



PTA NEWS

Upper Freehold Regional Elementary & Middle School PTA
Newsletter - Winter 2010

Mark Your Calendars!

January 11 - PTA General
Membership Meeting, 7 pm

January - Scripps Spell-
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February 8 - PTA RISE
Meeting, 7 pm

March 8 - PTA EQUITY
Meeting, 7 pm

A Message from the UFRE/MS PTA

Wishing all the families of the UFRE/MS a very happy, healthy, and prosperous 2011! We are especially grateful for all our members' support and those who generously give of their time to make our programs for the kids a tremendous success!

We hope to continue building our pathway toward tomorrow in this wonderful partnership of parents and teachers. With warmest regards,

The UFRE/MS PTA Executive Board



Thanks for your support
of our PTA!
Please send any feedback to:
UFRPTA@yahoo.com

Scholastic Book Fair Earns over \$10,000!

The UFREMS PTA held the Fall 2010 Scholastic Book Fair on November 17-19. This was co-chaired by Stephanie Tranosky, Kelly Baldwin, and Wendy Heinz. Ms. Gardner, Ms. Kern and Ms. Waropay's 4th grade students helped assist the Pre-K-2 grade students making their book wish lists and book selections. There were about 35 parent volunteers that helped assist and "man" the booth throughout the three days. Due to the support of the children, parents and teachers the Book Fair raised \$10,592.65 and \$188 for One For Books. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to this success. We would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season and we look forward to seeing everyone in the Spring!



Stephanie Tranosky, Program Co-Chair



Halloween Fest 2010 – A Frightful Affair

This year the UFRPTA held its annual Halloween Fest for Newell Elementary School students at Westhaven Farms. Nearly 300 students and family members attended dressed in their Halloween costumes ready to

explore the new locale. The traditional games and arts and crafts were a hit, but the fan faves this year were the Haunted Hayride to the pumpkin patch and getting

lost in the never-ending corn maze. Students received safe snack bags that contained only peanut free treats, prizes from games played, crafts they made that didn't blow away, and whatever pumpkin they were able to carry back from the patch.

A special thanks goes to Joan and Art West for accommodating our group at the farm, and a huge thank you to all the volunteers who came out to help with decorations, admission, games, corn maze, arts and crafts, hospitality, hay riders, and clean up crew. We couldn't have done it without you, so thanks a bunch!

Andrea Reynolds, Program Chair



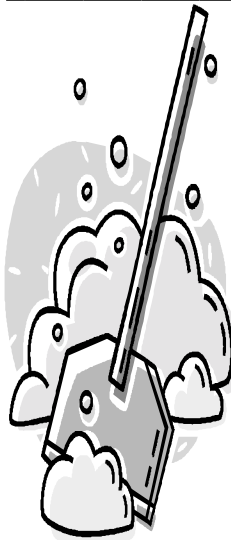
Stand UNited
Against Bullying

The Anti-Bullying Coalition would like to thank the PTA for their support of our SUN initiative. Our kickoff event was a great success, which would not have been possible without you!

For details about our kickoff event, check out this article in the Messenger Press—

http://www.centraljersey.com/articles/2010/11/18/the_messenger_press/news/doc4ce45f916757f370448139.txt

More information about SUN can be found on the SBMS website—http://ufrsd.net/pages/ms_abc_olweus



WWW.UFRPTA.ORG - An Award Winning Website

Congratulations to UFRPTA, who was recognized at this year's NJPTA Convention in Atlantic City, NJ for winning 3rd Place for the Best PTA Website in NJ! Web designer, John Reynolds, was very pleased to receive the great news about the site he set up for the UFRPTA in August 2009. Its style and ease of use by PTA members has made it a very effective communication tool.



Nicolas DeMauro gives the thumbs up on the new Stone Bridge spirit wear available in the SBMS store

Stone Bridge Middle School Store— Up and Running

The kids love to “shop” during lunch. We hope to have our new SBMS spirit wear on line so parents can order it. We will also be selling spirit wear at the winter concerts. Great presents for the holidays! Remember, all proceeds the PTA makes help fund educational programs for our kids.

If you have any questions or want to volunteer, please contact Jennifer DeMauro at jjseeland@optonline.net.



Science Night Live Huge Success!

The PTA's 8th annual Science Night Live was once again a huge success. We had an extraordinary group of scientists (parent volunteers) to provide experiments and activities that offered hands-on experience for over 130 students. A big thanks goes out to the AHS Redbird Robotics Team, The Rutgers Equine Science Center, The Rutgers Entomology Department and The Amateur Astronomers Association of Princeton. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to this success, including: Loren Bassi, Bernadette Burke, Barbara Cottrell, Jennifer Gesell, Kim Co-cozello, Beth Conti, Kim DeGrazia, Jennifer Domen, Danielle Estevez, Ellen Giovanelli, Jim Hannon, Barbara Harrill, Rich Heddy, Debra Kammerer, Karen Kilcher, Amanda Kilcher, Matt Kilcher, Lisa Kilyk, Emma Kilyk, Vaishali Kirkland, Lisa Lacroix, Susan Laurits, Catherine Haran-Lomino, Sarah Martz, Tia McLaughlin, Rob McLaughlin, Bailey McLaughlin, Ken Mount, Beth Murphy, Simone Petrecca, John Reynolds, Micayla Reynolds, Sathya Gopalreddy, Kara Repko, April Spaltro, Michael Sul-livan, Lesley Walulak, Joan West, Bryan Wible, and Linda Zaffarese. We look forward to seeing everyone next year!



Dr. Fitzpatrick, Vice Principal Tara Silva, parents and students enjoying a large display of critters.

Eleanor Amato, Chair



Principal Kelly Huggins with Micayla and Anthony Reynolds enjoying Halloween Fest at West Haven Farm.

First Grade Meet the Artist

Project Shine's *Meet the Artists* program will take place in February for the first graders. The students will learn about artists Edgar Degas, Paul Cezanne, Henri Matisse, and Georgia O'Keefe. Project Shine is looking for volunteers to help teach the 4 lessons to the first grade

classes. Two volunteers are needed for each first grade class. No prior art experience is needed!



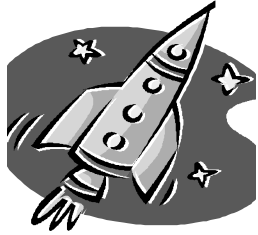
If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information about the *Meet the Artists* program, please contact Sue Shaw at petuniashaw@yahoo.com.

Thanks! Scholastic Book Fair Volunteers:

Jan Barnet, Bernie Burke, Claire Goodwin, Christina Marshall, Tammy Baio, Meredith Pullen, Renee Springhorn, Pia Trolle, Barbara Harrill, Catherine Topping, Tricia Scott, Bobi Kulpa, Linda Weise, Suzanne Rider, Maresea Strahle, Jennifer Stampe, Michele Anthony, Peggy Gellman, Deborah Soborski, Pam Campbell, Monica Togna, Aimee Greenbaum, April Spaltro, Lisa Lacroix, Jennifer Clark, Meredith O'Malley, Barbara Nissinger, Linda Greco, Linda Reed, Jen DePietro, Stephanie and Ed Transosky, Kelly Baldwin, Wendy Heniz, Colleen Sargent, Kathy Smith, and Ms. Gardner, Ms. Kern and Ms. Waropay's 4th grade students.

EQUITY Seeks Volunteers for After School Clubs

A committee of the PTA, EQUITY is a group of parents, teachers, and community members that strives to enhance the educational experiences of all students, with an emphasis on high-potential and high-ability students. Our first meeting of the year was held on October 12th. Assistant Superintendent, Steve Cochrane, provided overviews of the district's progress on its strategic plan and the district's new Gifted and Talented services. More information about these initiatives can be found on the district's website. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2011. Ideas for topics and speakers are welcome!



EQUITY's recent activities focused on information sharing among parents. First, we updated the group's informational and membership flyer and it was included in the first-day packets for all students K-8. Still interested in joining? You can join at any time by contacting me. Second, I started sending monthly emails with announcements and community activities that might be of interest to EQUITY parents. Third, we are (slowly!) moving the website to a section within the PTA site (www.ufrpta.org). Please visit and suggest content you would like to see.

In addition to expanding the content on the website, EQUITY would like to provide an after-school activity. Would you like to see the Chess Club come back? Perhaps the kids (and parents!) would like to play other

educational and fun games like Monopoly, Life and Pay Day? What about something new like "Destination Imagination" which provides educational programs for students to learn and experience creativity, teamwork and problem-solving? For more information, visit www.destinationimagination.org.

The choice of after-school activity will be based on child and parent interest, parent volunteers (minimal time commitment) and budget. Please let me know what you are interested in and we'll get a program started!

Contact me by phone 732-629-6041 or e-mail smebuchanan@yahoo.com. I look forward to hearing from you!

*Suzanne Buchanan,
Equity Chair*



BEE Proud ... of our Students!



The URE/MS PTA would like to recognize and congratulate the following students who, based on their strong spelling skills, qualified as the Scripps Spelling Bee local grade level finalists! They will compete against each other on January th for the opportunity to move to the county level bee.

Grade 5

Grace Klopman
Lauren Cocozello
Kaleigh McLaughlin
Thomas Bethea
Ally Jurgens

Grade 6

Zachary Dowbnia
Micayla Reynolds
Tommy Krosnowski
Alaina Stampe
Matthew Coiante

Grade 7

Hunter DiCicco
Michael Peters
Jaret Williams
Lindsay Rubenstein
Jillian Germino

Grade 8

George Veit
Christopher Napoleon
Ericka McCormick
Rachel Swope
Amanda Eider

BOX TOPS/CAMPBELL'S LABELS NEWS:

Keep Clipping! Please read attached letter for some important information and changes to the contest deadlines.

Big News....

A Hardy Congratulations! to **Mrs. Timmons First Grade Class, our Box Tops Winners** for the first contest.
A Round of applause for our runners up: Mr Mount's Third Grade Class and Mrs. McMacken's AM Kindergarten Class.

An Honorable Mention for Mrs Kochman's First grade Class.

And a special "Thank you" to all the classes for sending in your Box Tops and Campbell's Labels!
We were able to exceed our total submission goals this year on both the Campbell's Labels and Box Tops.

THANK YOU! Keep Up the Great Work.

And for your Holiday shopping... Help Us Earn every time you shop online.

Just start at the Box Tops Marketplace!®