

Pleasantdale PTA Newsletter

Friday, January 27, 2012

Message from the President

Welcome back. I hope everyone had a fun and exciting winter break. The PTA is very busy this month preparing for our first Sports Night being held at the Middle School on Friday, January 27 from 7-8:30 pm. Admission is free! 8th graders will be selling baked goods.

The annual staff Holiday Sweet Table was held on December 21st at both schools. I want to thank all of our families who donated their treats. The teachers were so excited to come and pick their holiday favorites. Thank you once again to Kim Gilman, Andrea Sarno, Ann Marie Daker and Jennifer Hawbaker for all of their hard work.

The holiday parties were held on December 22nd. Thank you to all of our room reps for your creativity and making these parties so much fun for our children. I know how much work goes into the planning. Every classroom had something different and exciting happening.

I would also like to thank all of the families who donated their gift baskets. We collected about forty baskets which will be used for our auction items at the Adult Social on March 2, 2012. It is not

too late if you still have baskets to donate. I will gladly come to you and get those old baskets off your hands. To donate baskets, you can contact Jennifer Hennessy at (708) 467-0837. The deadline for donating baskets is Friday, February 3, 2012.

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 on sale and going fast. Tickets are \$30.00 per ticket. Contact Jennifer Hennessy at (708) 467-0837 to purchase your tickets today! If you would like to make a donation, please check the link for more information. We are accepting donations through February 3, 2012.

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If you do not want to donate a basket, consider donating a bottle of wine. We will be collecting bottles of wine costing \$20 or more and will be raffling off a wine collection at the social. The lucky winner will go home with an entire wine collection.

We have classroom items handmade by our children and several teacher

donations. Who doesn't want to be Principal for a day? We have also received donations from American Girl, Walt Disney World, Chicago Bulls, Chicago White Sox, The Pilates Core, Lulu lemon and many more. This is an event you won't want to miss!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at jenn.hennessy@comcast.net or (708) 467-0837.

Jennifer Hennessy - President



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TREASURER'S REPORT

- Dawn Parente, Treasurer

As of December 31, 2011 the Pleasantdale PTA's cash balance was **27,096**.

There was income of \$4859 mostly from Winter Fest. There were expenses of \$3,900 mostly from Cultural Arts.

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** or email to parente3377@comcast.net.

Thank you very much!

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Pizza Hut Book It! - The Book It! program is sponsored by Pizza Hut and has been motivating kids to read for more than 25 years. Children in grades K through 6 have the opportunity to earn Reading Award Certificates by meeting monthly reading goals that we set. The Reading Award Certificates can be redeemed at Pizza Hut where your child will receive a Book It! award and a free, one topping, Personal Pan Pizza®. Children have 30 days from the date on the award to redeem it and there is no purchase necessary. This program runs through March.

Forms may be turned in once the required reading is complete. Please remember to return forms no later than the date due. Late forms will not be accepted. Also, please remember to fill the form out completely including your child's name, teacher and grade level. We have had several forms turned in without a name on them and we were unable to award a pizza certificate. Additional forms can be found in the office. Thanks to all the students that are participating in this program. Keep on reading!

If you have any questions, please contact us! Gina Scaletta-Nelson (708-839-4335) or Sharon Rak (708-467-0568)

Six Flags® Read to Succeed - Our school is once again participating in this exciting program that encourages children in grades K through 6 to read for fun! Read to Succeed is a free program from Six Flags® and Discovery Education. Every student who completes six hours (360 minutes) of recreational reading before February 22 is eligible for a free admission ticket valid at Six Flags® Great America in Gurnee.

Your child can read books, magazines, newspapers, or comic books. Homework reading does not count. Kids can read silently, aloud or with an adult - you can read to your child, or your child can read to you. Students must turn in the required reading log that went home no later than February 22. Additional forms can be found in the office or online at the district website in the PTA drop down menu. Please be sure that the entire form is filled out completely. Late entries will not be accepted.

Tickets will be distributed prior to the end of the school year and are valid on select dates during the 2012 season. If you have any questions, please contact us! Gina Scaletta-Nelson (708-839-4335) or Kim Barker (708-839-0310)

Look Who's Coming to ES Readers' Night! - The ES Readers' and WriteStuff committees are pleased to offer a presentation by children's author, Carolyn Crimi. ES Readers' Night will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2012, from 6:30-7:30. Ms. Crimi will share one of her books and discuss the writing process. Forms were sent home in January regarding ordering Ms. Crimi's books and signing up for the presentation. For more information on the evening, please contact Jenny Corcoran at 708-839-9619.

To view the notes from the January PTA Board meeting and January PTA General meeting, please click on the following link - <http://www.d107.org/PTA/Agendas-Minutes.aspx>

Pleasantdale PTA Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 7, 2012
District Meeting Room – 7:00 pm

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Inspirational Quote**
- III. Correspondence**
- IV. Treasurer's Report**
- V. Minutes Approved**
- VI. Administration Reports** (10 minutes each)
 - a) Dr. Mark Fredisdorf
 - b) Matt Vandercar
 - c) Meg Pokorny
- VII. Teacher Representative Reports**
 - a) Elementary School Representative
 - b) Middle School Representative
- VIII. Unfinished Business**
 - a) Nominating Committee
 - b) Audit Committee
- IX. New Business**

VIV. Committee Reports

- a) Adult Social
- b) Book Fair
- c) Cultural Arts
- d) Eighth Grade
- e) Hospitality

- f) Legislation
- g) Reading and Literature
 - i. Write Stuff
 - ii. ES Readers
 - iii. MS Readers
 - iv. Paw Prints
 - v. Read to Succeed
- h) Room Reps
 - Elementary

 - Middle
- i) Shamrock Shake
- j) Special PTA Lunch
- k) Sports Night
- l) Staff Appreciation

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 before the meeting.