

# Pleasantdale PTA Newsletter

Friday, October 28, 2011

## Message from the President

Fall is in the air! I want to thank all of our families that helped make the Halloween Hop a huge success this year! The PTA decided to make some changes to the evening events and it went off with a bang. I want to thank Lisa Uckerman, Jennifer Hawbaker, Jill Fuller, Impact Dance Studio, Color Me Mine and all of our parent volunteers for making the evening run so efficiently. All of the little ghosts, goblins and princesses had a spooktacular time!

Thank you to Mary Mahler, Alison Rich, and Sharon and Mike Rak for all of your time and hard work planning for the PTA Special Lunch. The children are always excited to have McDonald's and ice cream for lunch.

Thank you to Jenny Corcoran, Rhonda Floros, Millie Vidakovich and Maggie Smith for hosting our first ES Readers Night of the year. Thank you to all of our parent volunteers. ES Readers would not be possible without our parents. The children enjoyed their story time and decorated pumpkins.

Chips with the Chief is another one of the children's favorite things provided by the PTA. Commander Peterson from the Willow Springs Police Department came in to have chips with seventeen students, one from each class, at the elementary school. The children really enjoyed asking their questions to Commander Peterson. We had a very successful ES Bookfair. The children were very excited to enter the library and check out all of the latest books. Thank you Kelly Keeling and her team of volunteers. We look forward to our next book fair which will be held in January.

Thank you to Ann Marie Daker for her hard work striving to reach our fundraising goals with our Innisbrook sales this year.

The Halloween Hop is over and we are in full party planning mode preparing for our First Winter Wonderfest and Craft Show. We have many exciting things planned for everyone in our community. This event will take place on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. The craft show will start at 10 am and the Winter Wonderfest will open its doors at noon.

The entry to the craft show is free. The entrance fee for the Wonderfest will be \$5.00 per child, all adults are free.

We will have Santa's Workshop for the children to do some holiday shopping and wrapping; a magic show, climbing wall, inflatable obstacle course, games, face painting, crafts and Impact Dance Studio. For an additional charge we will have concessions, Color Me Mine and a Cake Walk. Please don't forget your cameras because Santa himself will be there waiting to see all his good little friends. The magic show is scheduled to start at 2:15pm.

The PTA is still selling our Pleasantdale "Framz" for \$3.00. The Framz 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 on sale now. We have limited tickets for this event and have already sold over 100 tickets! Tickets are \$30.00 per ticket.

We have set up a website for those of you who would like to make a donation or volunteer for this event. Please check out the link below to help make this night a huge success for our school. [www.tinyurl.com/PDaleDonation](http://www.tinyurl.com/PDaleDonation)

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](mailto:jenn.hennessy@comcast.net) or (708) 467-0837. Looking forward to an exciting fall! Hope to see all of you soon.

Jennifer Hennessy  
President



### Executive Committee

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PTA Membership:

Many thanks again to all Pleasantdale families and staff who have registered with the PTA for the 2011-2012 school year! As of mid-October, we have 306 families who have pledged their support of the numerous programs and events offered throughout the year, which is approximately 64%. **IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!** We are striving for 100% participation for the 2011-2012 school year. You can find the PTA Registration and Class Party Fees Form on our district website, [www.d107.org](http://www.d107.org) by looking under the PTA tab for Forms, Etc. Please feel free to send your registration and check made out to Pleasantdale PTA in an **envelope marked "PTA Registration"** with your child to either the elementary or middle school. If you have any questions or have difficulty getting a form, please feel free to contact Julia Doyle, Membership Chair, at [max2244@aol.com](mailto:max2244@aol.com) or 708-839-4677.

**September Birthday Book Club:** *Andrej Mitevski, Todd Stankus, Lukas Stankus, Ian Enselman, Gracie Enselman, Jack Breen, James Duerr, Chase O'Brien, Mack Burr, Gavin Kerbis, Jacob Serna, Ashleigh Schetter, Skylar Hennessy, Tudoe Alexandreanu, Zachary Walsh, Gabrielle Schachtner, Dominic Mendez*



## TREASURER'S REPORT

- Dawn Parente, Treasurer

As of September 30, 2011 the Pleasantdale PTA's cash balance was **\$21,914**.

There was income of \$9,501 mostly from PTA membership dues & class party fees. There were expenses of \$3,235 mostly from the Illinois PTA dues & the Welcome Back Family Event.

**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!

*[To review the minutes from the October PTA Board meeting, please click on the following link:](http://www.d107.org/media/PTA/agendas-minutes/2011-2012/PTA_2011_10_04_minutes.pdf)*

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## **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2011**

**PLEASANTDALE PTA BOARD MEETING – 7:00 PM Middle School**

- 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
  - Mr. Matt Vandercar
  - Mrs. Meg Pokorny
- VII. Teacher Representative Report (5 minutes each)
  - Elementary
  - Middle
- VIII. Unfinished Business
- IX. New Business
- X. Committee Reports (5 minutes per report)
  - a) Book Fair
  - b) Chips with the Chief
  - c) Cultural Arts
  - d) Eighth Grade
  - e) Halloween Hop
  - f) Hospitality
  - g) Labels/Box Tops/Print Cartridges/Dominick's
  - h) Membership
  - i) Music Committee
  - j) Reading and Literature

- i. ES Readers
  - ii. MS Readers
  - iii. Write Stuff
- k) Room Representatives
  - Elementary
  - Middle
- l) Special PTA Lunch
  - i. Elementary
  - ii. Middle
- m) Spirit Wear
- n) Staff Appreciation
- o) Technology
- p) Winter Festival and Craft Show
- q) Wrapping Paper

XI. Open Forum (10 minutes per speaker)\*

XII. Announcements

XIII. 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.