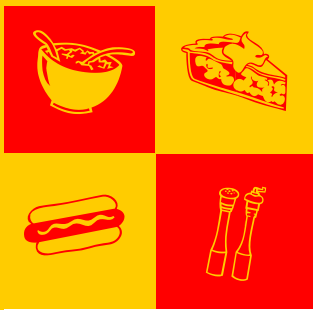


Hope Highlands PTO Newsletter



Note From the President

I think it is finally safe to say that spring has finally arrived. The grass is green and the birds are chirping. Yesterday, I saw a bunny; a squirrel and 2 birds actually playing together under a great, big pine tree. That says "spring" to me! Our Beautification Committee: Tara Kerman, April Schmidt and Doreen Tennett, have also taken advantage of this nice weather and organized an outstanding "Family Planting Day". It truly was a beautiful day and one with a tremendous reward. Thank you to all of the families for giving up their morning to make our schools exterior reflect the warmth of the interior. This project would not have been possible without each and every one of you. Thank you!

Our Sunshine Committee: Julie Altieri & Donna Hart have also been very busy this past week with our annual Teacher Appreciation week. They organized breakfast & lunch for our teachers and staff, as well as organized fun ways for our school community to say thank you for all of the wonderful things that they do for our children. Thank you ladies for all of your hard work in organizing this special week. Our 6th Grade Committee chairs: Mikyong Mobilia & Tessa Will organized a fun dodge ball tournament for our sixth grade students. It was a fun evening for the students. Thank you to our teachers: Mr. Colantonio & Mr. Watterson for volunteering their time for this event.

Our May 10th PTO meeting was our Volunteer Appreciation meeting. This meeting was our opportunity to thank our parent volunteers for all of the time they have committed throughout the school year. Our PTO would not be able to do the things that the do without you. Thank you!

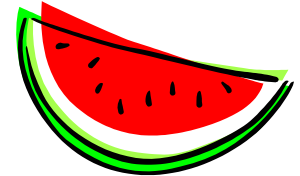
It has been a very busy year at Hope Highlands with more to come over the next several weeks. We will be wrapping up the school year with a Family Bingo Night, Field Day and the Year End Celebrations for Kindergarten and Sixth Grade. Our final PTO meeting will be on June 14th. In keeping with tradition, it will be a dinner meeting. This has always been a fun way to wrap up the school year and to celebrate all that we have accomplished as a team. The dinner meeting invite will be going home soon. We hope you can join us!

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Ellen Tetreault to the Executive Board. Ellen will be taking over for Denise Principe as Corresponding Secretary. Although we will miss Denise we are excited to work with Ellen in the upcoming school year. We know that she will make a wonderful addition to the team. Welcome aboard!

We are still accepting requests to chair several of our PTO committees for the 2011-2012 school year. We would like to invite you to get involved. It is truly a rewarding experience and one that will benefit you more than you know. If you have any questions regarding a particular position, or need help determining what position would be a good fit for you; please contact me at dawnsasa@verizon.net. So grab a friend and join the PTO that leads the way!

Sincerely,

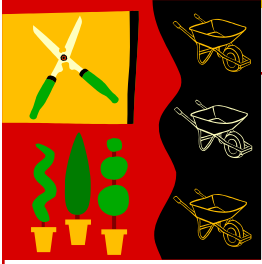
Dawn Sasa, PTO President



Dates to Note:

- May 18th—School Store
- May 20th—Bingo Night
6:30-7:30
- June 1st—Field Day
(Grades k-6)
- June 8th—K Graduation
- June 13th—6th Grade Field Day (rain date 6/14)
- June 14th—PTO Dinner Meeting
- June 16th—6th Gr. Graduation

Beautification



As part of the Earth Day grant Mr. Cowart received in the amount of \$650.00, two components had to be achieved. One component had to be (community involvement). This was our "Spring Family Planting Day". \$250.00 was donated from the grant towards 12 yards of mulch and plants that the PTO purchased for the Beautification Committee. The other was an (educational component). The students of Hope Highlands were allotted \$400.00 to create "Raised Vegetable Gardens" in the back of our school as well as bulbs to be planted around the school.

Also, Dawn Sasa was able to get many plants and shrubs at wholesale price from Superior Lawn Maintenance, Inc. Keith DiPetrillo, owner of the company, was so kind to walk the grounds and give some wonderful advise of what plants and shrubs would thrive on our school grounds. This allowed us to have a very successful "2011 Spring Family Planting Day" on May 7th. Many, many THANKS to The DiFazio, Kermen, Lopez, Principe, Ragosta, Sasa, Schmidt, Tennett and Tetreault families, who graciously volunteered their time to plant shrubs and spread mulch at our school. This was not an easy job, but the many hands we had made light work. The Kindergarten entrance and front entrance truly look spectacular.

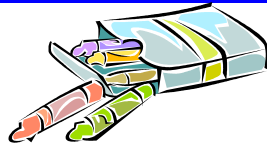
Also, a very special THANK YOU to the Sasa Family for donating the beautiful sitting benches we have displayed near the Kindergarten entrance and front entrance. The benches make a nice welcoming touch to the school.

Thank you again,

The Beautification Committee Tara Kermen, April Schmidt and Doreen Tennett

SCHOOL STORE

It's hard to believe that the end of the school year is right around the corner. I want to thank all the Mom's that helped me through out the year,



Deb Shapiro, Tracie Socia, Ellen

Tetreault, Anna Hanley, Kathy Turchetta and Melissa King.

You all made my job so much easier and a lot of fun too! I also want to thank all the families that supported the school store by sending in a little spending money for their children.

The students have so much fun shopping on their own and they learn a lot about making decisions and

the value of a dollar.

The last two days the School Store will be open this year are Wednesday, May 18th and Wednesday, June 1st.

Elaine Harrington PTO Vice President

HUSKY WEAR

Husky Wear has short sleeve T's available for boys, girls and the ladies.



Show your Husky pride during summer vacation.

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BOX TOPS

Friday, May 27 will be our final Box Tops & Tyson labels pick-up day. We'd like to get as many Box Tops as possible. Please check around your house to see if you have any labels that you may have overlooked and have not sent in. Our winning classroom will be announced after May 27. Several classes are in a very close race for the pizza or ice cream party so every Box Top counts!

Special thanks to our volunteers who helped count and sort nearly 20,000 Box Tops this year! They include Jeanne Blanchette, Kristin Cataldi, Michael Colizza, Michelle Eastman, Michelle Rannacher, and Tracie Socia. Thank you too to all the Hope Highlands families who sent in their Box Tops every month to support our school!

Judy Albright
Lauri Chung
Gina Harwood

JUNE DINNER MEETING

Please join us for the last PTO meeting of the year at Antonio's Trattoria on June 14, 2011 at 6:30pm.

Whether you have been to all of the meetings this year or none at all, we hope to see you there.

It is sure to be a fun night and a great way to end the school year!!

Dinner will include an appetizer, salad, choice of entrée, dessert, coffee & tea. A cash bar will be available.

The cost per person is \$35.00

Look for your invitation coming home soon in your child's folder.

Any questions please contact

Elaine Harrington at harringtony2k@cox.net or 451-9003

It's a Night of BINGO!!

Friday May 20th, 2011



In the school cafeteria

It will be an exciting night of fun and prizes.

The bingo event will not be played for money, just fun and prizes for all winners.

This is a free event hosted by the Special Events Committee

6th grade happenings...

Field day June 13, with a rain date of June 14.

We will be having an all day bash at Briggs field, complete with games, yearbook signings and food.

More info and permission slips coming home soon.



Reading Enrichment

Wow! We sold over 9,300 worth of books at the book fair. Great job everyone!

We just wanted to thank everyone who volunteered and helped us out during that busy week. We were able to purchase multiple teacher requests for books to add to the classrooms.

Thanks from the reading committee

Jackie Petrarca & Kelli Chilvers

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

A special thank you to our parent volunteers. These parents spent one afternoon for 5 to 6 weeks with your children teaching Junior Achievement. Several of our parents even took on more than one class. Their individuality is what made each lesson unique, fun, informational and always leaving the students wanting more. Their dedication and support of this program and our school is why Hope Highlands is the school that it is today.

Special Thanks to:

Kevin Dorsey, Paul Merlino, Kim McCann, Karen DiFazio, Annette Maggiacomo, Liz Reichardt, Judy Albright, Jeanne Blanchette, April Schmidt, Holly Marcello, Mary Flaherty, Caren Pacheco, Michelle Rannacher, Holly Ialongo,

Gloria Silvia & Anna Hanley.

This program would not be possible without each and every one of you!

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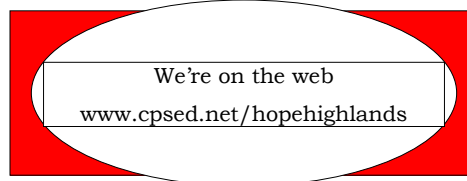
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Our most recent Annual Return (Form 990-EZ) and our Exemption Application (Form 1023) are available for public inspection and copying upon request by contacting Karen DiFazio at dif126@cox.net.



Open PTO Committees for 2011-2012

Please consider chairing one of our PTO committees for the 2011/2012 school year. We also welcome co-chairs if there is another parent that you would like to partner with.

The previous committee chair will provide you with a binder that will contain all of the information that you will need regarding your committee.

Available Committees

Beautification of Hope Highlands
Cranston Education Advisory (CEAB)
Entertainment Book/Cookie Dough Sale
Special Education Advisory Board (SEAB)
Technical Advisor
Volunteer Connection

We are also looking for a co-chair for Hospitality.

If you are interested in any of the listed committees please contact me at dawnsasa@verizon.net.