

PTA Newsletter

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The PTA met on 03/09/09 at WHS.

Beth Murphy, AES librarian and Tonise Baker, WES 5th grade teacher, discussed the PARP (Parents As Reading Partners) programs at their respective schools. The theme at AES was **Tropical Rainforests** and the school was decorated throughout. Mrs. Murphy also explained that every student at AES received a book, *Turtle and Snake*, and the entire school was reading the same book at home and discussing it at school. The theme at WES was **Reach for the World – Read** - and the PARP program started off with an assembly by historical author, Doreen Rappoport; this assembly was supported by PTA funds. Each student at WES received a PARP calendar which identified different reading activities for each day.

The treasurer reported that we have 102 paid members. Discussion followed on how to increase the number of parent members.

It is time to form a nominating committee to identify possible individuals to run for the PTA officer positions that will be open next year. If you would be willing to be on this committee, or run for an office, please contact Sue Pomeisl, 845 789 1127.

The School Supply Kit, a service/fundraiser through TARGET, was discussed by the members present. Each School Supply Kit contains a specific grade's school supplies which can be pre-ordered by parents and delivered to school. The list is determined by each teacher/grade and the cost per kit is determined by the supplies included and a \$5 'donation' to the PTA. More information and order forms will be sent home.

The Nutrition Committee had its second meeting on March 10th. Minutes were distributed via the PTA email.

Through a grant from the Berkshire Taconic Foundation, the NorthEast Community Center and the Webutuck School District are sponsoring a **three part parent workshop series**: two sessions cover *Child Development through Adolescence* and the last session presents *Current Drug Trends*. The dates are Wednesdays, April 15th, 22nd and 29th, beginning at 6pm in the high school auditorium. For more information and to register please contact Sara at the NorthEast Community Center, 518-789-4259, ext.102, sara@nessmillerton.org.

On Saturday, April 25th the **PTA Spring Fling** is back - This dinner and dancing evening will be held at Strada's on Rte 22 in Wingdale. Strada's will be open exclusively for the Spring Fling with a full dinner and music by DJ Joey. Tickets are \$32 per person and sales are limited to 100. Tickets are available by contacting JoAnn Herald, 845 789 1111, Laura Grey, 845 373 8337 or stopping by Jessica's Hair Salon in Amenia.

Get connected.....

sign up and receive information from the Key Communicator . A great way to receive *up to the minute* school district information via email.

Contact Tracy Trotter at
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Vice President News

AES/WES

A BIG THANK YOU to Mari-Ann Hoke who helped to coordinate Movie Night.

Thank you also to all those who donated baked goods for movie night, Tori Alexander, Tanya Furey, Tara Morey, Ulli Romanowski, and Ann Sheeley; and Kelly Roger who made the "Alex the Lion" cake for a raffle.

The PTA will be hosting 3 more movie nights to provide a fun and family-friendly activity. We hope the next 3 movie nights will be successful fundraisers as well. So mark your calendars and bring along pillows and blankets to WES on March 27th, April 17th and May 15th.

If you are interested in helping with future events please feel free to contact Kristen Lazarus at 518-789-9405.

**The next PTA meeting is
Monday, May 11th, 6 PM at AES.**
Baby sitting available for school aged children

2008-2009 Officers

President Sue Pomeisl
AES VP Kristen Lazarus
WES VP Ella & Trini Stevens
EBMS VP Herb Johnson
WHS VP JoAnn Herald
Secretary K-5 Dawn Marie Klingner
Secretary 6-12 Joanne Boyd
Treasurer Mary Murphy
and

Parent volunteer YOU... Join today

Upcoming MARCH events

**Friday, March 27th at 6:30 at WES
movie night**

**Saturday, March 28th at the HS,
Family Picture Day - call Dawn
845 559-4797 –
Walk ins available.**

**Saturday, March 28th @ 1:00pm at
the HS, Volleyball tournament to
benefit the playground fund-
There is still time to join a team-
spectators are needed to cheer the
players on!**

Upcoming APRIL events

April 1st is **Science Night**. The activities are geared toward families with children up to 6th grade, information has been sent home describing the activities, time schedule and dinner selections.

The **Book Fairs, BUY ONE GET ONE FREE**, begin the week of April 20 at EBMS and then run consecutive weeks at WES and AES. Contact Herb Johnson, 373 6056 if you can volunteer your time to work the book sale.