

Pleasantdale PTA Newsletter

Friday, December 10, 2011

Message from the President

I would like to thank all of the families who donated treats and bottled water to our teachers during conferences. This is just one of the many ways we say "Thank You" to our teachers and staff for all of their hard work.

On Sunday, December 4th, the Pleasantdale PTA held its first Winter Wonderfest and Craft Show. It was an amazing afternoon! I want to thank Jennifer Hawbaker, Kathy Hadraba, Lisa Uckerman, Kristin Violante, Ann Marie Daker and all of our parent and student volunteers who made the afternoon such a huge success. The children enjoyed all of the activities as well as the magic show, and the parents enjoyed browsing through the hallways and gyms searching for the perfect gifts! Additionally, our Santa's Workshop was busy all day. The children enjoyed doing their own holiday shopping.

The annual Holiday Sweet Table is being held on December 21st at both schools. This is a time when all of the school families are asked to send in a donation of a baked good. The staff, in turn, browses the baked goods and chooses a little of each of what they would like to take home. Each staff member obtains a variety of goodies from each family's donations. It is such a welcome treat for the staff and it is one way to show our appreciation! We will have drop off at both schools on Tuesday the 21st from 3:00-3:45 pm and on Wednesday morning from 8:00-9:30 am. We ask that with your "sweet donation" you attach a family photo

or holiday card. The staff really enjoyed this last year. Thank you once again to Kim Gilman and her committee for organizing this event!

Please do not forget the holiday parties at Elementary as well. They will be held on December 22nd. Please support your room reps as this is not an easy job. We appreciate them stepping up to volunteer as the classroom representative. Also – **if you have not paid your class party fees, better late than never!** Please send \$6.00 in per child in an envelope marked *Class Party Fees*.

After the holidays, I know many of you have empty gift baskets that you store away in your attic and never use. This year, we will be having a basket drop off at both schools on Wednesday, January 11th from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. We are looking for all shapes and sizes to be used at our Adult Social on March 2, 2012. If you have baskets you wish to donate and cannot drop off, please contact Jennifer Hennessy at (708) 467-0837. We will gladly come to you and get those old baskets off your hands.

The PTA will be selling our Pleasantdale "Fraimz" for \$3.00. The Fraimz will adhere to stainless steel, laptops, walls and lockers. All you need to do is insert a picture, peel and stick. Don't forget to Save the Date for A Night in Havana, The Adult Social and Silent Auction, March 2, 2012. Tickets for this event are also on sale now. We have 300

tickets for this event. Tickets are \$30.00 per ticket. If you would like to make a donation or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at jenn.hennessy@comcast.net or (708) 467-0837. Finally, I want to extend my wishes to each family for a wonderful, safe holiday and a happy 2012!

See you next year!

Jennifer Hennessy
President



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TREASURER'S REPORT

- Dawn Parente, Treasurer

As of November 30, 2011 the Pleasantdale PTA's cash balance was **\$28,888**.

There was income of \$13,471 mostly from the Innisbrook sales. There were expenses of \$9,764, mostly from Innisbrook and Winter Fest.

The PTA is now accepting credit cards as a form of payment at all upcoming PTA events. For more information, contact Jennifer Hennessy (708)467-0837.

Please note that the Income and Check Requisition Forms are available at each school and online (under the PTA link). Using attachments like Excel or Word to summarize this information is strongly encouraged so that it is easier to submit. In addition, if you have

cash as income, you must have a second person count the cash and sign off on the form.

For expense submissions, please remember that sales tax will NOT be reimbursed. Please use the sales tax exempt letter (found at both schools in the PTA Treasurer's folder) when making purchases. Some stores require us to have a card to make tax exempt purchases so please call to arrange getting the card (Sam's Club, Jewel, JoAnne's).

Please allow a minimum of **three days** for check requisitions to be processed. At the end of the year, it may take longer due to busier schedules so plan accordingly.

The links for the two forms are:

Check Requisition Form
<http://www.d107.org/media/PTA/forms/PTA%20Check%20Request%20Form%20Final.pdf>

Income Form
<http://www.d107.org/media/PTA/forms/PTA%20Income%20Form%20Final.pdf>

I would also appreciate an email or phone call if you drop forms off at either school so that I can pick them up promptly. Do not leave any deposits that include cash, call me to arrange drop off or pick up. **The PTA boxes are not checked randomly so please advise when leaving anything for my attention.**

If you have any questions, please call me at **312-590-1139** email to **parente3377@comcast.net**. Thank you very much!

MORE PTA NEWS

HALLOWEEN HOP - A Big Thank You to Lisa Uckerman and Jennifer Hawbaker for the great Halloween Hop. There were so many events: **Color Me Mine**, fortune tellers (**Gina Nelson and Jolene Carlson**), games, cake walk, pumpkin decorating, face painting, tattoos, popcorn, jumpy house (thanks **to the Pleasantdale Park District**), and **Impact Dance Studio**. Also, a big thank you to **Kelly Keeling for wonderful book fair**. A big thank you to everyone who helped: **Mr. Vandercar, Jackie Mesec, Deanne Sykora, Mary Sheehan, the Hawbaker kids, Kim Barker, Mr. & Mrs. Herman, Mona Mekhail, Karen Soto, Lynne Sorrentino, Gina Nelson, Jolene Carlson, Mr. & Mrs. Payne, Dania Mahoney, Kim Joseph, Mrs. Correa, Mrs. Vlahkais, Mrs. Leary, Mrs. Mikuta, 7th & 8th Graders, Mr. Ralph, PTA members, Jill Fuller – for getting the pumpkins, Mrs. Burke, Jackie Dunbar, the Bakers, and everyone else that helped with the Halloween Hop.**

ES READERS' NIGHT - SAVE THE NEW DATE! The ES Readers' Night scheduled for Thursday, February 16, 2012, has been changed to Thursday, February 9, at 6:30 p.m. Watch for more information to be coming home soon about plans for a different, exciting and fun night of reading!

STAFF APPRECIATION COMMITTEE - The Staff Appreciation Committee showed the Pleasantdale teachers and staff our continued appreciation by providing special treats during the November parent-teacher conferences. This year's theme of "Fairy Tales and Nursery Rhymes" continued with Peter, Peter, Pumpkin Eater. The treats all had the common element of PUMPKIN in them: pumpkin cookies, pumpkin bars, trail mix (with pumpkin seeds) and water. A thank you to **Jennifer Hennessy** for leading & coordinating the event as well as **Laura Schetter** for daily cleaning up. In addition, thank you to **Sherry Kulhanek, Dania Mahoney, Melissa Mendez, Bea Mologousis, Kim Praser, Tammy White and Kim Gilman** for their food donations.

The ever famous Sweets Table will be held on Wednesday, December 21st. The popular Hansel and Gretel fairy tale will be featured. The staff looks forward to this time of the year with all the delicious sweets our Pleasantdale families donate. Mark your calendar to show your appreciation with a sweet treat. Families can drop off their goodies on Tuesday, December 20th from 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm or 8:00 to 9:30 am on Wednesday, December 21st at either school. *Please include a family picture/Christmas card along with your sweet. The staff loves to see pictures of their students or former students.*

SANTA'S WORKSHOP @ THE WINTER WONDERFEST/CRAFT FAIR - A note from Lisa Uckerman - Santa's Luncheon went well. We served hot dogs, nachos, popcorn, candy, pop, hot chocolate & Dino's pizza which was a new addition to the luncheon this year & we did well. I would like to thank the following people who I could NOT have done this without: **The 8th graders , Jennifer Hawbaker for helping me shop for the food at Sam's club, Tammy White, Karen O'Halloran, Sherry Kulhanek, Kim Payne for helping me set up, and Haley & Jenna Uckerman. A special Thanks to George Daker for saving the day by helping me with my power problems in the kitchen.** Thanks again to everyone from the bottom of my heart!!!

BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB - Oops – we missed one student in **October – Brandon Buday.** ☺

November Birthday Book Club - Sam Meccia, Vincent Meccia, Joey Dombkowski, Arianna Dombkowski, Liz Gremer, Vinnie Petrich, JT Gawron, Joseph Marek, Aman Penmetcha, Dominic Scardigli, and Aidan Gorman

To review the notes from the November PTA Board Meeting, please click on the following link:

<http://www.d107.org/PTA/Agendas-Minutes.aspx>

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2012

PLEASANTDALE PTA BOARD MEETING

7:00 PM District Meeting Room

- I. Call to Order
- II. Inspirational Quote
- III. Correspondence
- IV. Treasurer's Report
- V. Minutes Approved
- VI. Administration Reports (10 minutes each)
 - Dr Mark Fredisdorf
 - Mrs. Meg Pokorny
 - Mr. Matt Vandercar
- VII. Teacher Representative Report (5 minutes each)
 - Elementary School

Middle School

Unfinished Business

VIII. New Business

IX. Committee Reports (5 minutes per report)

- a) Eighth Grade
- b) Reading and Literature
 - i. Write Stuff
 - ii. ES Readers
 - iii. MS Readers
- c) Room Representatives
 - Elementary
 - Middle
- d) Santa's Luncheon
- e) Santa's Workshop
- f) Special PTA Lunch
- g) Staff Appreciation
- h) Winter Wonderfest & Craft Show

X. Open Forum (10 minutes per speaker)*

XI. Announcements

XII. Adjournment

If you have a committee report to be given and want to be placed on the agenda, please contact Jennifer Hennessy prior to the meeting.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2012
PLEASANTDALE PTA GENERAL MEETING AGENDA
District Meeting Room
Immediately following Board Meeting

I. Call to Order

II. Opening Ceremonies

III. Treasurer's Report

IV. Minutes Read and Approved

V. Unfinished Business

VI. New Business

VII. Adjournment