

STANHOPE HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

NEWS 'N' NOTES



September - October 2011

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

It has been quite an eventful school year so far for us. First, we are grateful for all of your support. We thank all our new volunteers who have come out to support us in many ways as well as our ongoing volunteers.

A special thanks to Dawn Goula, Dawn Heinen, Kelly Herman and Tania Novack for handling all aspects of Back to School Night that the HSA is responsible for. The refreshments and baked goods were provided by the Stanhope HSA.

Congratulations to the winners of the HSA's Back to School Night Attendance Awards. First place went to Mrs. Grube and her Kindergarten class. Second place went to Mrs. Forest and her 7th grade homeroom class. Third place went to Mrs. Marra and her third grade class.

We would like to welcome all of our new homeroom parents to the HSA and thank everyone who attended our homeroom parents meeting. We thank everyone who organized and helped for the student's homeroom Halloween parties especially with the complications from the unexpected snow storm.

Our annual Fall Book Fair ran smoothly under the direction of Book Fair Chairperson Theresa Romaine. We donated \$750 worth of books to the school and individual class libraries. We thank Mrs. Hofmann who always offers her assistance during our book fairs.

This year we introduced a new fundraising effort selling Boston Coffee Cakes and other food products which proved to be quite successful. We thank everyone from our school community who supported our undertaking as we were able to earn \$2,201.14. This money will be used to supplement our ongoing programs, activities and events. A special thanks to the following people who helped sort, pack and assist with the pickup of the coffee cakes: Maureen Casazza, Rebecca Davies, Marge Feeley, Lori Gordon, Amy Hallowich, Dana Kmec, Ms. Mathesius and Kelly Swiencki.

A new e-mail address for the Stanhope HSA has been set up. For anyone who needs to reach us, you can by emailing us at HSA@stanhopeschools.org.

Please mark your calendars for upcoming events:

Our annual holiday shopping store, The Holiday Boutique, will be open for our students on Friday, December 9th during school hours in the Media Center. We will also be open on Saturday, December 10th from 9am to 11am while the 8th grade's Breakfast with Santa is taking place in the Cafeteria. For any parent, grandparent etc. who would like to help us at the Holiday Boutique, please e-mail us at HSA@stanhopeschools.org. or call Kelly Swiencki at (973)691-1695.

Our Gertrude Hawk Fall/Christmas Online Fundraiser will continue to run through December 16th. If you have any questions, you can email HSA@stanhopeschools.org or contact Kelly Herman at (973)903-5537.

Our Family Fun Night Halloween Dance that was postponed in November due to the complications from the surprise snow storm has been rescheduled to Friday, January 27th, 2012. The new themed dance will run from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Information will follow in early January, 2012 for this event. If you have any questions, please email us at HSA@stanhopeschools.org or call Kelly Eller at (973)670-6076.

Please continue to support the HSA any way you can. Everyone is always welcome to come to our meetings (first Monday of each month at 7:00pm) and contribute ideas, help in running programs and events, doing whatever you can do to make the school environment the best that it can be for our children. None of what we do can be achieved without your support. Please remember that when we all work together, our children are the winners.

FALL BOOK FAIR.....Theresa Romaine

We want to thank everyone who helped at the fall book fair. With everyone's time limitations, we still had enough volunteers to cover both day and evening time periods which helped to make our book fair a great success. Thanks to our school community for coming out and supporting us by purchasing a book or two..... We thank you! We would also like to recognize the following people who donated their time: Diedre Abdallah, Sharon Anderson, Suzanne Balogh, Maria Campanile, Luanne Canfield, Sherry Caravano, Maureen Casazza, Heather Costanza, Susan Costanza, Rebecca Davies, Michael Gorth, Dawn Goula, Amy Hallowich, Dana Kmec, Michele Madonna, Carolyn Murphy, Donna Polpeka, Daphne Shalita, Nancy Shay, Kim Smith, Tracy Staples, Suzanne Spooner, Suzanne Swiencki, Lori Wihlborg and anyone we may have forgotten.