

Claypit Hill PTO E-Newsletter

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January 2010

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Friday, January 22, 2009 at 9:30am – 10:30am

Coffee with the Principal

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

Author Visit (see details below)

Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 7pm CHS Cafe

Joint Elementary PTO Meeting (see details below)

Holding On - Letting Go: Social Development in The Elementary Years

Presented by Robert Evans, Ed.D.

February 28, 2010

WPSF Spelling Bee

(see details below)

March 5th & April 30th, 2010

Lice Checks

March 5th & April 30th, 2010

Wayland Play date on 3/5/10

Boston Play date on 3/28/10

(see details below)

March 19, 2010

BINGO

(see details below)

Parmenter Donations

January- toiletries

February- brownie mix, cake mixes

March- tuna fish

April- cereal, oatmeal

May- canned fruit

June- peanut butter and jelly

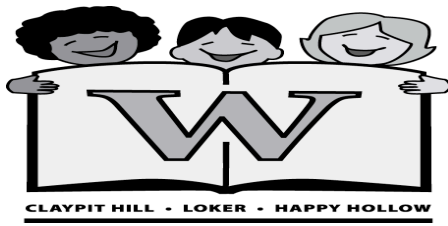
April 10, 2010 PM

Spring Event-Casino Night

(see details below)

April 28, 2010

5th Grade Play



Dear Elementary School Families,

As we begin the second half of the school year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in the Gift Your Child fundraiser. The following provides an update on the success of this new "pilot" fundraiser and fundraising plans for the remainder of the school year.

As you may recall, Gift Your Child was developed based upon feedback from our community to examine less time consuming fundraisers that provide a larger return on our investment. The overall PTO Elementary School budget is \$120,000 per year funding programs and supplies that enrich our children's educational experience. Some of the expenses planned for this year are:

Teacher's Supplies	\$28,000
Grade Level Enrichment	\$16,000
Teacher's Wish List for fixed asset capital items	\$14,000
Cultural Enrichment	\$10,000
Curriculum Materials	\$9,000
Principal's Discretionary Fund	\$6,900
Residency	\$4,000
Staff/House Grants	\$4,000
METCO Program	\$3,750

The Wayland elementary schools have approximately 1200 students and the PTO spends \$100 on each bringing the annual budget to \$120,000. To date, the Gift Your Child campaign has raised \$67,000 and approximately 50% of the elementary families made contributions! For a pilot program, this sort of success is very promising and we hope to continue offering it in the coming years.

With the success of Gift Your Child, we now shift gears to fulfill the remaining budget for this school year. As planned, we will be holding a unique spring event in April to raise the additional funds needed to support our expenses. This is shaping up to be a fabulous evening sure to offer fun for everyone. The Spring Event Committee (Dana Volman, Robin Jones, Deirdre Robinson and Susan Blumenfeld) have volunteered their time to coordinate our spring fundraising event at Regis College on the evening of Saturday, April 10, 2010 that should not be missed! The theme will be a "LasWAYgas" casino night and a professional casino team will host the evening. Keep an eye and ear out to learn more about this exciting event, including casino tables, raffles, boutique auction (including favorite items like the teacher gifts and summer camps), and so much more. No Gift Your Child or other PTO dollars are used and this event covers its own cost.

We look forward to celebrating our schools together and appreciate your continued support of the PTO.

Best regards,

Maura McInerney, Claypit Hill PTO President
Stefanie Janoff, Happy Hollow/Loker PTO President
Liza Knapp, Claypit Hill Fundraising Chair
Tracy Scheidemantel, Happy Hollow/Loker Fundraising Chair

TOPICS OF INTEREST

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

Author Visit

PAID FOR BY PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PTO

The acclaimed children's book author Grace Lin will be visiting Claypit Hill School on Tuesday, February 9, 2010. This is a wonderful opportunity to have a book signed by the author! If your child already owns Grace Lin's books, please send them into school with your student to have available by February 9th so that the author can sign them.

Grace Lin's books are: Picture books: Lissy's Friends, The Ugly Vegetables, Bringing in the New Year, Dim Sum for Everyone, Kite Flying, Fortune Cookie Fortunes, Olvina Flies, Olvina Swims, The Red Thread, Our Seasons Novels: Year of the Dog, Year of the Rat, Where the Mountain Meets the Moon



If you would like to purchase a Grace Lin book prior to the event, her books are available in many local bookstores including Barnes and Noble in Framingham, or online at:

www.gracelin.com <<http://www.gracelin.com/>> OR www.amazon.com <<http://www.amazon.com/>>

Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to have a signed book that your child will cherish!

Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 7pm CHS Cafe

Joint Elementary PTO Meeting

Holding On - Letting Go: Social Development in The Elementary Years

Presented by Robert Evans, Ed.D.

Holding On, Letting Go: Social Development in The Elementary Years

Growing up doesn't seem so simple anymore. We want children to form friendships but not cliques, to be assertive but not bully, to be cooperative but not doormats. We want them to "just be kids" but it's hard to resist all the opportunities to enroll them in programs and activities. How do we strike the right balance? How do we manage our interests, hopes, and concerns in a way that helps children become their best selves? Rob Evans will explore these issues and offer concrete suggestions for coping.



Dr. Evans is a clinical and organizational psychologist and the Executive Director of The Human Relations Service, the community mental health agency serving Wayland. A former high school and pre-school teacher, and a former child and family therapist, he has worked with schools and families in Wayland and across the country for more than thirty years. His presentations are known for their lively wit and plain talk. He is the author of many articles and three books, including Family Matters: How Schools Can Cope with The Crisis in Childrearing and his latest: Seven Secrets of The Savvy School Leader: A Guide to Surviving and Thriving.

Friday, March 19, 2010
6pm to 8pm
Wayland Middle School Cafeteria
BINGO NIGHT

The Elementary School Bingo Night is just around the corner! Join for a great night of food, family fun and prizes. Bingo Night ticket sales will begin on **February 23rd**. Be on the lookout for a Bingo Night flyer to go home with your child and also via listserve! We have one session for bingo and we expect it to sell out fast, so please return your ticket reservations to your child's teachers ASAP.

We are currently looking for prize donations. Did you get a gift over the holidays that you'd like to pass on to a good cause? Do you have a business that could donate goods or service? Would you like to volunteer for the evening? If so, please call Noreen D'Amico at 508-358-0736 or email noreendamico@verizon.net. Thanks and we look forward to seeing you there!



Saturday, April 10, 2010 PM
Spring Event-Casino Night
Rolling the Dice....lasWAYgas style!!!!

Please join us for what will be considered one of the most creative events in town!

We need your help, we are looking for volunteers-the opportunities are plentiful. For more information, please contact Claypit event co-chairs Dana Volman(dvolman@verizon.net) or Robin Jones (robin.jones4@comcast.net) or Loker/Happy Hollow co-chairs Susan Blumenfeld (susan.blumenfeld@imagitas.com) or Deirdre Robinson (deidreronobinson@verizon.net).

March 5th & April 30th, 2010

Way/Bos Connection aka Family Friends

Happy New Year to all! December was a busy month for us. We had the Boston Play date and a Movie Play date to see the Princess and the Frog. Thank you to all that participated in both. Tiaras were given out to all the little princesses at the Movie Play date. We are gearing up for our next events: Wayland Play date on 3/5/10 and the Boston Play date on 3/28/10. Check your calendars to see if your children may be able to participate, it's never too early to reach out to one another.

Extracurricular Activities for your Children

There are numerous extracurricular activities for your children to participate in during the school year. These are just a few that you may be interested in.

February 28, 2010

WPSF Spelling Bee on February 28, 2010 at 12:30pm at Wayland High School

All 2nd - 5th grade students are invited to form teams.

Registration forms will go out the week of January 22nd and are due back no later than Friday, February 12th. T-shirt with new 2010 logo will be available for purchase for \$5 with registration.

Raffle tickets for \$50 Barnes and Noble gift cards will be available for purchase with registration.

1 for \$10; 2 for \$15; 3 for \$25

Each speller will receive a goody bag for participating, and the winning team of each round will receive a 1st place prize.

Any questions, please contact Val Erdekian (val.erdekian@comcast.net), Becky Haas (Beckyhaase@comcast.net), or Kim Pappas (Pappask@aol.com)



The PTO would like to extend a special THANK YOU to Dexter Chadsey for all his help with our Gift Your Child campaign. Dexter happily dressed up as a huge orange gift box to help us publicize the campaign — he played the role of a human present with great aplomb! Thank you Dexter! Without your help the campaign would not have been nearly as successful.

To the parents at CHS that have donated to the PTO to continue to fund events such as the Author Visit and other cultural enrichment events. For those that have not had a chance to make a donation or were waiting for the new year to donate, a form to donate to Gift Your Child is on the PTO website at www.claypithillpto.org/donations/gift-your-child and below for your convenience.

To all of the parents that contributed to teacher and staff holiday gifts.

To Lisa Flathers for chairing the GIFT DRIVE to benefit the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families.

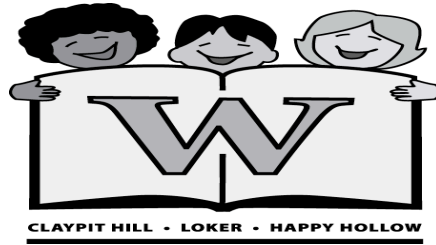


To the parents for volunteering for lice checks for our children on Friday, January 8th.

To Mary Kay Peacock for supporting the Just Like Me Intellectual Limitations Unit.

And last but not least....thank you to Ms. Rossi's and Ms. Moquin's classes for collecting peanut butter and jelly in December. They collected almost 100 jars, enough to keep the foodbank in pb&j for months!





Gift Your Child Donation Form

Yes, I want to support Wayland Elementary Schools and continue to enrich my children's educational experience. Enclosed is a contribution to the **Gift Your Child Campaign** for:

☐ \$100* ☐ \$200 ☐ \$300 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1000 ☐ Other

The PTO provides \$100 per child to the Wayland Elementary Schools. Please help us meet this goal. 100% of this donation directly supports your child's school – there is no 3rd party fundraising company requiring a portion.

Name: _____ Address: _____

Checks are payable to Wayland PTO. Contributions are tax-deductible and matching gifts by employers can double your donation. Check with your employer to find out if they offer a matching gifts program.

Please return your donation and this form to Claypit Hill School, Adams Lane, Wayland, MA 01778 ATT: Gift Your Child

*Thank you for supporting the Wayland Elementary Schools PTO. In appreciation of your \$100 donation a copy of the school-wide student directory will be sent home with your child in the backpack (while supplies last).