

# PTA Newsletter

June, 2008

A special PTA meeting will be held on Monday June 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM, in the home and careers room in the high school. The agenda includes voting for the 2008-09 PTA president, the fall fundraiser and other budget items. Please make every effort to attend.

The last PTA meeting was held on Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at the high school.

Treasurer, Pat Ackerman, reported that the spring fundraiser brought in approximately \$5,000. These funds will be used to cover the cost of the upcoming field days as well as provide healthy funds to start off the school year.

There was a brief discussion about the summer programs available to our children. For flyers regarding the town programs or school sports camps, please contact your school's secretary.

## Building Reports

AES had Kindergarten screening and orientation, and the book fair was very successful. The Playground committee has been established and is determining the equipment and playground layout and identifying funding options.

At WES, the tour for incoming third graders and their parents was held on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Each grade level had a field trip in May. Third grade went to the Bardavon and Indian Rock School House. Fourth grade visited

the State Museum in Albany and fifth grade went to the Maritime Museum in Norwalk CT.

## Budget and School Board Elections

Dr. Johns gave an overview of the school budget for 2008-09 and answered questions on the tax increase, academic program and cuts. The budget vote and Board of Education elections were held on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> and the budget and transportation proposal passed. Susan Lounsbury and Joe Herald kept their seats and Joe Matteo was elected to the third open seat.

## Volleyball Tournament

The volleyball tournament to raise funds for the Amenia Elementary playground was held on Saturday, May 10 in the high school and middle school gymnasiums. Chris and Tracy Ferreri chaired this event and along with a great committee, successfully raised over \$4,000 for the playground fund. The friendly competition among the staff from the different buildings and the parent groups was evident. The AES

team won the battle amongst the participating building teams. The overall tournament winning team was "The Mamas and the Papas" and the trophies were donated by Subway Sandwich Shop in Amenia. The AES team raised the most money in pledges and received a team pizza party that was donated by Four Brothers in Amenia. There is already talk of the next volleyball tournament being scheduled for the fall.

Spring Fundraiser Wrap-up--  
Chairperson Lenore Salmons

Thank you to all who helped support our Spring Fundraiser. Parents and 124 participating students pulled together to ensure that it was a success!

Due to the lateness of organizing it, we missed all important occasions so a quality Frozen Food product catalogue was selected. We still made over \$5000!

Participants were eligible for a drawing. The \$75 Best Buy gift card for students grades 6-12 was won by Nallely Ayala. The \$75 Toys R us gift card for the elementary grades was won by Cherokee Bishop.

Also I'd like to mention our top 3 sellers who will be awarded a Fudgies Gift certificate. The top 3 sellers include Kaycie Thorpe, Amy Hayes, and Jaron O'Connor. All sold over \$300 in frozen foods!

Lastly, THANK YOU and much appreciation to the EXCELLENT volunteers who helped with the Spring Fundraiser, especially on delivery day: Laura Grey, Tara Morey, Joann Herald and Trini Stevens

#### Book Fairs

A big thank you to Herb Johnson and Trini Stevens for organizing the spring book fairs, Buy One, Get One Free, at all three buildings. Thank you to all the volunteers.

#### PTA officer elections

EBMS vice president Herb Johnson, WHS vice president JoAnn Herald and 6-12 secretary Joanne Boyd will continue the second year of their terms. Nominations were received and voted for all other positions except PTA president. The new officers for the 2008-09 year are: AES vice president – Kristen Lazarus, WES co-vice presidents – Trini and Ella Stevens, treasurer K-12 – Kelly Baillargeon, secretary K-5 – Dawn Marie Klingner. Congratulations and thank you to all who stepped forward to assist in the PTA leadership.

#### PTA president position

Amy Zimlinghaus stepped forward to fill the PTA president position. A

special meeting will be held on Monday, June 16th for election of PTA president. Since the process has been re-opened, according to PTA guidelines, any other nominations for this position can be accepted and sent to Joanne Boyd, 373-7805. Please make every effort to attend the meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup> to vote, welcome and thank the president-elect.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Encourage your children to READ!