

STANHOPE HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

NEWS 'N' NOTES



January-February 2009

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

January got off to a great start. The Spelling Bee took place on January 9 with participants from grades 3 through 8th. The participants were Megan Canfield, Paige Ewer, Brianne Giuliano and Nazish Naeem from 3rd grade, Dylan Cadmus, Sarah Canfield, Jack Lipkin and Marty Szoke from 4th grade, Kelsey Claesson, Emily Taddei, Jason Bruner, Patrick Henry, Francesca Caravano, David Ottoson and Catherine Barry from 5th grade, David Vance, Rebecca Hand, Matteo Ferraro, and Catherine Rathjen from 6th grade, Christina McNerney, Alexandra Cetrulo, Katherine Stiner and Anna Rossi from 7th grade and Danny Frost, Jaime Ulrich, Robbie Schellhammer and Deidre McKinney from 8th grade. The spelling bee took place as an assembly as the rest of the student body got to watch. It was very exciting and I would like to congratulate the winners. Megan Canfield was the 3rd grade winner, Jack Lipkin was the 4th grade winner, Kelsey Claesson was the 5th grade winner, David Vance was the 6th grade winner, Katherine Stiner was the 7th grade winner and Jaime Ulrich was the 8th grade winner. The winners received gift certificates from Barnes & Nobles which was sponsored by the HSA.

Thanks to Dawn Heinen and Kelly Herman for organizing After School Bingo for grades K-3 and Linda Oeftering and Andrea Granada for organizing After School Bingo for grades 4-8.

The book fair was held the last week in February under the leadership of Dawn Heinen. We were able to donate \$600.00 worth of new books to the library. I would like to thank Dawn Heinen and Dawn Goula for giving their time to "Pajama Time" a reading time event held during the evening to K-3 students during the book fair. As always, Mrs. Hofmann was very cooperative and helpful.

Congratulations to this year's Teacher of the Year, Mrs. O'Neill!!!

We are working hard on our 9th annual Tricky Tray which will be held on March 28th. Please remember that this event helps us continue with many of our ongoing programs, sponsorships and special events directly benefiting our children. The continued success of this event depends upon your participation along with the Stanhope HSA. We want you to partner with us to support our worthwhile cause by either donating a \$25.00 basket/tray or a monetary donation in your family's name and we will be glad to use it to make a tray or use it toward the specials. It takes the cooperation and generosity of everyone to make an event of this scale a success. When we all work together, our children are the winners. Without your continued support, the Stanhope HSA will eventually not have the resources to continue our ongoing programs, sponsorships, etc. For each basket/tray you donate, you will receive 1 complimentary sheet of tickets to use the night of the tricky tray. Also this year we will be recognizing any person, family, or business that makes a donation to the tricky tray in this newsletter. Therefore it is important that when you give your donation it has your name on it.

Presale tricky tickets will continue. These are the following dates:

March 12th from 2:45 - 4:00 pm in the front lobby

March 19th and 20th during the evening talent show

March 26th from 2:45-5:00pm in the cafeteria during Market Day

If you cannot make these times, please contact me for presale tickets at stanhopetrickytrav@yahoo.com or call me at (973)426-9092.

We are also looking for donations of bottled water, soda and baked good for the Tricky Tray. If you would like to make a contribution, please return the flyer previously sent home by March 25th, 2009. This helps us keep track what kind of donations we will be receiving. Please remember to drop off your donation on Saturday morning, March 28th in the gym between 9:00 am and 11:00 am. If you have any questions regarding this, please call Joelle DeMasi at (973)527-3380. The HSA appreciates all of your help and generosity.

Please check the HSA section of the school website for up-to –date tricky tray information. Thank you.

COMMITTEE NEWS

Programs.....Dawn Heinen

Many thanks go out to the following volunteers who helped set up/break down and work during the book fair: Kathy Amato, Maria Brennan, Tricia Baisley, Sherry Caravano, Sherrin Claesson, Karen Connelly, Heather Costanza, Nicole Dellostritto, Joelle DeMasi, Janice Giannone, Dawn Goula, Cindy Graeber, Andrea Granada, Kelly Herman, Rose Latino, Stephanie McDonnell, Kim Moppert. Lauren Mortell,Chris Raymond, Theresa, Romaine, Jen Russell, Daphne Shalita, Tracy Staples, Linda Stiner, Tami Stricchiola, Rose Tucker and Patti Vance. I would also like to thank our junior volunteers: Matthew Herman, Lauren Kenny, Joanna Stiner and Macie Stricchiola. A special thanks to Mr. Burns for calling.

After School Bingo (Grades K-3) took place on February 12th .Many of the K through 3rd graders love to attend this fun event. Therefore, I really appreciated the amount of volunteers who assisted with this event. Many thanks go out to: Tricia Baisley, Maria Brennan, Joelle DeMasi, Andrea DiFabrizio, Andrea Granada, Kelly Herman, Maureen Kurtz, Michelle McNeilly, Chris Raymond, Daphne Shalita, Kelly Swiencki, and Patti Vance. I would also like to thank our junior volunteers: Caitlyn Chapparo, Danielle DeMasi, Victoria DeFabrizio, Romi Jarrar, Samantha Sweizer and David Vance.

After School Bingo (Grades 4-8) took place on February 10th. Thanks to Linda Oeftering and Andrea Granada who organized this event. Thanks to Karen Connelly, Kelly Herman, Dawn Heinen, Sassy Kondolpi,and Michelle McNeilly for helping with this year’s After School Bingo. Thanks to our junior volunteer Alyssa Oeftering who assisted. Thanks for Linda Oeftering for calling.

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 \$1,037.40. Thank you for your support! The cut off for March 2009 Market Day is March 20th, 2009. Pickup will be on Thursday, March 26th, 2009 from 4:00 pm – 5:00 p.m.