



# The Grape Vine

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*The PTO would like to send out a special Thank You to all the Teachers, Staff Members & Volunteers of Memorial School & High Mountain School. We appreciate and recognize your hard work, dedication and outstanding service this 2009-2010 school year!*

## SquawBrook Concert

### Memorial School

Tomorrow Night...Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup> - 6:45 pm  
Admission = \$5



### “50 Nifty”

On April 29<sup>th</sup> this year’s third grade class, lead by Mr. Shepard, performed in the school’s annual “50 Nifty” presentation. The

children ascended the stage accompanied by the bongo drum, sang songs about various U.S. states to the playing of the guitar, were animated when the song required, and even managed to share a bit of trivia about each state. Family and friends were truly entertained. **Congratulations to the third grade students for a great performance!**

Thank you to Mr. Shepard for his direction and musical accompaniment, and to the third grade teachers for their help and support. Thanks also to all the families who generously provided drinks and snacks for our fabulous performers and their guests.

*Kathy Gleason, Class Captain*

## High Mountain School

### “Career Day” Help Needed

**Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

1. Due to a last-minute change, the Career Day committee is **looking for someone in the “medical field”** to step in and fill an open presenter spot. If anyone is interested or has a contact, please contact Gina Stanziale or Cherisa Burk for further information.
2. Volunteers are needed to help during lunch time.

Your help is very much needed and would be very much appreciated.

## And the Nominees Are...

The nominees for the 2010-2011 NHPTO Executive board are:

President: *Michael Galluccio*

Vice President: *Kathy Spinnler*

Treasurer: *Lauren Primavera*

Recording Secretary: *Beth DeVries*

Corresponding Secretary: *Cherisa Burk*

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Treasurer: *Dianne Kelly*

Thanks so much to this year’s Nominations Committee, Karen Borduin, Lisa Antropow and Cyndi Cavagnaro for all the work they did in finding candidates in order to keep the PTO going...

## PTO Meeting Update

The NHPTO held its monthly meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Ms. Cardiello expressed her gratitude to all who voted and helped to get the budget passed. She also gave thanks from her and the staff for the appreciation shown them thus far during “teacher appreciation week”.

Michele Cummins was proud to announce that approx. \$18,000 was raised at this year’s **Tricky Tray**. Thanks so much to everyone who helped and contributed. A very special thank you to Michele Cummins who did an outstanding job organizing this huge event. Getting ready for next year: a vote was taken and passed to have this event at The Tides in 2011 and raise admission to \$48 per person (cost includes valet parking). Mark your calendar...the tentative date is Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 2011!

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## NORTH HALEDON PTO



**TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE**

## PTO Update (cont'd)



Volunteer(s) needed to chair and organize a **School Apparel Sale**. Vendor has to be determined and orders placed NOW in order to prepare students for gym class (especially current 4<sup>th</sup> grade class moving up) in the 2010-2011 school year. Please contact Karen Jordan or Beth Johnson if you are willing and able to take on the Apparel Sale and/or if you have any questions.

This year's **Kindergarten Carnival** is scheduled for Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.

The **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Move-up** is Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

The dates for **Fingerprinting** and the **Father Daughter Dance** have not yet been set.

The idea of having a "no fundraising fundraiser" (when families are asked to make a contribution instead of making a purchase from a catalog) was suggested to take the place of the Fall Fundraiser next year. This idea, suggestions on how to implement it, as well as other fundraising ideas were tossed around by membership and are on the table for future discussion.

Thanks to all who attending this month's meeting.

The final meeting of the North Haledon PTO for this school year is scheduled for Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. in the all-purpose room at High Mountain School.

## Upcoming Performances

### 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>

### Talent Show at Memorial School

Thursday & Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

## Food Drive

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Brownie Troop #591 is holding a food drive to help out a local food pantry. Please send non-perishable food items and/or diapers, shampoo, toothpaste, and laundry detergent to school with your child. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated.



Collection bins can be found at each school.

**We will be collecting through Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.**

If you have any questions call Beth DeVries at 973-636-9113.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Corner - Class of 2010 -

### Attention Parents:

- It's not too late to submit one baby/toddler and one or more school-age photos of your child for the **8<sup>th</sup> grade DVD**. We'd like to have each child represented; we don't want anyone left out. Please submit all photos to Digna Siclari.
- The next **parent meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the library at HMS**. For updates, send your email address to cwaukamp@yahoo.com.
- Please send **final installment** of parent contributions to Cyndi Cavagnaro, 8<sup>th</sup> grade treasurer. If you have any questions or concerns regarding installments please contact Cyndi directly 973-423-1425.
- Class trip to **Rocking Horse Ranch** is June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- The **Dance** is Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **Graduation** is Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Beefsteak Dinner to benefit Jorge

Thank you to all who attended Jorge's Beefsteak or gave donations in the past! This year's 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](http://www.helpinghandsforjorge.org). THANK YOU!

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## Upcoming Programs and Activities in May

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



Singer/songwriters **Presley & Melody** will present a concert celebrating "Moms & Mother's Day" on Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. Borough children ages 2-5 and a parent/caregiver are invited to attend.



**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 are encouraged to volunteer as Senior Book Buddies! The next Book Buddies program will be May 7<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 May 14<sup>th</sup>. Children in grades K & up 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 p.m. *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett will be discussed at the May 19<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 May 21<sup>st</sup>. Students in grades 5-8 may sign up for 3:30 or 4:15 p.m.



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 May 25<sup>th</sup>.

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



# Student Achievement

## Principal's High Honor Roll – 3<sup>rd</sup> Marking-Period 2009-2010

Caroline Ajami	Mark Conforti	Stephen John	Magdaleen Nasser
Kathryn Ajami	Carly Englander	Ryan Johnson	Aaron Noriega
Thomas Alessandrello	Hope Foti	Gabriela Juniewicz	Francesca Romaniello
Hallee Balevski	Miranda Hasty	Katelyn Missonelli	Pauline Shomin
Kevin Behnke	Jonathan Hook	Peter Kelly	Steven Sole
Boris Beric	Rachel Hudspeth	Patrick Kiel	Michael Struck
Connor Bushoven	Timaf Ishak	Elijah Mathew	Elizabeth Visbeen
Jerrick Cavagnaro	Kayla Itez	Daniel McElrone	Nancy Zhang

## Principal's Honor Roll – 3<sup>rd</sup> Marking-Period 2009-2010

Dalida Abzagh	Dana Englander	Joseph Larkin	Justin Rozema
Abdullah Ahmad	Austin Espie	Madeline Larkin	Connor Schell
Ariana Alimi	Andrew Farrow	Eric Lee	Jessica Schottanes
Bianca Altadouka	Roseanna Fierro	Rachel Lee	Jaclyn Scott
Jarod Alvarod	Daniel Figueroa	Madeleine Lembo	Jay Scully
Jay Anthony	Olivia Fitzsimons	Amanda Lembo	Jennifer Scully
Kevin Baeli	Ethel Florencio	Henrick Malpica	Jasmin Shaba
Blaise Benevenga	Natalie Florio	Kyle Markham	Ardiana Shej
Sarah Bennett	Noelle Florio	Alexa Mazzoccoli	Michelle Silvestri
Vedran Beric	Joseph Fondacaro	Michael Mazzola	Alexa Simone
Anthony Bernal	Jennifer Foti	Erin McElrone	Stephanie Siok
Catherine Bernal	Julia Foti	Ellen McAlevey	Max Skelly
Amy Bhatt	Shane Furst	Jahnelle McNamara	Nicholas Stanziale
Natasha Brancato	Gianna Fusaro	Gabriel Mecionis	Michael Stanziale
Nicholas Burk	Stephanie Gabriel	Maia Merza	Ryan Stevens
Samantha Calkins	Madison Galluccio	Matthew Morgantini	Valentina Suizzo
Gianna Cangelosi	Younis Ghie	Daniel Morreale	Filis Sulejmani
Gabriella Carrizo	Alexa Gretkowski	Anthony Napolitano	Skylar Tait
Joseph Carrozza	Rachel Gretkowski	Katelyn Nickles	Frank Tandurella
Amy Cha	Kelly Hasty	Kelly Nickles	Joseph Tandurella
Ashley Cha	David Havlin	Peter Palamidis	Sarah Teschon
Matthew Cifelli	Tyler Hewitt	Evan Paradiso	Kierra Thompson
Jaclyn Conte	Adrianna Hoogerhyde	Alyssa Pawlowski	Austin Thompson
Cassandra Convertino	John Hoogerhyde	Brian Pawlowski	Julianna Tolerico
ToniAnn Convertino	Kayla Huntington	Austin Philip	Andrew Vander Wiele
Colleen Costello	Katalina Hwangbo	Olivia Polzer	Noelle Verhoog
Liam Costello	Nicholas Inturrisi	Zachary Polzer	Christopher Wolfe
Patrick Costello	Michael Jordan	Kayla Post	Leah Woods
Anthony DeBlasio	Christine Josephs	Kevin Purcell	Nicholas Zeitlinger
Dana DelPizzo	Michael Josephs	Jesus Ramos	Emma Zelaya
Katelyn Diva	Danielle Kieffer	Amanda Reiner	Abbey Zollo
Barry Dooley	Joseph Kieffer	Veronica Rosselli	Cassandra Zuccola
Patric Dooley	Aidan Lalley		

April 2010



## 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 in North Haledon
  - 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
  - Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> Father/Daughter Dance (TENTATIVE EVENT)
  - 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"
  - Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten Carnival (rain date June 11<sup>th</sup>)
  - Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> Memorial School Talent Show
    - 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).*