



# Backpack News

Hudson Cliffs PA Newsletter

November 2007

Calendar

Events

DEC

DEC 10-14

Scholastic Book Fair

DEC 11 Family Yoga Night

6:30 pm

DEC 19 1st and 2nd Grade  
Show and Bake Sale

DEC 20 PA General Meeting  
7:00 pm Bring  
snacks to share and  
come enjoy the fellow  
ship of the other 187  
parents.

DEC 24-JAN 1

NO SCHOOL

JAN 8 ELA Exam 3,4,5

JAN 10 Executive Board

Meeting 6:30

Comm. Meeting 7 pm

JAN 15 ELL Exam 6,7,8

JAN 21 NO SCHOOL

Martin Luther King

JAN 24 Math Games 6:15 pm

PA General Meeting

7 pm

## President's Message

Dear Parents,

I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving holiday!

As many of you know, the PA has been working on a number of fund-raising activities (such as the movie night, student pictures, and the fall sale). Our movie night was very successful. Many children and parents attended the movie night and had a ball! There have been numerous requests for another movie night and we are looking into that possibility for next year.

Our student pictures were taken and the pictures have been ordered. We expect the pictures to be delivered before the holidays.

Our fall sale orders have been placed and were delivered on December 7.

Thank you for all your support with our fund-raising effort and stay tuned for additional upcoming fund-raising opportunities. Also, don't forget that on December 19 the first and second grade show will take place in the auditorium at 6:30 pm. This is an event not to be missed.

Wishing you a happy holiday season,

Kathy Brito  
PA President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## Mensaje de la Presidente

Estimados Padres,

Espero que todos hayan tenido un buen Día de Dar Gracias!

Como muchos de ustedes ya saben, la Asociación de Padres ha estado trabajando en varias actividades de recaudación de fondos (tal como la noche de cine, los fotos de estudiantes y la venta de otoño). Nuestra noche de película fue un gran éxito. Muchos estudiantes y padres asistieron y se divirtieron muchísimo! Hemos recibido varios pedidos para otra noche de película y estamos viendo las posibilidades para el año entrante.

Los fotos estudiantes se han tomado y los fotos se han ordenado. Anticipamos que los fotos se van a entregar antes de las fiestas.

Los pedidos para la venta de otoño se han entregado y eran distribuidos el 7 de Diciembre.

Gracias por su apoyo para nuestras actividades de recaudación de fondos y manténgase al tanto para oportunidades venideros. Y no se olvide que el concierto del primer y segundo grado será el 19 de Diciembre a las 18:30 en el auditorio. Será un evento inolvidable.

Deseándoles felices fiestas.

Kathy Brito

MENSAJE DE LA PRESIDENTE

**Environmental**

Sharon Silber of the Environmental Committee and Science Teacher Ms. Dolphin organized the planting of bulbs on the garden path with the first graders as an extension of the gardening program. Parents Sonya Vilgorin and Alexander Sosunov of Ms. Petrausch's class and parent Jen Tabakin of Ms. Cooney's class helped plant and Sharon Silber and Amy Ogata also planted some additional bulbs along the path. Ms. Cohn's class planted the remaining bulbs. Look for crocuses, daffodils, tulips and grape and wood hyacinths this coming spring.

**Ambiental**

Sharon Silber del comité ambiental y maestra de ciencia Ms. Dolphin organizaron la sembra de bulbos en el jardín del pasillo con los estudiantes de primer grado como parte del programa de jardinería. Los padres Sonya Vilgorin, Alexander Sosunov y Jen Tabakin ayudaron sembrar con las clases y Sharon Silber y Amy Ogata también sembraron mas bulbos por el pasillo. Esta primavera busquen azafranes, narcisos, tulipanes, y jacintos.

**Scholastic Book Fair—Dec 10th-Dec 14th**

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Dec 10-Dec14

Come attend our annual book fair! The Fair will be open after-school daily until 3:45 and credit cards will be accepted for after-school purchases. In the elementary school, grades K-2 will attend the fair on Tuesday, 12/11 and Grades 3 and 4 will attend on Thursday, 12/13. Pre-k parents may bring their children at pick up times. We do not accept checks.

This year we are offering a book voucher program to allow families to purchase gift certificates for staff which will allow teachers to come select their own books. They can choose from \$5, \$10, \$15, and \$20.

**REMEMBER** to buy your pies at Frank's. For every pie sold until December 31st, the school gets \$1. This is a fun, easy way to support the school. Enjoy your pie!

**Correction**

Theresa Marciano was our third place seller for the IS in the Big Apple Fundraiser. We regret that her name was not listed on the sheet of top sellers and want to congratulate her on a fantastic selling effort! Great job, Theresa! Theresa Marciano gano el tercer lugar de ventas en la "Gran Manzana Fundraiser." Lamentamos que no fue nombrada anteriormente y le damos nuestras felicitaciones.

**Feria de Libros de Scholastic—10-14 de dic**

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10-14 de diciembre

Venga a nuestra feria anual de libros! La feria estara abierta después de escuela hasta las 3:45 y se aceptaran tarjetas de crédito para compras después de horas de escuela. En la escuela primaria los grados K a 2 asistirán la feria el Martes, 11 de Diciembre y los grados 3 y 4 el Jueves 13 de Diciembre. Padres del pre-kinder pueden traer a sus hijos a la hora de recojo. No aceptamos cheques

personales. Este año estamos ofreciendo un programa de vales para libros para permitir que padres puedan comprar cupones de regalo para maestros para que puedan venir y escoger sus propios libros. Pueden escoger de \$5, \$10, \$15 y \$20.



**Dorothy McGlynn—PreK Teacher**

Hello, my name is Dorothy McGlynn. I am thrilled to be launching the first pre-kindergarten program at P.S./I.S. 187. As parents and educators, we recognize how important it is to have a jump start on our children's education, and so, I am very excited to have the opportunity to provide this experience for your children. I have been teaching for 28 years, including 14 years in Pre-K. I enjoy travel, tennis, gardening and cooking.

Hola, mi nombre es Dorothy McGlynn. Estoy muy contenta de estar lanzando en primer programa de pre-kinder el P.S./I.S. 187. Como padres y educadores reconocemos la importancia de educación temprana y estoy muy emocionada de tener la oportunidad de proporcionar esta oportunidad a sus hijos. He sido maestro por 28 años incluyendo 14 años en pre-kinder. También me gusta viajar, jugar tenis, cocinar y jardinería.

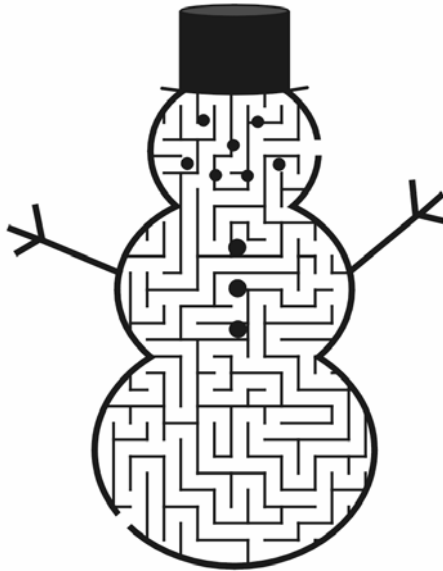
**The Fundraising Committee Needs Your Help!**

The P.A.'s Fundraising Committee is setting new goals and exploring new avenues of funding. Come share your talents and help make a difference in the school by volunteering for one of these new sub-committees:

- **The School Liaison Team:** communicate and follow up with teachers to discuss programs to fund.
- **The Research Team:** research organizations known to give to educational institutions.
- **The Grant Writing Team:** write grants based on information provided by School Liaison and Research teams.
- **The Follow up Team:** maintain communication & nurture relationships with foundations, donors and grantors.
- **The "Donors Choose" Team:** become familiar with "Donors Choose" program/website to help teachers obtain funding.
- **The "Materials for the Arts" Team:** identify teacher's arts needs and help pick-up and distribute supplies.
- **Community Events Team:** Help build school and community spirit with events that are FUN and make money for the school.
- **The 501c3 Team:** help create a 501c3 (a non for profit organization) to benefit our school.

Please direct questions to: ps187fundraising@yahoo.com or call the P.A. at 212-465-7517.

**JUST FOR FUN**



**Make Your Own Snowman!**

- Three large marshmallows
- Tube of white icing with small tip
- Miniature M&M's
- Red skinny licorice
- 1 toothpick
- 1 pretzel stick
- 1 Hershey kiss

- 1. Directions:  
Place three marshmallows together with icing and toothpicks. Count out M&M's (your choice of number). Add dots of icing to glue on candy. Break the pretzel stick in half for arms. The kiss becomes the hat and wrap the licorice around neck for scarf.



**FUNDRAISING**

**Fundraising/Recaudación de Fondos**

Great job to Holly Gould, Denny Kelk, Ivelisse Suarez, Elise Cagan, the rest of the fundraising committee and all of our parent volunteers for the successful fundraising events in November.

\$21,780 in sales; and 50% of that goes to our school.

Thanks to all the parent volunteers who helped with School Picture Day!

K-4 students had a wonderful evening watching High School Musical in the auditorium. They ate popcorn, drank water and juice, and sang into inflatable microphones. The PA raised over \$1,500 that evening.

Excelente trabajo a Holly Gould, Denny Kelk, Ivelisse Suarez, Elise Cagan y el resto del comité de recaudación de fondos y a todos nuestros padres voluntarios por nuestros eventos exitosos de recaudación en Noviembre

The Big Apple Fall Fundraiser was also a great success with

Estudiantes de kinder al 4to se divertieron muchísimo viendo High School Musical en el auditorio. Comieron palomitas, tomaron agua y jugo y cantaron con los micrófonos inflados. Se recaudo mas de \$1,500.

El "Big Apple Fall Fundraiser" también fue un gran éxito habiendo recaudado \$21,780 la mitad del cual va a la escuela.

Gracias a todos los voluntarios que ayudaron en el Día de Fotos de la Escuela!

Join us for **Family Yoga Night** on Tuesday, December 11th from 6:30 – 7:45 pm in the P.S./I.S. 187 Cafeteria. Admission is Absolutely Free and open to all families in the school. Bring your child(ren) to this fun and relaxing class for some gentle stretching and breathing exercises. No experience is necessary.

Venga a la **Noche Familiar de Yoga** el Martes 11 de diciembre de 6:30 a 7:45 en la cafetería de PS/IS 187. La entrada es completamente gratis y abierto a todas las familias de la escuela. Traigan a sus hijos(as) a este clase divertido y relajante para ejercicios de estiración y respiración. No es necesario tener experiencia.

**FITNESS & NUTRITION**

**The School Nutrition Committee**

We would like to announce the arrival of a new steamer in our kitchen. The steamer was ordered last winter through our District School Food Coordinator and we have waited many months for it. With this steamer in place, the kitchen staff can now make chicken and rice, spaghetti and steamed vegetables in a fraction of the time it was taking them using the oven. This gives them more time to try new recipes, like rice and beans with plantains and to prep vegetables and

salads for the salad bar. More good news – our salad bar is offered to our students twice a week and rotates a wide variety of vegetables and salads for them to choose from: lettuce, tomato, carrot, red cabbage, cucumber, broccoli, cauliflower, red onion, radishes, spinach, green/red peppers, pickles, mozzarella cheese, cheddar cheese, Swiss cheese, green bean salad, potato salad, Cole slaw, three bean salad, tuna salad and corn & black bean salad.

**El Comité de Nutrición**

Quisiéramos anunciar la llegada de un nuevo vaporizador a nuestra cocina. Fue ordenado la invierno pasado durante medio de nuestro coordinador de alimentos del distrito escolar y lo hemos esperado por varios meses. Los trabajadores de la cocina ahora pueden preparar arroz y pollo, espagueti y verduras al vapor en mucho menos tiempo de lo que se tomaba usando el horno. Esto les permite intentar nuevas recetas, tal como arroz con habichuelas y plátanos y a preparar verdu-

ras y ensaladas para el bar de ensalada, el cual se ofrece a nuestros estudiantes dos veces a la semana proporcionando lechuga, jitomates, zanahorias, col, pepinos, brócoli, coliflor, cebolla roja, rábanos, espinacas, pimientos rojos/verdes, pepinos agridulces, quesos cheddar, suizo y mozzarella, ensaladas de ejote, papa, col, atún y elote y habichuelas negras.

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### Backpack News

Backpack News is a monthly publication of the Parents' Association of Hudson Cliffs School P.S./I.S. 187. Its purpose is to inform parents of events at the school and the PA, volunteer opportunities, and other important information in a timely manner.

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### PA General Meeting

The meeting was preceded by a presentation by Nicky Kram Rosen on the School Report Card. Before giving the administration report Ms. Chory expressed her opinion about the strengths and weaknesses of the report card as an assessment tool. She then announced that the after school program for grades 2 through 8 has been in full swing and that the pre-kindergarten had its first Thanksgiving. The after school cycle will be ending on December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and will start up again in January pending the availability of funding and staff. The Music Festival has been rescheduled to December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

The PA Treasurer, Luisa Diorio, gave her bi-monthly financial report. The membership approved a motion to add \$350 to the budget line for "School Orientation/Tours." The funds that are still due from last year's after school program have still not been collected. The formation of an ad hoc committee to conduct an audit of the PA's finances over the past two years was proposed and approved by a vote.

The fundraising committee announced that \$1,564 was raised through Movie Night and that the Fall Fundraiser brought in about \$21,000 of which the PA gets to keep half. The orders will arrive on December 7 and volunteers are needed to process and distribute individual orders. The Picture Days were successful and the pictures will come in before the holidays. The Fitness and Nutrition Committee reported that it is considering changing Family Yoga Night to Fridays so that more families can attend. The school has, after waiting many months, received a steamer for the kitchen that will allow fresh vegetables to be prepared for lunch. The Environmental Committee reported that bulbs have been planted in the school passageway by the first grade classrooms.

Holly Gould did an amazing job with our first ever "Family Movie Night." We would like to thank her for all of her hard work on this event!

Holly Gould hizo un trabajo espectacular con nuestra primera Noche de Película. Quisiéramos darle nuestro agradecimiento por todos sus labores.

### Resumen del Reunión de la AP

Antes de la reunión, Nicky Kram Rosen hizo una presentación sobre el "Report Card" de la escuela. La Sra. Chory expreso sus opiniones sobre las ventajas y desventajas de usar este tipo de asesoria. Anuncio que el programa de "after school" ha estado en plena operación y que terminara el 12 y 13 de Diciembre. Empezara de nuevo en Enero si hay presupuesto y personal. El Festival de Música se ha postergado al 19 de Diciembre a las 18:30.

La tesorera Luisa Diorio hizo su informe financiero bimensual. Los fondos restantes del programa de after school del año pasado aun no se han colectado. En base de una propuesta de un padre de familia y un voto por la membresía, se formo un comité para revisar las cuentas de los últimos dos años del Asociación de Padres. También se aprobó la asignación de 350 dólares para los gastos de las visitas a la escuela de padres y alumnos prospectivos.

La Noche de Cine recaudo \$1,564 y el "Fall Fundraiser" \$21,000 de la cual se queda la escuela con la mitad. Los pedidos llegaron el 7 de Diciembre y se necesitan voluntarias para distribuir la mercancía. Los días de foto fueron exitosos y los fotos estaran disponibles antes del fin del año. La escuela ha recibido un vaporizador después de esperar varios meses lo cual permitirá que se preparen verduras frescas para servir a los estudiantes. Los noches de yoga posiblemente se ofreceran los Viernes a partir de Enero para que mas familias puedan asistir. Finalmente, el comité ambiental anuncio que sembro bulbos en el pasillo con los salones de primer grado.

