



The Grape Vine

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Nominating Committee Update

The **PTO's Nominating Committee** announced its nominees, thus far, for positions on the 2010-2011 NHPTO Executive Board at the April 12th PTO meeting. At this time we are still looking for individuals interested in the **President** and **Recording Secretary** positions.

It is important to be aware that if the position of president is not filled the organization will be forced to dissolve and **there will be no PTO next year**. Without the PTO the programs it sponsors for the students in each class annually would also go away.

Please consider being an important part of what we do for the children. If you are interested, please contact either Lisa Antropow, Karen Borduin, or Cyndi Cavagnaro for additional information.

Thanks So Very Much

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! I cannot thank everyone enough for all of their help and support with our first KidsArt Fair held at Memorial School on April 12th. With live choral music in the background and an assortment of refreshments to enjoy, everyone who attended the fair truly seemed to enjoy looking at all the colorful artwork that the students created. The evening was such a success. Working together we raised over \$1500 to help support the Arts in our schools! Thank you for encouraging the creativity in our student



Jennifer Lally

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

Kindergarten Screening

Thank you to all of the volunteers and the 7th graders who helped out at this year's Kindergarten Screening. The 7th graders did a fantastic job helping the incoming Kindergarteners feel comfortable in Memorial School. Thanks also to Mrs. Pezzuti and Mr. Scully for all of their support.

Jodi Fitzsimons & Beth DeVries

Tricky Tray 2010



On Monday, April 19th the North Haledon PTO hosted its Annual Tricky Tray at the Tides in North Haledon. Over 400 people were in attendance.

The committee for this event, and all the many volunteers, did a great job preparing for this big night...our biggest fundraising event of the year. While not everyone was a big prize winner, those in attendance still enjoyed the food, the fun and the company of good friends. More details of the evening to follow.

Upcoming Performances

3rd Grade "Nifty Fifty" at Memorial School

Thursday, April 29th - 7:00 p.m.



Spring Concert at HMS

Thursday, May 13th - 7:00 pm



Lip Sync at High Mountain School

Thursday & Friday, June 3rd & 4th



The next meeting of the North Haledon PTO is scheduled for Monday, May 3rd, 7:00 p.m. at High Mountain School

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Student Council News

Spring Flower Sale

Thank you to all who purchased flowers from our Spring sale. We raised approximately \$200.00, which will be put toward various activities that the council organizes throughout the school year. We truly appreciate your continued support.



Just in time for Mothers' Day...
You can pick-up your order **Wednesday, May 5th** in the High Mountain all-purpose room after school at 2:50 p.m.

Seniors' Dinner and Bingo

On April 14th, the Student Council sponsored an early bird pasta dinner and BINGO for the North Haledon seniors. Once again, the attendance was outstanding, and our Student Council hosts and hostesses did a wonderful job welcoming, serving and attending to their guests. In addition, Evan Paradiso, Rachel Hudspeth, Matt Burk and Judimae McNamara helped to call BINGO numbers. Food and gifts were plentiful and a good time was had by all. Congratulations for a job well done! We are very proud of our fine young members.

Furthermore, we would like to give special thanks to Ms. Cardiello, Ms. Hastie, Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Merlino, Mrs. Huizing, Mrs. Khoyan, Mrs. Moriarty, Mrs. Hannah and Mrs. Lightner and Mrs. Rizzo for volunteering their time, and to our generous staff for providing us with the many prizes. Every year, all of your efforts help our children to make this event a successful one, and we are very grateful.

Fall Soccer Sign-ups

Sign-ups for Fall Soccer will take place at the North Haledon Rec building on the following dates:

Friday, April 30th 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 1st 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Please bring a small picture of your child to sign ups. Any questions please call Dave Cestaro 973-519-0846.



Food Drive

3rd Grade Brownie Troop #591 is holding a food drive to help out a local food pantry. Any donation will be greatly accepted. Please send non-perishable food items and/or diapers, shampoo, toothpaste, and laundry detergent to school with your child. Collection bins will be placed at each school beginning Monday April 26th through Wednesday, May 7th. If you have any questions call Beth DeVries at 973-636-9113.

8th Grade Corner

- Class of 2010 -

Attention Parents:

- 6354 50/50 tickets were sold. Together we raised \$3177 for our class and a prize of \$3177 was awarded at the April 19th Tricky Tray. GREAT JOB PARENTS!
- **The next parent meeting** will be held on Tuesday, May 18th at 7:00 in the library at HMS. For updates, send your email address to cwaukamp@yahoo.com.
- The **final installment** of parent contributions for this year's 8th grade activities is past due. Please send payment into Cyndi Cavagnaro, 8th 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 **8th grade DVD**. We don't want any child left out. Please submit them to Digna Siclari.
- **8th grade graduation** is Wednesday, June 23rd.

All Together for Our Children!
8th Grade Committee

7th Annual Beefsteak Dinner to benefit Jorge

Thank you to all who attended Jorge's Beefsteak or gave donations in the past! The 2010 Beefsteak is coming soon! Here are the details.

- what:** Beefsteak Dinner at "The Brownstone"
- when:** **Friday, May 21 - 7:00 pm**
- where:** Clifton Boys & Girls Club
181 Colfax Ave., Clifton, NJ
- why:** To help pay for prostheses for Jorge – Jorge's new pair of legs cost \$22,500! (That is a discounted cost.)
- how:** A Ticket can be purchased for \$40 – Call Faye Dyksen at 973-427-0534 for tickets.

If you can't attend but would like to make a tax deductible donation, please make your check payable to "Helping Hands for Jorge" and mail to: Faye Dyksen, 73 Wigwam Ave., North Haledon. **We are also in the process of getting donations of filled baskets and other items that can be used for prizes. If you would be able to donate something for this, please let Faye know! For More info. go to www.helpinghandsforjorge.org. THANK YOU!

NORTH HALEDON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Programs and Activities in April 2010

Registration for the following programs and activities is underway.



Spring Story Time for borough children is held on Wednesdays. A few openings still remain for the three to five-year old sessions, which are held 10:15-11:00 a.m. and 1:15-2:00 p.m. Proof of residency is required for registration!



Computer Workshops for adults are held on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Stop by the library to pick up the spring schedule.



The **Readers Kaffeeklatsch** will be held on April 21st at 1:30 p.m. Author Marion Goldstein will be present to discuss her book, *Hard to Place: One Family's Journey Through Adoption*.



The Computer Clubhouse is open for supervised after-school gaming the third Friday of each month. The next session will be April 16th. Students in grades 5-8 may sign up for the 3:30 or 4:15 p.m. session.



The **Socrates Café** discussion group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. Newcomers are always welcome. The next meeting will be April 27th.



The Month of May

Concert for Kids

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

Singer/songwriters "Presley & Melody" will present a fun-filled interactive children's concert celebrating "Moms and Mother's Day" at the North Haledon Library on **Wednesday, May 5th at 1:30 p.m.** Borough children ages 2-5 and a parent/caregiver are invited to attend. Registration is now underway.

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



2009

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

2010

- ✓ Monday, January 11th PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. at HMS - Session on Bullying
 - ✓ Friday, January 15th Family Fun Night: "Disney On Ice - 100 Years of Magic"
- ✓ Monday, February 1st Book Fair Preview Night at Memorial School - 5:30 p.m.
- ✓ Monday, February 1st PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Memorial School - Session on "Texting"
- ✓ Tuesday, February 2nd Book Fair this week at Memorial School
 - ✓ Friday, February 5th Family Fun Night: Volleyball Game at High Mountain School
- ✓ Monday, February 8th Kindergarten Registration WEEK – Memorial School
- ✓ Saturday, February 13th Family Fun Night: Harlem Globetrotters 7:30 p.m.
 - ✓ Monday, March 1st PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m.
 - ✓ Thursday, April 1st Family Fun Night - Ice Skating
 - ✓ Monday, April 12th PTO Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Memorial School
 - ✓ Thursday, April 15th Fingerprinting– Memorial School
 - ✓ Monday, April 19th Tricky Tray at The Tides in North Haledon
 - Monday, May 3rd PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. at High Mountain School
 - Wednesday, May 12th Career Day - High Mountain School
 - Friday, May 14th Father/Daughter Dance (TENTATIVE EVENT)
 - Monday, June 7th PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. at High Mountain School
 - Thurs./Fri., June 3rd & 4th High Mountain School's "Puttin' On The Hits"
 - Thursday, June 10th Kindergarten Carnival (rain date June 11th)
 - TBD Memorial School Talent Show
 - TBD Parents' Night Out at N.H. VFW Hall
 - TBD Memorial School's Annual Field Day
 - TBD High Mountain School's Annual Field Day

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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;
High Mountain School: Gina Stanziale 973-423-2078 or ginastanz@aol.com.*