

STANHOPE HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

NEWS 'N' NOTES



November - December 2008

President's Message Sherry Caravano (973) 426-9092

Here we are in December. I cannot believe we are at the end of another year! I would like to thank everyone for their continued support of the HSA. I would especially like to thank all our new volunteers at this time. It really helps when we have the continuous support of many volunteers taking part in assisting with our programs and events.

The Square Dancing Family Fun Night was a great time for all the families who came out. I thank Dawn Heinen for organizing this fun event. The caller really got everyone moving. It was a fun activity for all ages and by the end of the evening everyone was exhausted from all the square dancing they did.

Our holiday events just took place, the Holiday Boutique and the Holiday Craft/Vendor Fair. I would like to thank Rebecca Davies and her volunteers for their hard work with the Holiday Boutique. As always, the children of Stanhope School were excited to shop for gifts for their family members and friends.

The Holiday Craft/Vendor Fair was a great holiday community event in conjunction with the 8th grade's Santa Breakfast. Thanks to the following volunteers who contributed to this great holiday event: Carmela Berger, Tricia Baisley, Bob Caravano, Colleen Chapparro, Karen Connelly, Heather Costanza, Dawn Goula, Andrea Granada, Dawn Heinen, Linda Oeftering and Tracy Staples. A special thank you to our junior volunteers for their help in setting up: Nicole Berger, Richie Berger and Francesca Caravano. We thank Mr. DiBenedetto, Mr. Burns, and the office staff for all their support and cooperation, Jim and Winnie for all their help with setting up and cleaning up and 8th grade advisors Mrs. O'Neill and Mrs. Snyder for their support.

Thanks to Stephanie McDonnell for compiling the Stanhope School Family Directory again this year.

A special thank you to Kimberly Loftis and Edy's Ice Cream for their generous donation of Dibs Ice Cream handed out to the students after the pep rally. Good luck to the Stanhope Basketball Chargers and to the Stanhope Cheerleading squad!!!

Have a safe, healthy and happy holiday season.

COMMITTEE NEWS

Ways & MeansRebecca Davies

The hallway near the gym was full of holiday cheer as the students of Stanhope School checked off their shopping lists. This year's Holiday Boutique was quite a success as parents around town will appreciate even more in the next few weeks as they open blue and white gift bags filled with the treasures their children have picked for them. This wonderful experience would not have been possible without the time and help of some gracious volunteers. Thanks to Liz Allen, Kathy Amato, Nancy Bailey, Tricia Baisley, Carmela Berger, Karen Connelly, Joelle DeMasi, Maria Frost, Cindy Gibney, Cindy Graeber, Dawn Heinen, Kelly Herman, Lauren Mortell, Linda Oeftering, Holly Plut, Tony Reis, Chris Raymond Snyder, Daphne Shalita, Liz Stanley, Linda Stiner, and Joanna Stiner. We also thank our junior volunteers: Francesca Caravano, Victoria Connelly, Rebecca Hand and Liam Shalita-Hebert. As always, thank you to Sherry Caravano for supporting the committee and all the hard work and dedication you give the HSA.

Keep an eye out for the Gertrude Hawk candy starting on January 26th, 2009. There will not be a more delicious way to help support the good work of the HSA.

Spirit wear Dawn Goula

The Stanhope Spirit wear store at Prepsportwear.com is up and running. In order for our school to get credit for sales, customers must click through the Stanhope School website. Access can be gained through the HSA's page or the Sports page (for basketball and cheerleading participants). Thank you to all who have ordered already. Please contact me at dmgoula@optonline.net if you are having any problems accessing the website, problems ordering, or would like to be put on the e-mail list to receive specials.

Market DayRebecca Yanagi

Thank you to all the families and faculty who continue to support Market Day each month. I would like to especially thank the volunteers who make the reminder calls and help me on the day of the sale. I truly appreciate it and Market Day would not be possible without them. So far this year we have raised \$752.30. Thank you for your support! The cut off for January 2009 Market Day is Friday, January 23rd, 2009. Pickup will be on Thursday, January 29th, 2009 from 4:00 pm – 5:00 p.m.