



PTA NEWS

Mark Your Calendars!

Feb. 2 - 1st grade Meet the Artist

Feb. 8-12 RAK Week

Feb. 9 - PTA/RISE Mtg. 7 pm

Mar. 1- Meet the Artist 2nd grade

Mar. 5 - ES Bingo Night 7pm

Mar. 9 - PTA/EQUITY Mtg. 7pm

Mar. 19 - MS Redbird Rally

Mar. 22 - Author Visit—David Adler

April 8 - Spring Clothing Drive (tentative)

April 13 - PTA Mtg. Budget Vote

April 20 - UFRSD Budget Vote

April 19-23 - Scholastic Book Fair/TV Turn Off

April 23- ES Science Night Live

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Winter Fun

Communication is a critical piece in any relationship. There are so many ways of communicating with each other particularly during these technological times. Our PTA has opened those doors of communication to help get information out more efficiently and ecologically. Please remember it is up to us as parents and teachers to speak up for our children/students as advocates for educational issues, safety concerns, and health and welfare issues. I ask you to communicate as parents to your children, as PTA members with our schools, always remembering you are a voice for **all** children and you make a difference to us all in our Upper Freehold/Allentown community. Our PTA meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month unless otherwise noted.

Come and let your voice be heard!!

Fondly,

Andrea Reynolds, UFRE/MS PTA President



Third annual Walk-a-thon a big success!

We are happy to announce that this past October the Elementary School raised close to \$13,000 to help support PTA programs. As a result, the top five fundraiser enjoyed a pizza luncheon with Principal Kelly Huggins in early December. In addition to the luncheon, the children also presented a check of over \$1,100 to the Allentown Food Bank. Congratulations to Dirk DePompo, Brenna Stampe, Hayden Blecher, Margaret Bardwill and Juliana Matwiow for being the top 5 fundraisers!

We would also like to extend a big thanks to all of the elementary students for their great fundraising efforts. In addition, we would also like to thank Matt Nemeth and the PE department for their support and assistance in making the event a huge success!! We look forward to seeing you all next year!

Anita Kinney, Vice President

PTA Fundraising





ATTENTION 8TH GRADE PARENTS!

Please return 8th grade dance information form with \$30 (checks payable to UFRMS) and your child's baby photo ASAP.

Thanks!



Angela Anthony
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Middle School Brick Fundraiser



Deadline Extended!!!

Available sizes and prices:

4x8 brick - \$75.00

(4) 4x8 bricks, Family Package - \$175.00

8x8 brick - \$95.00

Forms will be sent home next week with report cards. To order, please complete the form and return it with your check made payable to "UFREMS PTA" in an envelope marked "PTA Brick Fundraiser."

Send to the Main Office at 27 High Street, Allentown, NJ 08501 by March 12th.

Christian Preschool for children ages 2 ½ to 5

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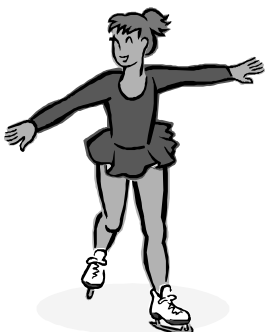
Located at the Allentown Presbyterian Church

20 High Street Allentown, NJ 08501

Jill@allentownpresbyterian.org 609 259-9005

Middle School Redbirds on Ice!

We initially planned to have a Middle School Talent Show this month. However, due to scheduling conflicts, we were forced to scramble to design an alternative event. We are happy to report that "Redbirds On Ice" was a huge success! So much so, that we plan to add it as a yearly event. The students had a fantastic time. they socialized, exercised, and thanks to the help of our parent skate instructor, Sandy Stevens, even learned a few skills! We hope to make it even bigger and better next year. Keep honing those talents! The Variety Show is postponed, not gone...We are currently scheduled for May 22, 2010!!!!



A special thanks to; Amie Kazawic, Vanessa DePompo, Jill Dobrowansky, Andrea Reynolds, Nancy Tallarido, Eleanor Amato, Karen Kilcher and Sandy Stevens for all their help!

Thanks for your support of our PTA!

Please send any feedback to:

UFRPTA@yahoo.com

And visit us at:

www.ufrpta.org

**Calling all Parents!!! Our PTA Needs...
YOU!!!**

The only way that our PTA is able to provide such an amazing variety of programs and activities for our children is due to the support of talented and committed parents like YOU! So, please consider applying for a position on the Executive Board.

The PTA is seeking parents for the positions of:

- ◆ Vice President of Programs
- ◆ Corresponding Secretary

Please submit all letters of interest or inquiries to the attention of Linda Zaffarese, Corresponding Secretary, at ufrpta@yahoo.com or mail to UFRE/MS PTA, 27 High Street, Allentown, NJ 08501, by **March 1, 2008**.

**The Sweetest Things
Candy Store Gifts & More**

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Have your party here!! Webkinz, Game Room, Build Your Own Sundae, Princess, Hannah Montana, HS Musical Parties

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Call and ask for Heather 609-208-9064

**UFREF's 3rd Annual
Sno-ball Softball Tournament
Saturday, February 20th**

Trophies, prizes and giveaways

Men and Co-ed Divisions

Registration deadline: February 12, 2010

\$225 entry fee per team

For more information, an entry form and copy of the playing rules, please visit www.ufref.org

Or write: Sno-Ball Softball,

c/o UFREF, P.O. Box 109, Allentown, NJ 08501

Sponsorship opportunities available by calling (609) 577-2700

Proceeds benefit the

Upper Freehold Regional Education Foundation's grants program.



Scholastic Book Fair Raises Over \$12,000 and Adds Raffle for Students!

The UFRE/MS PTA held the Fall 2009 Scholastic Book Fair on December 3, 4, 7, 8 and 9. This was co-chaired by Stephanie Tranosky, Kelly Baldwin, Colleen Sargent and Kathy Smith. There was something new at the Book Fair this year. There was a raffle held each day of the Fair. Two students were randomly chosen and were able to pick a book of their choice under \$10.00 and their name was announced by the office. The winners were: Kyle Dunlop, Ruby Smith, Nick Fitzpatrick, Erin Burke, Ryan Hohlberg, Lillie, Katie Baldwin and Victoria Walters. Some 5th grade students helped assist the 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 week. Due to the support of the children, parents and teachers the Book Fair raised \$12,844.36 and

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\$161.74 for One For Books. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to this success, including:

Jan Barnet, Bernie Burke, Stacey Blecher, Debbie Powdermaker, Wendy Heniz, Janice Eider, Mary Woehr, Rebecca Leahy, Dina Conti, Beth Murphy, Theresa Viviano, Nicola Abrams, Joanne Tobie, Mary Nuziale, Renee Springhorn, Jeannie Karvelas, Barbara Harrill, Catherine Topping, Tricia Scott, Bobi Kulpa, Linda Weise, Suzanne Rider, Vivian Bethea, Donna Kosco, Robin Belardino, Michele Anthony, Kathy Cary, Stephanie Marques, Kara Repko, Kerry Kloskowski, Stephanie Tranosky, Kelly Baldwin, Colleen Sargent, Kathy and Rick Smith, and the 5th grade students.

The Spring 2010 Scholastic Book Fair will be held April 19-23. If you are interested in volunteering in this event, please contact Stephanie Tranosky at SJTran@aol.com or 609-259-7253.

Stephanie Tranosky, Scholastic Book Fair Co-Chair

PTA Family Night Bingo

Friday – March 5, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.

Allentown High School
Auditorium



FREE Admission – FREE Card (1 per person)
Prize for every child, Door Prizes!

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

*** Please Bring a Non-Perishable Food Item
for the Allentown Food Bank ***

If you would like to donate a prize, please call Karen
Kilcher at 259-6231 or Beth Murphy 259-1240

We look forward to seeing you there!

CHESS CLUB'S FOURTH YEAR!

For the fourth year in a row, students got a chance to raise an army and go into battle using armies of foot soldiers, knights, court intrigue and lots of strategy; with the winner being declared only when the king of the opposing army was captured - all in a classroom. Yes, it was the fourth year in a row for the PTA/EQUITY sponsored Chess Club. Students learned piece movement, strategy, chess sportsmanship and etiquette, and opening & closing moves. They worked on drills, played each other and also learned some chess history. Special thanks to Stephen Kostman who taught the lessons and provided advice and strategy tips to the young players.



Erin Murphy and Evan Heddy working on a pawn chess drill.



Biggest and Best Turnout Ever for Int'l Night!!!

The PTA's 3rd Annual International Night was once again, a huge success. With over 17 countries represented, and the addition of several new countries including Greece and the Czech Republic, the children had an opportunity to travel the globe and sample foods in our Cultural Café, from many different lands.

Over 300 people attended the event which was held in the ES/MS gymnasium this year for the first time. Transformed into an International Bazaar, the

gym welcomed parents and children with a Customs Table, complete with passport and Custom Official. There were crafts for the children to make in addition to activities and games at each country.

We want to thank everyone who took part in helping make the night such a wonderful experience for the children. We look forward to seeing everyone next year!

Anita Kinney, Vice President

UFRSD School Budget Vote

Tuesday, April 20th

**Polls open from 3:00 p.m. to
9:00 p.m. Check with your
municipality for your polling
location.**

