

PTA NEWS

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PTA President's Letter

Dear Fair Haven Parents,

The first two months of the school year are behind us. They have been very busy months for the PTA. We are so lucky and **thankful** to have so many wonderful parents that are willing to volunteer. The class parents really stepped up to the plate to have everything ready for our Back-to-School Nights in early September. The PTA website received a facelift and is up and running, check it out at www.fairhavenpta.com. Many families participated in our Family Portrait fundraiser. KidStuff coupon books were back, by popular demand. Harvest Fest was, as usual, a huge hit with the students. Charitable Giving held a Fall Food Drive for our charity for the year, Ronald McDonald House. We kicked off our Cultural Enrichment programs at both schools, the students at Knollwood participated in the very popular *Connecting the Dots* program and *Dancin' with the Honeybees* came to visit Sickles. All of this happened and we are only two months into the year. **Amazing!**

Believe it or not, we have so much more to look forward to as the year continues. Family Fun activities will include Bingo, ice skating at the Red Bank Armory and the Runaway Rapids water park outing. Mark

your calendars for **Friday, December 14th** for our Holiday House Tour, which will feature eight beautiful Fair Haven homes. Art Appreciation will be held for students from kindergarten through fourth grade during the winter months. Lunch with a VIP will be held at Sickles in **February**. Understanding Challenges Day is scheduled for **Friday, March 8th**. Book Fairs will be held at both schools in the spring. We have an exciting new event, which will be held on the evening of **Saturday, March 23rd** at the Navesink Country Club. There will be food, live music, basket raffles, silent auctions and our Super 50/50 raffle winner be announced. It is going to be a great evening. Sickles Art Day, which is a huge hit with the students, will take place on **Friday, April 19th**. These are only some of the great events the PTA has planned for the remainder of the year. They are all made possible through the efforts of our volunteer parents. **Please consider volunteering** for at least one of these events!

On behalf of the Fair Haven PTA Board, I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful holiday season. All the best in 2013!

—Laura Nolan

Fair Haven First Floors

Friday, December 14th, 10:30am–2:30pm

The Fair Haven PTA's house tour gives you an opportunity to check out some of the most unique and interesting first floors in our town! The 2012 Holiday House Tour features eight distinctive Fair Haven homes including an updated 1870s house in our historic district; a renovated cape cod style home; an eclectic house built in 1890 on the beautiful Navesink River; our Builders modern home; a beautiful modular home; and more.

Each home will be decorated for the holidays with fabulous table tops and floral arrangements sure to inspire! Tour goers will sample some of the best local fare from popular chefs, including **David Burke's Fromagerie, Lusty Lobster, Highlands, Pop's Garage, Shrewsbury, Woody's, Sea Bright, Cups and Cakes, Rumson** and local favorites like **Tavolo Pronto, Gourmet Picnic** and **Taste and Technique**.

Two special raffle prizes will be offered. The Grand Prize is \$3,000 worth of landscaping donated by **Sycamore Landscaping**. The First

Prize features dinner for ten prepared in the winner's home or another local home of their choice, by **Chef Hernan Garces of the Raven Tea Room**. The dinner includes beverages, flowers, dessert and service to help the host and hostess relax. Tickets for these two great prizes are \$10 each and will be sold at two of the houses on the tour. You may purchase event tickets for \$50 online at www.fairhavenpta.com, or through direction provided by an upcoming backpack flyer. You will also be able to purchase them at two of the house locations.

For any additional information please contact **Britt Garrison** at brittlgarrison@gmail.com, or **Lauren Steets** at steetsfamily@yahoo.com.



A Special Thank-You To:

All the Fair Haven Parents that donated items for the Faculty and Staff at the PTA's Back-to-School Luncheon!

Family Portrait

Fifty-five Fair Haven families participated in one of our most popular fundraisers, Family Portrait, which sold out again this year! Professional photographer, **Tina DeAngelis** of **Visual Xpressions**, was able to capture the perfect shot, whether it was at the dock, Fair Haven fields or indoors. Thank you to **Tina** and the families that participated. If you missed it this year, be on the lookout for the flyer in 2013, so you can get on the schedule next year. This is one fundraiser that you don't want to miss! ✍️

Think Recycle Program

We are collecting old cell phones, laptops, toner cartridges, inkjet cartridges, digital cameras, and ipods

NO OTHER ITEMS, PLEASE

Drop-off at 34 William Street, Fair Haven on the front porch.

Any questions please contact Josephine Lindgren at (917) 816-1119.

Cultural Enrichment Update...

Kerri Kostulias and **Vanessa Spagnuola**, the PTA Cultural Enrichment committee chairs, have been working throughout the summer to find exciting music, dance and science programs for our children this year. The PTA works with the schools not only to enrich our children's appreciation of the arts, but to enhance some of the areas our children are learning about in school. Below is a compilation of the Cultural Enrichment programs for this school year:

- **October 16th: *Dancin' With the Honeybees (Pre-K & 1st grades)***—The science related to honeybees is brought to life by **Cliff Sunflower** through song and dance. Then the children learn more about how honeybees are necessary to produce all types of plants in small group sessions.
- **October 22nd: *Connecting the Dots (6th–8th grades)***—A two-day bullying prevention program, focusing on how even small changes in behavior can change the environment in a school for the better.
- **November 29th: *Skydome Planetarium (2nd & 3rd grades)***—A tour of the solar system in Sickles' gym.
- **December 7th: *David Zucker's Poetry in Motion (K–3rd grades)***—**David Zucker** introduces our students to several poets through mime, vocal gymnastics and humor with a great deal of audience participation.
- **February 4th: *Mayhem Poets (4th–8th grades)***—This group will present "Let our Voices Sing" highlighting **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** through "slam" poetry to our 6th–8th graders and "Roses are Red" involving our 4th and 5th graders in becoming wordsmiths.
- **February 21st: *Lion Dance Plus (K–3rd grades)***—A 45-minute performance introducing Chinese folk art through elaborate costumes and traditional dance.
- **March 1st: *Thomas Edison (4th Grade)***—A Mobile Education production which will enhance the fourth graders "Invention Convention" with a group presentation and then hands-on opportunities for each 4th grade classroom.
- **March 11th: *Romeo & Juliet (7th & 8th grades)***—The Shakespeare Company of New Jersey will present Shakespeare's classic love story enhancing the 7th and 8th grade literature program.
- **June 3rd: *Ball in the House (Knollwood students)***—As seen on the "Today Show." This men's a cappella group will entertain students of all ages.
- **TBD: *Aquarium Day (2nd grade)***—A program brought in from the Camden Aquarium to enhance the popular "Sea Creature Project" in second grade.

For questions please contact **Vanessa Spagnuola** at cvjspags@verizon.net or **Kerry Kostulias** at k_kimball@yahoo.com. ✍️

What Does Collecting Box Tops Do for Students?



The Sickles School community and the PTA have taken the Box Tops for Education collection to a whole new level over the past couple of years. Students are very motivated to participate in this program.

There is a pizza party awarded to the class who accumulates the most box tops. The box tops are submitted biannually and have generated thousands of dollars for Sickles.

This money has funded some awesome initiatives including: author visits, the Sickles School beautification project, and support for classroom ELMO projectors for each teacher at Sickles.

We are grateful to the students and their families for taking the time to cut and submit the box tops each month. It has really made a difference! Questions? **Contact Sharon Everett, at 936-0422 or Kathy Sullivan, at 450-9277.** ✍️

Friends of Different Learners

Self-Esteem for a Lifetime: Raising a Successful Child from the Inside Out

Featuring **Dr. Ingrid Schweiger**, November, 13th, 7:30pm,
Knollwood Media Center

- What is self-esteem and why is it important to our child's development?
- How does self-esteem affect all of our choices, decisions and relationships?
- How do the family system, listening skills, and conflict management skills affect self-esteem?
- How does my stress affect my child's self-esteem?
- What can I do to build my child's self-esteem?

Dr. Ingrid Schweiger is known internationally for her work with families. The American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy recognized **Dr. Schweiger** for her innovative family education programs used in communities throughout the world. She has served on the faculties of the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, MA and The New School for Social Research in New York City. **Dr. Schweiger** is the author of *Self-Esteem for a Lifetime* and producer of the award-winning documentary, *Teen Suicide*. She has made frequent appearances on NBC News and *The Today Show* and has been featured in many national publications including Redbook and Parents Magazine.

Save the Dates for FODL Monthly Meet Ups

Panera Bread, Route 35 South, Shrewsbury.
November 7th, 10:00am, January 9th, 10:00am

An opportunity to share and learn, or just grab a coffee with parents that make up the Two Rivers FODL.

Question? Contact Kathleen Beausoleil at
kathleenbeausoleil@yahoo.com or
Ellen Ashinoff at eashinoff@gmail.com

November and December PTA Meetings

Thursday, November 15th, Knollwood APR, 1:15pm
Guest Speaker: Nelson Ribon, Knollwood Principal,
Topic: New Report Card Format

Thursday, December 20th, Sickles, Room #144, 1:45pm.
All are welcome, including children!

SAVE THE DATE...

Spring Evening Event at the Navesink Country Club

Saturday March 23rd, 2013

Be sure to attend the **Holiday House Tour**
where we will reveal our event's theme!

Bingo Night

Fun for the Entire Family!

Friday, November 16th, 6:00pm
Knollwood All Purpose Room

Enjoy the fun games, good prizes and great company!

For further information, contact Melanie Brown at
browns717@gmail.com, or Elle Riva at eleanorriva@aol.com.

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7	25	44	57	62
15	22	40	50	70
11	30	FREE SPACE	46	74
2	28	37	55	68
10	27	39	59	75


Go Green, Fair Haven!

SAVE THE CARBON FOOTPRINT

Global warming occurs because carbon dioxide (CO²) and other gasses released by the combustion of fossil fuels are building up in the atmosphere and preventing the sun's heat from escaping back into space. Many scientists, as well as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, are concerned that global warming could lead to serious changes in our climate, causing more dangerous storms and hurricanes, rising sea levels, and the spread of tropical diseases. You can do your part at home to help reduce fossil fuel emissions:

- Drive a fuel-efficient car. If your new car gets 10 mpg more than your old one, you can reduce CO² emissions by 2,500 pounds a year.
- Walk, bike, car pool or use mass transit. If you leave your car at home two days a week, you'll reduce CO² emissions by 1,590 pounds a year.
- Weatherize your home. Insulate walls and ceilings, caulk and weatherstrip around doors and windows, and wrap your water heater in an insulating jacket to reduce CO² emissions by up to 4,000 pounds a year.
- Use energy-efficient appliances. If you replaced your existing refrigerator with a high-efficiency model, you'd reduce your CO² emissions by 220 pounds a year. Energy-efficient appliances are now available for microwave ovens, stoves, dishwashers and computers, as well.

At the office, consider these additional ideas:

- Turn off the power. Flick off lights and turn off computers and other equipment when you leave your office for long periods of time.
- Use e-mail. Use electronic mail and electronic faxes rather than paper and the postal system whenever possible.
- Use a reusable mug. Choose reusable over throwaways as much as possible.
- Support company programs to save energy. Participate in company carpools, waste paper recycling programs and environmentally friendly landscape strategies. Telecommute if possible. 

THANK YOU!

Kirsten Ward and **Suzanne Presti** for bringing back the KidStuff coupon book. The fundraiser was a huge success.

Erin Simpson for expertly organizing the Family Portrait fundraiser.

The team responsible for the creation of our 2012–2013 PTA Directory, **Christine Hearn**,

Lauren Steets, **Dave DeSantis** and **Beth Sanville**. Your many hours of work are greatly appreciated.

The **HarvestFest team** for an amazing day!

And our amazing HarvestFest chairperson, **Karen Saad**.

Vanessa Spagnuola and **Kerri Kostulias** for planning an exciting calendar of events of Cultural Enrichment, for the school year.

Kerry Maguire for managing PTA Membership for the 2012–13 school year. What a time consuming task!

Used Clothing Drive

Ends Friday, November 2nd!

Donations can be dropped off at 18 Browns Lane.

Questions? Contact **Donna Ridgeway** at djridgeway@comcast.net.




Many thanks to all of you who supported this year's Harvest Fest on October 13th. Hundreds of families from Fair Haven and beyond came out to Knollwood School to enjoy a wide variety of Fall-themed activities including: games, rides, pumpkin painting, performances by the KICK Team Dancers, the always popular apple pie and family pumpkin decorating contests and more!

Now that the many harbingers of Harvest Fest, the scarecrows, have been stored away for another year, it's time to thank all of those who made the event possible. Thanks to all of the families and local businesses who sponsored our scarecrows this year and the over 200 parents and students who volunteered to staff our event. Over 125 members of our school community donated items to our food and bake sales and over 150 staffed the day of the event. We couldn't have done it without you!

Finally, one last "thanks" has to go out to our committee. "Hats off" to: Bake Sale Chair, **Sandi Papa**; Contest Chair, **Pat Raphael**; Food Chair, **Erin Gotch**; Attractions Chair, **Elle Riva**; Prize Chairs, **Jen Amabile** and **Stephanie Giardino**; Scarecrow Chairs, **Kathy Quaglia**, **Robin Walla** and **Melina Calabretta**; Games Chair, **Gina Ern**; and Donation/Volunteer Chairs, **Cheryl McBarron** and **Megan Pelino**. Additionally, we like to thank: Fire Chief, **Bill Heath**, who organized the fabulous turnout from our local police, fire and EMT volunteers; and our very own Madame Fortuna, **Marcella Mazzucca**.

Teacher's Curriculum Support Program (TCSP)

The Teacher's Curriculum Support Program (TCSP) is a PTA committee that provides grants to teachers for one-time, special projects that are not funded through the annual school budget. This program is a great example of how the PTA directly impacts our children's education. In previous years we have funded "Kindergarten Alphabet Gardens," special school assemblies, and supplies for the "Camp Knollwood" afterschool program. The TCSP enables our teachers to create special learning environments for our kids. This year the TCSP is off to a great start—contributing towards an 8th grade science trip to the NJ Public Health and Environmental Labs. Through the generous support of the PTA, our 8th graders will have the unique opportunity to meet with scientists and explore a variety of laboratories. Any questions, contact **Carolyn Rue** at carolynrue@verizon.net. 

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER CALENDAR*

11/2: Used Clothing Drive Ends

11/8–9: Schools Closed, NJEA Convention

11/13: FODL Meeting, Knollwood Media Center, 7:30pm

11/15: PTA Meeting, Knollwood Media Center, 6:00pm

11/16: Family Fun Bingo Night, Knollwood APR, 6:00pm

11/19–21: Single Session Day, Parent/Teacher Conferences

11/22–23: School Closed, Thanksgiving

11/28: BOA Meeting, Knollwood Media Center, 7:30pm

12/12: BOA Meeting, Knollwood Media Center, 7:30pm


12/14: Holiday House Tour, 10:30am–2:30pm

12/23: PTA Meeting, Sickles, Room 144, 1:45pm

12/24–12/31: Schools Closed, Winter Break (Reopen 1/3)

*Dates are subject to change

Sickles Art Gallery News

The Sickles Art Gallery will feature budding artists from **Mrs. Kampe** and **Mrs. Boccino's** classes during the month of **November**. **December** will showcase works of art from **Mrs. Moriarty's** AM and PM Kindergarten and **Mrs. Walls' AM** and PM Preschool classes. 

Indoor Recess

We are collecting gently-used or new games, Bey Blades, dinosaur, and train-themed activities/books/games at Sickles school for indoor recess.

We are also looking for DVDS that are rated "G."
(PLEASE NO PG OR "NOT RATED" MOVIES)

If you would like to donate please contact Rachel Bronstein at bronstein@fairhavenbe.org or Tara Jordan at tj2374@verizon.net