

November 13, 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians of Webutuck Junior Senior High School students,

The Webutuck PTA supports our students in all grades, including grades 7 through 12. Some examples of what we have funded/supported in the past years are the holiday and honor roll refreshments, assembly programs, Drug Free – Red Ribbon Week, Senior Class breakfast and graduation flowers, the play and yearbook. This year for the first time we have offered a Book Fair for the 7-12<sup>th</sup> graders.

Historically, the PTA has depended on our Fall Fundraiser to raise the money to cover the budgeted items for our students. These catalogues have been sent home with all students and the support from our community has been good. Unfortunately, the catalogue was never sent home with the junior and senior high students and we were not aware of this until the due date came and went. We understand that all the classes and clubs, along with the two overseas trips are all involved in fundraising for their particular needs and the PTA does not want to compete with the various groups and overwhelm our families and community. However, we budgeted to support an exciting new program, ***Rachel's Challenge***, for the 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades, along with the recurring expenses for these grades, and we anticipated raising most of that money in our Fall Fundraiser. This did not happen.

At the last PTA meeting, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, this issue was discussed and the PTA members determined that it is a busy time, and there are many fundraisers going on in the weeks before the holidays. What we are asking of all families is to make a donation, -no catalogues, no candy or wrapping paper, etc. - \$5, \$10, or whatever you wish to send, would be most appreciated. Please send it in an envelope, marked Webutuck PTA, to the high school office or mail it to Webutuck PTA, Webutuck High School, Haight Road, Amenia, NY 12501. We will list all donors on a poster to be displayed in the front entrance of Webutuck High School. We thank you for your support and appreciate your donation.

If you would like more information on the ***Rachel's Challenge*** program, the website is [www.rachelschallenge.org](http://www.rachelschallenge.org). Rachel was the first student killed at Columbine in 1999 and her father began this program to spread Rachel's code of ethics – change the world one person at a time by showing compassion to another and starting a chain- reaction of kindness. It has been used in over 1000 schools – the local districts include Taconic Hills, Arlington and Millbrook. The program includes a school-wide assembly, a community presentation, training of peer leaders and a curriculum to continue the aspects of the assembly.

Again, thank you for supporting our students and the Webutuck PTA.

Sue Pomeisl, PTA president  
Herb Johnson, PTA Vice president, 7-12

Webutuck Junior Senior High School PTA Donation Campaign

## “I Support Webutuck Junior/Senior High School”

Your support is greatly appreciated!!

Please return this form with your donation. Your student can bring the envelope to the main office or mail it to:

Webutuck Central School  
Webutuck PTA Pre K-12  
194 Haight Road,  
Amenia NY 12501

Family

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Children/grades \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: cash or check

\$5.00

\$10.00

\$20.00

other \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Webutuck PTA

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