

April 2010

Upcoming PTA Meeting:
Tues., April 13th
6:00-7:00 p.m.
In the Café

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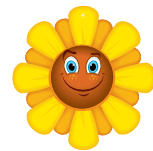
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Presidents' Letter



Dear Families, Faculty, Staff and Friends:

Spring is in the air! We hope that everyone enjoyed Spring Break and all the warm weather that came along with it! Seeing all of the flowers and trees coming to life helps us to appreciate the Earth and all of its beauty.

Did you know that this year marks the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day? Show how much you care about our Earth. Come together with friends and neighbors and take part in a neighborhood clean-up or a community garden. Make an Earth Day resolution with your family – make one change to help the Earth this year and stick to it. (For example, recycling whenever possible!) Our students have already made commitment by making wild flower seed balls last October. Children will plant these seed balls on Thursday, April 22nd (Earth Day) around our school and the Pine Hills Library. (The rain date will be April 23rd). We look forward to seeing the fruits of their labor.

Just a reminder about some upcoming events: **PHES Community Open House** on scheduled for Saturday, April 17th from 10 a.m to 1 p.m.; and the **PHES Play "Dorothy Meets Alice"** has an evening performance on Friday, April 30th at 7 p.m. and a daytime performance on Monday, May 3rd.

Happy Earth Day everyone!

Maria Karandy and Patti Jakovic
Co-Presidents

PINE HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, April 17th from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Plan to come to the PHES Open House. There will be building tours, an educational fair, face painting, schoolwork displays, raffle and prizes. At 11 a.m. Anne Miller will speak about tips for testing. Encourage your friends and neighbors to come and see what makes our school so special!

*Refreshments will be served

**All students must be accompanied by an adult

For more information about this and other PHES events, check out PHES website at: <http://phes.albany.k12.ny.us>

For submissions to the PTA Newsletter, please e-mail information to:
phespta@ymail.com;
or contact:
Patti Jakovic at 482-2093 or
Maria Karandy at 209-3783.



NURSE'S CORNER

By Suzanne McCarthy



TALK TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT WHAT THEY LEARNED IN HEALTH CLASS!

As the School Nurse Teacher, I go into the classrooms and teach children skills needed to help them live long, healthy, productive lives. These skills include Self-Esteem building, Effective Communication, Decision Making, Goal Setting, Stress Management in content areas of Personal Safety, The Right Choice (HIV/AIDS), An Ounce of Prevention (communicable and non-communicable diseases) and A Changing You, (dealing with our changing bodies).

I encourage all students to discuss with family members what they have learned in health class as they have much to share!!!! If they are not sharing with you, then please ask!!!

We have also turned a corner and are now heading toward the end of the school year. Here are some reminders for what to have ready for the start of our 2010/2011 school year:

All entering 6th graders need their NYS required Tdap vaccine

All students entering Kindergarten, 2nd grade, 4th grade and new entrants need to submit their NYS required Health Physicals

And an early reminder to remember to pick up any medications your child may have in the RN office that you may need over summer vacation.

Any questions, please call the Health Office at 475-6730

PINE HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION HOSTS SPRING 2010 NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP SATURDAY, APRIL 24TH FROM 9 AM – 12 PM

COME HELP WHIP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD INTO
SHAPE!

Where: Ridgfield Park Parking Lot on Partridge near Myrtle (for neighborhood street clean up);

or

The Benches in front of Trustco Bank on Madison (for "Upper Madison Business District" clean up).

All ages are welcome!! For more information contact the Pine Hills Neighborhood Association at PineHillsNA@gmail.com or (518)489-0728.

Don't forget: St. Andrews Church on North Main Ave. (between Western and Madison) hosts a free community dinner for families on the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. and the Pine Hills Neighborhood Association holds their meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the LaSalle School on Western Ave.

PHES DOLPHINS BASKETBALL UPDATE

(BY MARIA KARANDY)

Congratulations to the PHES Dolphins for winning their last game of the season against Hackett! While they did not advance to the playoffs, they did end up tied for fourth place! Great job Dolphins!

Special thanks to our wonderful coaches, **Ms. DePace, Mr. Dupuis** and **Mr. Eastman**, for all their hard work...without them, our children may not have had an opportunity to participate in this wonderful, team experience! Thanks to PAL for sponsoring this program and to the PHES Basketball Team: **Patrick Ghyll, Shaun Franklin, Deontee Branham-Pizarro, Chris Baldwin, Jarrell Chaney, Demeetrius Katsares, Joey Karandy, Devonte Haslip, Perriel Rich, Nyguel Williams** and **Isaiah Tucker**.

GO DOLPHINS!

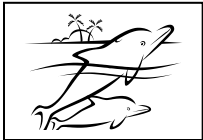
20th Annual William Kennedy Jr. Writers' Week News

(by Mrs. Gwin)

Illustrator James Ransome will be our guest local author for the 20th Annual William Kennedy Jr. Writers' Week. Mr. Ransome will present three assemblies for our students in the morning on Wednesday, May 19th.

The Children's Book Council named James Ransome as one of seventy-five authors and illustrators everyone should know. James has won the Coretta Scott King illustration award for two of his books and his books have been Reading Rainbow selections. We are thrilled to have Mr. Ransome as our guest author/illustrator!

We will be sending home a list of books that can be purchased. Mr. Ransome will sign the books during his visit. Books must be prepaid in cash by Friday, April 16.



PHES Long-Sleeve T-Shirts
Available for Purchase at
School Store now -- \$10 each



RECYCLE AND EARN MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL

(by The Green Committee)

Every Monday morning the recycling bin will be out in front of the school so that families can recycle their newspapers. Help save the Earth and earn money for our school at the same time!

Box Tops for Education

(by Sarah Beeler)

Please continue collecting Box Tops for Education. These are found on a variety of General Mills items. A collection box is located in the main office. Start collecting today!

SCHOOL NEWS

NYSSMA Update (by Mr. Lindquist): Congratulations to all of the band students who participated in the NYSSMA festival at Hackett. The following students did a superb job!

Xhuliano Brace scored an "Excellent" on his trombone solo

Jarrell Chaney scored an "Excellent" on his snare drum solo

Joey Karandy scored an "Excellent" on his snare drum solo

T.J. Robertson scored an "Excellent" on his trumpet solo

Michael Jakovic scored an "Outstanding" on his clarinet solo

SCIENCE FAIR Update (by Mrs. Tricozzi): The following students have been selected to represent PHES at the Joseph Henry Science Fair on Friday, April 16th : **Michael Jakovic; Anndriana Johnson;** the team of **Christian Maldonado and Joey Karandy; Sara Popp;** and the team of **Jala' Moore and Ivory Moore.** The judges were impressed with ALL the projects. Congratulations to Everyone!

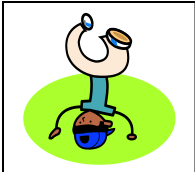
SPELLING BEE Update (by Mrs. Gwin): Sixth Grader **Benzie Johnson** represented PHES and Albany City Schools in the Capital Region Spelling Bee at Proctor's Theater on Monday, March 15th. There were over 100 contestants from schools around the area. After a five hour competition, Benzie finished in the top 20! Benzie was so enthusiastic about the competition, that his photo was featured on the front page of the Times Union! Way to go Benzie!

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11	12	13 BLT Meeting 1:15-3:15 pm PTA Meeting 6-7 pm (Café)	14	15 School Banking Spring Fundraiser Pick-Up 1:00-5:30 pm	16 Joseph Henry Science Fair at St. Rose School Store	17 PHES Open House 10 am – 1 pm
18	19	20	21	22 EARTH DAY Plant Bundles of Beauty (rain date April 23) School Banking	23 School Store	24 Pine Hills N.A. - Neighborhood Clean-Up 9 am – 12 pm
25	26	27	28	29 School Banking	30 School Store PHES Play “Dorothy Meets Alice” 7:00 pm	

THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who came out and danced at the PIA's annual Family Dance. It was a lot of fun! We were fortunate to have so many people help out with this event - special thanks to: Eunju Lee, Ebony Graham, Dawn Garces, Linda DiPietro, Laura Paigo, Stephanie Pinchbeck, Danielle Penn, Navasia Collier, Karen Gardy, Carolyn Keefe, and the anonymous winner of the 50/50 raffle who graciously donated her winnings back to the PIA!



**REMINDER – IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT OR TARDY,
PLEASE CALL THE MAIN OFFICE AT 475-6725 BEFORE 9 AM.**