

May 2010

Upcoming PTA Meeting:
Tues., May 11th
3:45-4:45 p.m.
In Room 107

**PTA Officers
2009-2010**

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209-3783

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475-6725

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Presidents' Letter



Dear Families, Faculty, Staff and Friends:

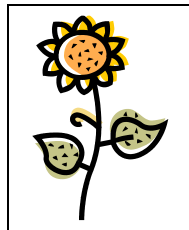
May is Teacher – Staff Appreciation Month. How fortunate we are to have such wonderful teachers and staff that will consistently go above and beyond to help our children learn and grow. These are the people who come in early to work with our children, who stay late to facilitate our after school programs, and who make programs like the science fair and events like to school play possible. Take the time this month to say thank you to someone who has made a positive difference in your child's life!

Our Teacher - Staff appreciation breakfast will be held Friday, May 7th. We welcome volunteers and/or food donations. Please call Patti @ 482-2093 if you would like to help out.

Upcoming events: the **PHES Play "Dorothy Meets Alice"** has a daytime performance on Monday, May 3rd; **Pre-K Cinco de Mayo Parade** on May 5th; the **PTA Plant Sale** on Saturday, May 8th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon; **Junior Writers' Week author visit** on Wednesday, May 19th; **First Grade Play** on Friday, May 21st.

To all the mom's and grandmother's – **Happy Mother's Day!!**

Maria Karandy and Patti Jakovic
Co-Presidents



PINE HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PTA ANNUAL PLANT SALE
Saturday, May 8th from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Plant Sale order forms have been sent home. Please be sure to return your pre-order form(s) with payment no later than **Thursday, May 6th**, or stop by on Saturday morning and choose from a wide variety of bedding flowers, hanging baskets and more! **Please remember that all pre-orders must be picked up on the morning of the sale.**

For submissions to the PTA Newsletter, please e-mail information to:
phespta@ymail.com;
or contact:
Patti Jakovic at 482-2093 or
Maria Karandy at 209-3783.



NUA UPDATE

(by Miss Lee)



Again, welcome to another NUA update! In May, we will be presenting the strategy, taxonomies. A taxonomy is a breakdown of a topic into an alphabetical format where students can think of words related to one topic. This strategy works especially well in developing vocabulary and building background on a topic. There is a process and steps that need to be followed for this strategy. You can find a detailed description of the strategy in the hall next to the family resource room. Stop by and pick one up. Mrs. Tricozzi will be presenting this strategy at this month's PTA meeting. Hope to see you there!

TIME TO NOMINATE PTA OFFICERS

The Pine Hills Elementary PTA Nominating Committee is calling for nominations for PTA officers for the 2010-2011 school year. A nomination form has been sent home. If you would like to nominate someone to serve as a PTA officer, or if you are interested in an officer position, please take the time to complete the nomination form and return it to school by Monday, May 10th.

At a minimum, we are in need of officers to fill the following offices: First Vice President for Fundraising Programs, Corresponding Secretary, ACCPTA Representative, Membership Chair, and Building Leadership Team (BLT) Parent Representative.

The Nominating Committee will review all nominations and put together a slate of candidates for each office. The vote will take place during the June PTA meeting.

PTA FUNDRAISING UPDATE (BY KERRI MCMANUS)

SPRING FUNDRAISER: THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR SPRING FUNDRAISER. WE WERE ABLE TO RAISE \$1800.00 TOWARD OUR FUNDRAISING GOAL FOR THE YEAR.

SPECIAL THANKS TO TAMEKA GODDARD FROM MRS. REUTEMANN'S CLASS WHO WAS OUR TOP SELLER! BECAUSE OF HER OUTSTANDING EFFORT, HER CLASS WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL TREAT.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR: THE SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR WILL BE HELD JUNE 2, 3, 4TH. THIS WILL BE OUR BIG BUY ONE GET ONE!!!!

WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS!!!! IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING PLEASE CONTACT KERRI AT 331-0051.

PHES AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS UPDATE

ALL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS WILL BE ENDING VERY SOON.

KARATE ENDS MAY 7TH
CHESS ENDS MAY 4TH
ARTS & CRAFTS ENDS MAY 14TH
COOKING ENDS MAY 17TH

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE STAFF FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE STUDENTS OF PINE HILLS!

TO THE STUDENTS - "GREAT JOB"! HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE NEXT YEAR WITH EVEN MORE FUN THINGS TO DO AFTER SCHOOL.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER.
MR. REID, HSC

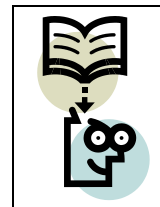
20th Annual William Kennedy Jr. Writers' Week News

(by Mrs. Gwin)

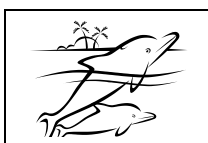
James Ransome will be the visiting illustrator for our 20th annual William Kennedy Jr. Writers' Week. He will present 3 assemblies in the café on Wednesday, May 19:



9:30-9:45 PreK-K
9:55-10:35 Grades 1-2
10:45-11:30 grades 3-6



Parents are welcome to attend to listen to this highly acclaimed artist.



Reserve your Copy of the PHES Yearbook Now!
Pre-order cost: \$7 each through the month of May.
After that, remaining copies will be sold at \$10 each.



RECYCLE AND EARN MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL

(by The Green Committee)

Every Monday morning the recycling bin will be out in front of the school so that families can recycle their newspapers. Help save the Earth and earn money for our school at the same time!

Box Tops for Education

(by Sarah Beeler)

Please continue collecting Box Tops for Education. These are found on a variety of General Mills items. A collection box is located in the main office. Start collecting today!

SCHOOL NEWS

PHES SCIENCE FAIR UPDATE (by Mrs. Tricozzi): Congratulations to the students who went to the College of St. Rose on Friday, April 16, 2010 to represent PHES at the Joseph Henry Science Fair. Joseph Henry Fair finalists: Sara Popp, Jale' Moore, Ivory Moore, Anndriana Johnson, Michael Jakovic, Joey Karandy, and Christian Maldonado. These students spent the day presenting their projects to a panel of judges along with students from all over the city. Not only did they demonstrate great scientific ability, but they also modeled extraordinary behavior and manners while spending the day there.

In addition, our very own team of Joey Karandy and Christian Maldonado, who presented the project "Electric Fruits" came in 1st place for the team competition!! They won out over the 20 other teams in the city who had competed. We are so very proud of them and all the participants!!!!

GEOGRAPHY BEE INFORMATION (by Mrs. Gwin): PHES will have a Geography Bee for students in grades 3-6. Permission slips will be given to students who would like to participate. When the permission has been signed by a parent/guardian, a packet of questions will be given to the student. Students must work on the packet independently. They are welcome to use resources in our school library, public library, and on the Internet. The preliminary Geography Bee will be Thursday, June 10 in the library. Ten semi-finalists will then participate in the final Geography Bee on Thursday, June 17 in the café. Encourage your student to participate and learn about our world! Any questions, contact Mrs. Gwin.

EARTH DAY UPDATE (by Mrs. Gwin): PHES celebrated Earth Day by cleaning up our school grounds, going on scavenger hunts to find nature objects, choosing gently used books, and planting seed bundles with compost we made in our compost barrel. Many thanks to the Master Gardeners from the Pine Hills neighborhood: Aimee Allaud, Ed, and Gail. They gave us the idea for the seed bundles and spent the morning with our students helping us plant. In a few weeks we hope to see flowers sprouting up around the building!

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2	3 Daytime Play Performance 1:45	4	5 Pre-K Cinco de Mayo Parade 1:30	6 School Banking	7 Teacher-Staff Breakfast School Store	8 PTA Plant Sale 9 am – 12 noon
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16	17	18 School Budget Vote	19 Junior Writers' Author Visit	20 School Banking Board of Ed mtg. 7 pm	21 School Store First Grade Play 1:30 in Café	22
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30	31 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">NO SCHOOL</div> Memorial Day					

SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE MAY 18TH

There will be two opportunities for community members to ask question about the budget proposal.

Wednesday, May 5 – Superintendent Raymond Colucciello, Ed.D., and Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs Bill Hogan will discuss the budget and answer questions at the Council of Albany Neighborhood Associations meeting at the Albany Public Library main branch, 161 Washington Ave. The CANA meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. All community members are welcome.

Thursday, May 6 – The Board of Education will hold the annual budget hearing beginning at 7 p.m. at Albany High School.

The board has approved a \$202.8 million budget proposal for 2010-11 that includes a 3.87 percent tax-levy increase. You will be getting the annual budget edition of *Capital Education* at home in the next few days. You also can visit the 2010-11 Budget News section at www.albanyschools.org to download the newsletter and review the proposed budget.