

PTA Newsletter

The Third PTA meeting of the year was held on Monday January 11, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at WES.

Welcome, Mr. Lee Bordick, our new interim superintendent. Mr. Bordick is a retired New York State superintendent; he was superintendent in Lansingburg, (outside Troy) for 23 years. He started his career teaching science before entering administration. Since retiring in 2007, he has been an interim middle school principal and interim superintendent at Chatham. He has also taught at the College of St. Rose.

President Sue Pomeisl began the discussion on Safety. There was a discussion about the changes in the morning drop off procedures and it was suggested that more signage be placed so the crossing on Haight Road between the schools would be safer. Mr. Bordick also mentioned that the Board of Education is contracting with a Risk Management company to assess our campus. The results of this assessment will be given to the BOE in early February.

Rebecca Cossa, from the NorthEast Community Center, spoke about the Community Garden project that is being planned. The committee hopes to locate the garden at the high school and the intent is that all grades will use the garden as an edible classroom. The produce would be used to supplement the cafeteria when possible, be consumed by the students in the afterschool clubs and be sold during the summer at the Farmer's Market.. For more information please contact the North East Community Center at (518) 789- 4259

There was a discussion about increasing the publicity for the BOX TOPS program and Campbell Soup labels, since it is an 'easy way' to raise funds. Tara Morey was thanked for her help in organizing the box tops. There is a collection box at WES and labels can be sent into the EBIS office since that box has temporarily disappeared

Reminder: Send in your Box Tops and Campbell Soup Labels with your child.

Vice President News

WES

The Holiday Shop was a big success. A BIG thank you to **Holli Dunlavey** and **Carrie Whitehead** who spent many hours finding just the right gifts; the children had a great time shopping. We hope you enjoyed opening the very special items your children carefully chose for you. Thank you to the many parents who helped the children choose and wrap the gifts: **Nicole CuvIELlo, Tanya Furey, Patti Hayes, Brenda Johnson, Kelly Mayette, Tara Morey, Ulli Romanowski, Marnie Sinclair, Karen Storms, Helen Warren, Renee Whitehead, and Jessica Wolfe.** Your time was appreciated!

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Trini Stevens, Science Night chair, reported that plans are underway for the annual Family Math and Science Night to be held on Thursday, March 25 at the high school. The main assembly will be a presentation called "**The Wright Stuff**" from the Children's Museum of CT.

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 ttrotter@webutuckschools.org

The next PTA meeting is Monday, March 1st, 6 PM at WHS.

SAVE THE DATE:

Spring fundraiser/fun event will be an adult Spring Fling – dinner and dancing at **The Pond** in Ancramdale on April 9th. There will be a buffet, including prime rib, dessert and cash bar. The flyer will be sent home shortly.

OPEN OFFICER SEATS:

For the 2010-2011 School year the PTA has the following seats open

President (PreK-12)

WES- Vice President (PreK-3)

Treasurer- Pre-K thru 12

Secretary- Pre-K thru 12

Fund Raiser Chair Person

If you are interested in filling one of these open seats please feel free to call (845) 789-1032 or come to the next meeting 3/1/2010.

Membership

As of January 15th, we have a total of 136 official card-carrying PTA members; about half are school staff, which is a great percentage of our staff. PARENTS are a bit under represented! We have surpassed our goal of 120 members, **thank you**, but as always, we are looking for more! If you are a parent of a pre-school student and you are just getting into the 'school thing', supporting the PTA is a wonderful start. If you are an old-hand at this, and just haven't gotten around to sending in the membership sheet and donation, please do not put it off any longer. National PTA is encouraging more participation of male members since this is the first year a male has been the national PTA president - two of our own Webutuck officers are men --we know the rest of you are out there! So far, we have 25 male members, 17 are Webutuck staff. Only one name can go on a card, there is no family membership, so we would welcome your spouse's membership if he has not joined yet. Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Joanne Boyd 373 7805, membership chair.

HOW DO YOU JOIN???

It's easy to become a member:

1. **Complete the Membership Form**
2. **Return Form and Dues to any PTA Officer or send in with your child**
3. **You're a member, Welcome.**

Webutuck PTA Membership 2009-2010

Membership DUES \$5.00 (please make checks payable to Webutuck PTA)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Student name(s) and grade(s) _____

_____ I am available during the school day, if given notice

_____ I am willing to donate/bake for events

_____ I am willing to help with fundraising and/or planning that can be done from my home

Your Suggestions: _____

Membership paid _____ date _____

Card# _____ date _____

**Send this in to school with your child or give to any PTA Officer

High School Donations

High school parents were invited to support the PTA's involvement at the 7th through 12th grades by making a donation to help support the Rachel's Challenge program which will be presented to the students and community in March. A big thanks to families who have responded so generously already, we have received \$150 dollars from 9 families. The information is on the Webutuck website under PTA and if you have any questions, please contact

Joanne Boyd, 373 7805

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