

Pleasantdale PTA Newsletter

Friday, October 23, 2009

Message from the President

Our fall activities are in full swing! The ever-popular **Halloween Hop** will be held at the elementary school on Friday, October 30th. Thank you to **Jennifer Rohrbacher** and her team for an event kids and parents alike really look forward to! The elementary **Scholastic Book Fair** will be held this night as well. Why not stop by the book fair before the Halloween Hop and pick up a great book to read?

On November 13th, the **Fall Social** will be held at the **middle school**. The social will be held earlier in the evening than past events and will be split based on grade; 5th & 6th graders, 7th & 8th graders. We look forward to the many planned activities. Thank you in advance to **Kathy Lamana** and her group for all their hard work!

The Pizza Hut special lunch was held on Wednesday, October 14th. THANK YOU to our returning elementary Special Lunch chairs **Sherry Kulhanek** and **Allison Rich** as well as our new middle

school lunch chairs **Jen Rigley** and **Lisa Uckerman** for helping the lunches run so smoothly.

Middle School Readers was held on October 16th and received rave reviews. We had more middle school students participate than ever before. **Rosaria Becker** and **Julia Doyle** worked in tandem with middle school librarian, **Jana Stelter** to make this event so successful. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

The **Innisbrook** sale is in its final days. Many thanks go to **Allison Streigel** in her uncompromising pursuit of our fundraising goals while working within the constraints of the current economic climate. We applaud all you did for this year's campaign, Allison!

Pleasantdale PTA truly shined as the host for the Illinois **PTA District 28 Annual Meeting**. Thank you to our **eighth grade volunteers** and **Pam Banda** once again for all your help!

Thank you also to our Hospitality chair **Sandra Hannan** for arranging snacks for the evening.

Kelly Hansen,
President



Executive Committee

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708-467-1004

Christine Franco, Vice President

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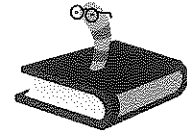
Alli Gulliver, Treasurer

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Kathy Shah, Secretary

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Reading & Literature Committee, October 2009



The PTA Reading and Literature Committee is off to a great start once again! Here's a quick snapshot of our group at work:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ES Readers:

- On Thursday, October 8th, we hosted 60+ students and their families for a wonderful evening of discussion, learning and fun. Students and parents met first to discuss their book of choice, gathering later in the school library for story time with Mr. Vandercar.



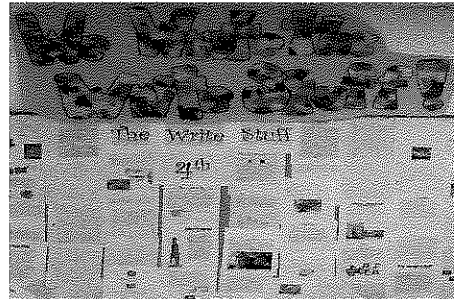
We ended our evening with hospitality and fun snacks in our APR. We thank all parents (newcomers and old timers) and staff who made this just a great event: **Andrea Sarno, Jennifer Hawbaker, Rhonda Floros, Jacqueline Mesec, Meg Vorpahl, Linda Mikuta, Matt Vandercar, Courtney Camer, Maggie Smith, Margaret Hojjat, John Kelly and Mark Fredisdorf.**

The "Write Stuff"

- September "Write Stuff" essays have been collected and tallied. Eighty percent (80%) of students in grades 1-4 wrote about their favorite summer tunes or highlights of their "stay-cation" in Chicago.
- Students who participated in the September "Write

Stuff" have received their incentives and should look for their names in the "Write Stuff" Honor Roll appearing in this Friday packet (October 23)

- Many thanks go out to **Mrs. Kristi Vervack and the Pleasantdale students** for creating a great "We Wrote the Write Stuff" sign above the bulletin board.



If you are in the school building, stop by and read some of the masterpieces proudly displayed on the "Write Stuff" bulletin board just outside our library.

- The October prompt was distributed on Friday Oct. 9th. All compositions should be returned to teachers by Friday, October 23.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

MS Readers:

- On Friday, October 16, 140+ middle school students chose to spend their lunch period sharing their viewpoints on books with teachers and friends. Many thanks to all the students who participated and teachers who facilitated: **Mrs. Pokorny, Mr. Emso, Mr. Neumann, Mrs. Turner (retired LA teacher), Mrs. Specht, Mrs. Lasko, Ms. Giancola, Ms. Mars, Ms. Castaldo, Mr. Munchoff, Dr. Fredisdorf, Mrs. Stelter, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Gilmartin as well as an**

8th grade student, Willow Figliulo.

- Thanks go out to **Dino's Pizzeria in LaGrange** for catering the lunch while working within our budget constraints.
- Much gratitude is extended to **Mrs. Jana Stelter** whose tireless efforts to promote the PTA MS Readers program in our Middle School has resulted in our largest turn out yet. Not only does Mrs. Stelter serve as our authority on reading materials, but she goes beyond the call in procuring the books for the students, which are paid for by our District. If your child has participated in this program, please reach out to thank all those involved.

VOLUNTEERS ROCK!

Our committee is able to accomplish its objectives for the year thanks to the many hands pitching in every week. We work from August to May coordinating various reading and writing programs for the students in our District. We would not be able to do so without everyone's help. Thank you all our volunteers who signed up to help us this year: **Cheryl Pilipuf; Serena Dreher; Jacquelyn Negron; Barbara Lamb; Nancy Bugaieski; Susan Camba; Sharon Weinold; Rhonda Floros; Jennifer Hawbaker; Leticia Rivera; Alli Gulliver; Dania Mahoney; Ann Marie Daker; Lisa Uckerman; Judy Mirabile; Karyn Lisowski.**

As always, if you have any feedback or would like to volunteer, please contact **Rosaria Becker** (708-309-0351 or rosariabecker@att.net) or **Julia Doyle** (708-839-4677 or max2244@aol.com).

Birthday Book Club

- Early Fall



A big thank you to these students for their donations to our school library!

Caitlin Sheehan

Sylvia Kozub

Sammy Mulvenna

Monica Busza

Kalina Jasiak

Matia Shaljanin

Elise Vorpahl

John Floros

Angela Mitevaska

Petar Markovic

Daniel Abdoue



TREASURER'S REPORT

- Alli Gulliver, Treasurer

As of September 30, 2009, the Pleasantdale PTA's cash balance (unreconciled) was **\$29,111**.

This includes income of **\$8,426**, mostly from Special Lunch, Class Party Fees and Middle Book Fair. Expenses of **\$4,823** were paid, most significantly for Elementary Class Parties and Middle School Book Fair.

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

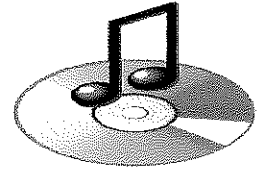
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I would also appreciate an email or phone call if you drop forms off at either school so that I can pick them up from the PTA mail box promptly. Do not leave any deposits that include cash; call me to arrange drop off or pick up.

If you have any questions, please call me at 630-321-9942 or email to allibabble@aol.com. My fax number is 630-321-9943. Thanks very much!



Middle School Fall Social



Please mark your calendars for the Middle School Fall Social on Saturday, November 13th!

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. for 5th and 6th Graders

5:30 – 7:00 p.m. for 7th and 8th Graders

\$5 payable at the door (and school dress code will apply)

Featuring:

Interactive DJ (freeze dance, hula hoops, dance-offs, limbo and more!)

Bring your own flashdrive with your own music if you wish!

Drinks and snacks will be provided

Beanbag tournament, basketball shooting, games and activities

We are looking for parent volunteers to assist with this event. Should you be interested or have any questions, please contact **Kathy Lamana** at 708-839-4238.

Save the Date!



PTA EVENTS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3 PTA Board Meeting at Admin. Building 7:00 p.m.	4	5	6 PTA Write Stuff #3 @ Elementary
9	10	11 Veteran's Day	12	13 Fall Social for Middle School Students
16	17	18	19	20 PTA Write Stuff #3 Due
23 No School	24 No School	25 No School	26 Thanksgiving	27 No School 28-30 (No events)



Halloween Hop!

The Halloween Hop is just around the corner! (This event is for Elementary School Students ONLY.) The hop will be held on October 30th from 7-8:30 p.m. The first 150 students to send in their money ahead of time will receive a door prize. We will be holding a costume contest for students and parents! We're also still looking for volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Jennifer Rohrbacher at jbacker5@att.net. Thank you and I hope to see you at the Hop!

Eighth Grade Committee:

*The Taffy Apple Sale was completed last Friday. 8th Graders did an awesome job selling almost 2000 apples which raised over \$1000.00! Delivery will be on October 27th in the Middle School APR room between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. A big thank you to **Chris Gennett** and **Pam Banda**, our Fund Raising Chairpersons! The T-shirt committee has been busy as well! A slogan was selected and hoody design and sizes were collected from students. Orders are due to go out soon. **Pam Banda** is seeking help with the Poinsetta Sale. If you have contacts with local businesses that may have purchased poinsettias in the past, or that you think may be interested in purchasing them this year, please let Pam know. Please also continue to send in pictures of our eighth graders to pleasantdale2010@yahoo.com for use on the eighth grade CD.*

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE INNISBROOK FUNDRAISER!

Please remember to turn in your payment to the school as SOON as possible. Last-minute orders can still be made at Innisbrook.com through October 24th for inclusion in the November delivery. You can always order online at Innisbrook.com after this date, but your order will not be included in the general delivery. However, Pleasantdale PTA will continue to receive 50% profit on orders placed year-round to support programs for our children.



Reminder...Book Fair on October 30th at Elementary!

Join us for our Fall book fair on Friday, October 30th - please come by right after school from 3 to 4:30 or before the Halloween Hop from 6:30 to 7:30!