

# Pleasantdale PTA Newsletter

*Friday, September 23, 2011*

## *Message from the President*

It is amazing how fast the first month of school has gone by. I hope that everyone had the opportunity to attend the Welcome Back Family event. This event was extremely well-attended, and everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves. Thank you to our eighth grade and parent volunteers. We also appreciate everyone who donated towards offsetting the cost of the evening. This is such a wonderful way to kick off our school year!

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. They were very well received at our Welcome Back Event. Please contact me if you would like to purchase additional Fraimz!

The Innisbrook wrapping paper and candy sale is going on now. This is one of our major fundraisers and our goal is to reach \$15,000.00 this year! This is an excellent opportunity to help support Pleasantdale and get a jump on the holiday season that seems to creep up on us faster every year.

If you have not done so already, please join the PTA. The membership fee is \$8.00 per family. Your membership is a small but significant way in which you can become a part of the PTA partnership. This very small investment is inflated many times over in the huge returns that accrue to your children and to the quality of their school life. If you have not yet paid your dues, please contact Julia Doyle at [max2244@aol.com](mailto:max2244@aol.com).

We also have an extensive list of volunteers signed up and ready for the many PTA events this year. This is truly a reflection of the supportive Pleasantdale community! Thank you! We have added a few new events to our year; The Winter Festival and Craft Show in December, and our Sports Night in January. Please make sure you come out and support our school!

We are currently selling tickets for the Halloween Hop which will be held Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 7-8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family. 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](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



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## TREASURER'S REPORT

- Dawn Parente, Treasurer

As of August 31, 2011 the Pleasantdale PTA's cash balance was **\$13,625**.

There was income of \$19.00 from Escripts rebate. There were expenses of \$3095 mostly from the Welcome Back Luncheon.

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!

## **More PTA News**

***A Message from The Staff Appreciation Committee .....Chair – Kim Gilman.*** This year the Staff Appreciation committee has chosen their theme as “children’s stories.” The staff went back in time on August 30<sup>th</sup> with the following proclamation: Once upon a time there was a school named Pleasantdale. This school was very special to the village. So special the kingdom declared the year to come as: ‘Fairy Tales & Nursery Rhymes’ to honor their educators. Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs was the fairy tale chosen to welcome the teachers and staff back to school. They were treated with fresh apples and caramel dip. Thank you to **Vicki Castro, Dania Mahoney and Laura Schetter** for decorating and setting up for this event. The next event will be during school conferences on November 21 and 22.

***A Message from The Membership Committee .... Chair – Julia Doyle.*** Thanks to over the 280 Pleasantdale families and Pleasantdale Staff who have paid their membership/staff dues and party fees for the 2011-2012 school year. With over 470 families in our school district, it is really important that we have ALL our families register with the PTA. These fees enable us to provide great services and events to our students throughout the school year. Please help us achieve 100% participation by submitting your registration ASAP! PTA Dues are \$8.00, and class party fees due for all students K-8 are \$6.00 per student. For a registration form, go to [www. http://www.d107.org/PTA/PTAForms.aspx](http://www.d107.org/PTA/PTAForms.aspx). Please submit your form and cash/check payable to Pleasantdale PTA in an envelope marked PTA Membership. Please feel free to send this in with your child to his teacher or advisor or drop off at either school office. For questions, please contact Julia Doyle at 708-839-4677 or [max2244@aol.com](mailto:max2244@aol.com).

***A Message From The ES Readers’ Committee ... Co-Chairs – Jenny Corcoran & Rhonda Floros.*** Save the Date! ES Readers' Nights are a unique opportunity to celebrate literacy with other Pleasantdale families. Children may choose from selected book titles according to their interests and grade levels. Then on ES Readers' Night, the children participate in small group discussions and fun activities related to their chosen book. The first ES Readers' Night will be held on Thursday, October 20 at 6:30. More detailed information will be coming home in the near future.

***A Message From The Welcome Back Luncheon Committee ... Chair Lisa Uckerman.*** The Welcome back lunch went off with a boom! I decorated in a pirate theme. I wanted to personally thank **Kathy Thalji** for her beautiful cake. I also wanted to thank **Mr. Ralph & Karen DeRose** for all their help cleaning up.

To view the notes from the September PTA Board Meeting, click on the following link:  
[http://www.d107.org/media/PTA/agendas-minutes/2011-2012/PTA\\_2011\\_09\\_06BoardMinutes.pdf](http://www.d107.org/media/PTA/agendas-minutes/2011-2012/PTA_2011_09_06BoardMinutes.pdf)

To view the notes from the September PTA General Meeting, click on the following link:  
[http://www.d107.org/media/PTA/agendas-minutes/2011-2012/PTA\\_2011\\_09\\_07GeneralMtgMinutes.pdf](http://www.d107.org/media/PTA/agendas-minutes/2011-2012/PTA_2011_09_07GeneralMtgMinutes.pdf)

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2011**  
**PLEASANTDALE PTA BOARD MEETING**  
7:00 PM Administration Building

- I. Call to Order
- II. Correspondence
- III. Treasurer's Report
- IV. Minutes Approved
- V. Administration Reports (10 minutes each)
  - Dr. Mark Fredisdorf
  - Mr. Matt Vandercar
  - Mrs. Meg Pokorny
- VI. Teacher Representative Report (5 minutes each)
  - Elementary
  - Middle
- VII. Unfinished Business
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Committee Reports (5 minutes per report)
  - a) Book Fair
    - Middle
  - b) Cultural Arts
    - Elementary
    - Middle
  - c) Eighth Grade
  - d) Halloween Hop
  - e) Hospitality
  - f) Labels/Box Tops/Print Cartridges/Dominick's
  - g) Reading and Literature
    - i. Write Stuff
    - ii. ES Readers
    - iii. MS Readers
  - h) Room Representatives
    - Elementary
    - Middle
  - i) Special PTA Lunch
  - j) Spirit Wear
  - k) Technology
  - l) Welcome Back Family Event
  - m) Wrapping Paper
- 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 PTA meeting. Thank you.