

June 2010

Upcoming PTA Meeting:
Wed., June 9th
6:00-7:00 p.m.
In the Café

Please Note Date/Time Change

**PTA Officers
2009-2010**

Maria Karandy
Co-President
209-3783

Patti Jakovic
Co-President
482-2093

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331-0051

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2nd Vice-President
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475-6725

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459-1704

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458-2312

Sonya Flowers
Corresponding
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475-6725

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Representative
482-2504

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475-6725

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Presidents' Letter



Dear Families, Faculty, Staff, Students and Friends:

Thank you to all the volunteers who came out in support of PTA events, to all the families-teachers-staff who participated in our fundraisers, to all of the PTA officers who served this year, as well as those who have endeavored to take on officer positions for the upcoming school year. It has been wonderful to come together with all of you for the betterment of our children. Your support has been greatly valued and appreciated.

To those families and students who will be moving on to middle school next year ~ you will be missed! We wish you all the best of luck and much success as work toward your future goals. Remember that anything is possible!

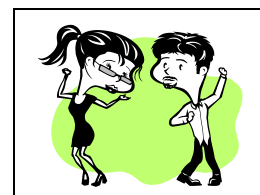
It has truly been an awesome year and we wish all of you a safe and happy summer. See you in the fall.

Maria Karandy and Patti Jakovic
Co-Presidents

***PLEASE CONSULT THE CALENDAR ON
THE LAST PAGE FOR THIS MONTH'S EVENTS.**



You Can Help Give
Our Older Kids
A Great Dance!!!



The PTA will be hosting the 4th-6th Grade Dance on
Friday, June 18th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

We could use some help decorating, chaperoning, and cleaning up, plus the PTA will be selling yearbooks. The more parents we have helping, the better the dance will be for the kids. If you can help out, please contact Carolyn Keefe at 482-2504 or

kpbitbox@gmail.com. Thanks!!

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.

BLT Report & Many Thanks

By Carolyn Keefe

The PHES Building Leadership Team has completed our Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP) for this year, which is available for review upon request in the Main Office. The CEP looks at three basic areas of instruction – English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, and Literacy Across the Content Areas (in all subjects). A fourth section focuses on Family and Community Involvement.

We made a commitment to develop targeted, measurable goals that would both help to improve instruction and increase involvement. Since we identified specific goals early on, we turned some of our efforts to revising the previous plan outline to fit our needs and developing a new structure that we hope will serve us well in developing future plans.

Since my youngest daughter is graduating this year, the BLT is seeking a new Parent/Family Representative. Representatives are chosen through the PTA nominating process, so if you're interested, please contact the PTA or you can call me at 482-2504. The primary responsibilities are to participate in meetings, report back to the PTA and in the newsletter when appropriate, plus help support the Family and Community Involvement Committee. It's incredibly important that parents and families are represented on the BLT.

Representing our incredible parents and families on the BLT has been such privilege for me. I hope I have been a voice for all parents and families, articulating your many varied concerns and ensuring that your needs are heard on the Team. I have learned in the ten years that my children have attended School 16 and Pine Hills Elementary that no matter where we come from, what language we speak, what we look like, or what our family situation is, we all have the same desires and dreams for our children and work hard to do our best for them. I have enjoyed getting to know the incredible kids, families, and staff in the Pine Hills Elementary School community.

I know that my husband and I will always be immensely grateful that our daughters, Emma and Sara, have had such an incredibly creative, enriching, and supportive environment in which to grow up. They were given a wonderful foundation for learning, and their spirits and hearts were nurtured as well. They were always accepted for who they are and learned to embrace differences while recognizing similarities that all people share. Not only are the girls good students, but they are better people for having grown up here.

We thank all the many teachers, support staff, and administrators who took the time get to know our girls and nurture them along over the years. Volunteering on the BLT, and with the PTA, has allowed me to see up close how dedicated everyone is to the success of all the children in the building. They really understand how children learn, the many different ways they learn, and what they need to learn.

We also cherish the many friendships we've developed over the years while helping the PTA. This wonderful group of volunteers works tirelessly to help make the school better for our kids, and need even more help to keep the PTA strong. Even though making time to help out can be difficult, we have enjoyed participating in this wonderful community – it has given back to us tenfold what we have given it.

As we and our children finish this chapter in our family life, we are taking with us many fond memories and a special place in our hearts for Pine Hills Elementary School. Thank you for everything!

SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR:

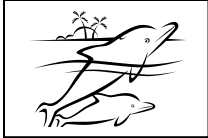
THE SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR WILL BE HELD JUNE 2, 3, 4TH. THIS WILL BE OUR BIG BUY ONE GET ONE!!!!

WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS!!!! IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING PLEASE CONTACT KERRI AT 331-0051.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

PLANT SALE: THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PURCHASED PLANTS FROM OUR SALE. WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL ENJOY THEM ALL SUMMER. WE WERE ABLE TO RAISE APPROXIMATELY \$800 TOWARD OUR PTA FUNDRAISING GOAL FOR THE YEAR! SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS: CHRISTINE MARTINELLI, CATHY HUTTNER, AND DEANALEE CAMPBELL.

FALL FUNDRAISER SET: WE WILL KICK OFF THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR WITH A COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER IN SEPTEMBER. PLEASE PLAN TO SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS!



Reserve your Copy of the PHE\$ Yearbook Now!
A limited quantity is still available for pre-order during the month of June at a cost of \$10 each.
Be sure to get your yearbook while supplies last.



END OF THE YEAR REMINDER FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE:

- *PLEASE PICK UP ANY MEDICATIONS IN THE NURSE'S OFFICE;
- *PLEASE SUBMIT REQUIRED 2010-2011 SCHOOL PHYSICALS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING PRE-K, KINDERGARTEN, 2nd and 4th GRADES;
- *PLEASE SUBMIT ALL NYS REQUIRED IMMUNIZATION DOCUMENTATION; and
- *ANYONE WHO NEEDS IMMUNIZATION COPIES FOR SUMMER CAMP PLEASE CONTACT MRS. MCCARTHY AT 475-6730.

PLEASE HAVE A HAPPY, FUN, EXCITING AND SAFE SUMMER AND WE WILL SEE YOU IN THE FALL!

SIXTH GRADE PIZZA LUNCH AND BAGEL BREAKFAST

THE PTA WILL SPONSOR A PIZZA LUNCH ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16TH AND A BAGEL BREAKFAST ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23RD FOR SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS.

VOLUNTEERS ARE GREATLY NEEDED!
PLEASE CONTACT KERRI AT (518)331-0051 TO HELP OUT.

NUA-PTA CONNECTION

MANY THANKS TO MRS. BRUCE, MISS LEE AND MRS. TRICOZZI FOR CREATING AN NUA-PTA PARTNERSHIP THIS YEAR AND PRESENTING STRATEGIES FOR PARENTS TO ASSIST CHILDREN IN LEARNING. WE LOOK FORWARD TO OUR CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP IN THE FUTURE!

SCHOOL NEWS

NEW SCHOOL HOURS FOR 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR: PHE\$ begins a new earlier start time for the 2010-2011 school year. The breakfast program will start at 7:40 a.m. and students may begin entering the building at 7:45 a.m. School will begin at **8:05 a.m.** and dismissal will be at **2:35 p.m.**

GEOGRAPHY BEE INFORMATION (by Mrs. Gwin): There is still time to participate in the Geography Bee! Return the permission slip to Mrs. Gwin and receive your packet of questions. The preliminary Geography Bee will be Thursday, June 10 in the library and the ten highest scoring students will compete in the final Geography Bee on Thursday, June 17 in the café.

LITTLE D/15 LOVE ESSAY AND ART CONTEST UPDATE (by Mrs. Gwin): Congratulations to the following students who won the "Little d/15 Love Essay and Art Contest: Anthony Howard, Reem Nagi, Natalia Archambault, and Treisy Valeria Guardado-Romero from Mrs. Tricozzi's 4th grade and Malika LeMonier, Arianna Brooks, and Collin Donley from Mrs. Jones' 4th grade. The students had lunch with the Tulip Queen and received a cash award. Their artwork was displayed in the window of the Little Book House. Congratulations!

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Scholastic Book Fair	3 Field Day Scholastic Book Fair	4 Field Day (Rain Date) Scholastic Book Fair	5 Talent Show 11:00-1:00 pm Sixth Grade Car Wash 1:00-3:00 pm
6	7 Father Breakfast	8	9 PTA Meeting 6:00-7:00 pm	10 Preliminary Geography Bee (Library)	11	12
13	14 Pre-K Celebration 10:00 am Spring Concert 7:00 pm	15 Kindergarten Celebration 10:00 am BLT Meeting 1:15-3:15 pm	16 Sixth Grade Pizza Lunch	17 Awards Day Ceremony 10:00 am Final Geography Bee (Café) 2:15 pm	18 Good Choices Celebration Beach Party Grade 4-6 Dance 5:30-7:00 pm	19
20	21	22 Grade 6 Moving-up Ceremony 10:00 am	23 Sixth Grade Bagel Breakfast <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">EARLY DISMISSAL</div>	24 Last Day of School	25	26
27	28	29	30			



**THE PHES TALENT SHOW AND
SIXTH GRADE CAR WASH FUNDRAISER
WILL BE HELD **SATURDAY, JUNE 5TH**.**

PLEASE COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN!



Talent Show 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Sixth Grade Car Wash 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

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