Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> Career Day - High Mountain School
  - Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup> PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. at High Mountain School
  - Thurs./Fri., June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> High Mountain School's "Puttin' On The Hits"
    - TBD Memorial School Talent Show
    - TBD Parents' Night Out at N.H. VFW Hall
    - TBD Kindergarten Carnival
    - TBD Memorial School's Annual Field Day
    - TBD High Mountain School's Annual Field Day

# NORTH HALEDON PTO



## North Haledon PTO Committee Chairperson List 2009-2010

Committee Name	Chairperson/Co-chairs
4th Grade Move Up	Tim & Lynn Lalley
5th Grade D.A.R.E program ( <i>Spring</i> )	Gina Stanziale
5th Grade Ice Cream Social ( <i>9/09</i> )	Cathie Havlin
8th Grade Activities	Digna Siclari and Jodi Hudspeth
Board of Education Meetings	Cherisa Burk
Book Fair ( <i>Spring</i> )	Donna Verhoog and Jodi Fitzsimmons
Career Day	Cherisa Burk and Gina Stanziale
Copy Team	Michele Dockray
End of Year Ice Cream Party	Pam Rajkowski
Fall Fundraiser	Cyndi Cavagnaro
Family Fun Night I - <i>Faculty Volleyball Game</i>	Alma Zollo
Family Fun Night II - <i>Ice Skating</i>	Gina Stanziale
Field Day	Kim & Dave Figueroa
Fingerprinting	Cathie Havlin and Aime Espie
Gold Buying	Gina Stanziale
Halloween Party	Michele Dockray
Holiday Guessing Contests ( <i>Dec/Spring</i> )	Tim & Lynn Lalley
Holiday Shop ( <i>December</i> )	Pam Rajkowski
Hospitality	Donna Gallagher
Kindergarten Screening/Orientation	Jodi Fitzsimons and Beth DeVries
Lip Sync at High Mountain School	Alma Zollo
Membership	Lauren Primavera
Newsletter	Cindy Aukamp
North Haledon Day	PTO Executive Board
Parents Night Out	Peggy Holbriiter
Poinsettia Sale	Janelle Feather
Safety Town	Stacey Heibenstreit
School Coordinator HMS	Gina Stanziale
School Coordinator MS	Kathy Behnke
School Directory	Toni-Marie Hals
Sign Committee	Randi Venema
Sunshine	Kathy Behnke
Sweatshirt Sale ( <i>Spring/Fall</i> )	
Talent Show at Memorial School	Sue Andres
Teacher Appreciation Week ( <i>Spring</i> )	Lisa Lombardo and Barbara Vanderwiele
Tricky Tray Team ( <i>Spring</i> )	Michele Cummins, Liz Buck, Gina Stanziale and Melissa Markham
Walk-a-thon ( <i>Spring</i> )	Lisa Lombardo

## Memorial School and High Mountain School 2009-2010 CLASS CAPTAINS and CLASS PARENTS List

**Mrs. LaRose Captain** ..... **Maree Padula**

**Mrs. Morgantini Captain** ..... **Susan Gorga**

**Kindergarten Captain** ..... **Lisa Antropow**

Ms. Van Horn ..... Maria Letizia and Wendy Purcell  
Miss Belluzzi ..... Sonia Kush (Kesht) and Heather Venezia  
Mrs. Peschel ..... Lauren Primavera and Danielle Rybak  
Miss Cirello ..... Michele Dockray and Carmelina Tirri-Haramis

**First Grade Captain** ..... **Karen Borduin**

Mrs. Goodwin ..... Michele Manning and Jacqueline Roscio  
Miss Reilly ..... Nancy Ackerman and Kim Hewitt  
Mrs. Bradford ..... Rachel Antoci and Karen Nurminen

**Second Grade Captain** ..... **Randi Venema**

Mrs. Cioletti ..... Cathy Federico and Angela Inturrisi  
Mrs. Metzler ..... Sue Andres and Joann Conforti  
Mrs. Spalt ..... Lisa Lombardo and Grace Ann Segreto  
Mrs. Weinstein ..... Christina Carrozza and Janelle Feather

**Third Grade Captain** ..... **Kathy Gleason**

Miss Hebenstreit ..... Laurie Harding and Tina Targia  
Mrs. Stipelkovich ..... Maureen Kurzynski and Carol White  
Mrs. DeStaso ..... Beth DeVries and Jodi Fitzsimons

**Fourth Grade Captain** ..... **Peggy Holbriter**

Mrs. Caruso ..... Melissa Markham and Pam Rajkowski  
Mrs. Jones ..... Liz Buck and Rosa Nativo  
Mrs. Coscia ..... Melissa Loustan and Kathy Spinnler  
Mrs. Tinari ..... Anna Coscia and Sheryl Cupo

**Fifth Grade Captain** ..... **Diana Mecionis**

Mrs. Pagano ..... Judi Pawlowski and Donna Verhoog  
Ms. Kimble ..... Cathie Havlin and Rosa Tandurella  
Ms. DelVecchio ..... Carol Ajami and Sharon Barbaro

**Sixth Grade Captain** ..... **Patti Morreale**

Ms. Dooner ..... Jeanne Fondacaro and Maria Gretkowski  
Ms. McLaughlin ..... Claire Kiel and Alma Zollo  
Mr. Onove ..... Nancy Kough and Gina Stanziale

**Seventh Grade Captain** ..... **Kathy Behnke**

Mr. Topolski ..... Marcella Dooley and Aime Espie  
Mrs. VandeVeire ..... Kim Figueroa and Karen Jordan  
Mrs. Zisa ..... Lynn Lalley and Kristen McAlevey

**Eighth Grade Captain** ..... **Cyndi Cavagnaro**

Ms. Ash ..... Annmarie Breeman and Sherri Nickles  
Mrs. Gorga ..... Jennifer McNamara and Donna Napolitano  
Mrs. Hannah ..... Cherisa Burk and Debbie Fitzsimmons

*In order to reduce cost and help our environment, the PTO will be providing each class captain and parent with an "e-Folder" containing all pertinent information. Each class captain/parent must provide an e-mail address to the appropriate school coordinator as soon as possible at her e-mail address listed below.*

*We look forward to a great year for our children. Should anyone have any questions, please contact the respective School Coordinator—Memorial School: Kathy Behnke 973-427-3905 or [ktbehn@aol.com](mailto:ktbehn@aol.com);  
High Mountain School: Gina Stanziale 973-423-2078 or [ginastanz@aol.com](mailto:ginastanz@aol.com).*