

Visions & Voices

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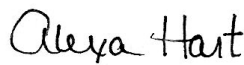
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FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT...

As 2010 comes to a close, we look back and reflect on our successes...the Reflections Arts Program has several great entries and encouraged our students to express themselves creatively; the Scholastic Book Fair was a fun way to enhanced the students’ love of reading; No Cook Night...who doesn’t love to skip a night slaving over the stove; Country Christmas was a great success this year...we made even more than last year on the baskets...thanks to all those classrooms that put one together; and as always, the Holiday Shop was enjoyed by all that attended. It’s not too late to join the PTA...our membership is down almost 25% from last year and this will affect the programs we’re able to bring to your children, the membership forms are available on our website (www.plepta.org) and can be returned to school in your child’s backpack. We wish you all a wonderful holiday season and look forward to seeing all those happy faces again in 2011. Please don’t hesitate to contact us with any questions. Thank you!

Alexa Hart
 President

Jennifer Perrin
 Vice President




Event Tickets

We were able to offer two great events this Fall. We sold 197 tickets for Disney On Ice (Toy Story) and 150 tickets for a Phantoms game.

Spirit Wear

The Spirit Wear sale is now complete...all orders were sent home the week of Thanksgiving.

Important Dates To Remember Please Mark Your Calendars

February 8.....PLE PTA Meeting - 6:45 p.m.
 April 5.....PLE PTA Meeting - 6:45 p.m.
 April 11 – 15.....Spring Book Fair
 May 3.....Teacher Appreciation Day / Luncheon
 May 17.....PLE PTA Meeting - 6:45 p.m.

Teacher Appreciation / Hospitality

The Teacher Appreciation and Hospitality committees would like to thank all the volunteers that have helped out so far this year! We were able to provide fantastic treats for the **Book Fair Teacher Preview Day**. The teachers were truly impressed and so appreciative! **December Desserts Day** was a divine event for all of the teachers and staff on December 16th. *We couldn't do it without you! Thank you!*

After School Enrichment

Registration for the 2011 After School Enrichment Program ended on Friday, December 17th. Thank you for turning in the registration forms and payments during this busy time of year. We are looking forward to a fantastic line-up of classes and hope the children enjoy the content they will be learning after school. Confirmation letters stating the class your child is registered for will come home in mid-January. Please remember that your child must have a note saying he/she is staying after school each day for their class (even if your child normally goes to Y-Care). We will attach some notes to the confirmation letter for your convenience. ASE will begin on Tuesday, February 1st and end on Thursday, March 10th if the weather cooperates. If you have any questions, please email Donna Paraskewich, Michelle D'Ambrosio or Jacqueline Mercier @ afterschoolenrichment@plepta.org. The ASE page on the PTA website may be able to answer any questions as well. (www.plepta.org/programsservices/afterschoolenrichment.html)

Country Christmas

Country Christmas, held December 4th, was a HUGE success this year. The basket raffle alone brought in over \$14,000 which will be split between PLE and AGIS. Thanks to all those classrooms, staff and homeroom parents that put in their time and money to make this all possible.

Reflections Arts Program 2011-2012

(yes, next year)

We are looking forward to next fall's National PTA Reflections arts program. The national program theme is "Diversity Means...". The holiday season is a great time to begin this discussion, with the celebration of Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, etc. "Diversity" is a new word for most of our students. We would love to see parents helping students to understand what diversity means by pointing out examples over the course of the next year. In general, diversity refers to variety and differences. While ethnic/cultural diversity often comes to mind first, the children may consider any subject they know that relates to any kind of diversity, for example biological diversity. PLE students regularly enjoy a diversity of opinion, skills and talents. They speak a variety of languages. They study diverse soil samples from the nature trail. They see things in different sizes, shapes, and colors. Any help you can provide in pointing out potential sources of ideas for next year's Reflections entries (paintings, drawings, stories, films, photographs, movies, dances) will be very much appreciated!

Membership

Membership is down almost 25% from last year. We need your help, please support and join the PLE PTA. Without those dues, we will be forced to cut programs that not only benefit the students, but the school as a whole. Forms can be found online at <http://plepta.org/aboutus/membershipform.html>

"Recycle Recycle Recycle"

Do you want to help the environment and earn money for your child's school? Please bring in empty inkjets, laser toner cartridges, or used cell phones and PDA cell phones and leave them in the box provided outside the PLE main office.

Cash Back Programs Update

Please continue to send in your Box Tops and Labels...remember to include your child's name, teacher, and grade. Each month we draw 3 names for prizes! Our goals for this year are: Box Tops: 4500. Campbell's Labels: 14,000 labels.

Book Fair

Thanks to all that stopped by the Fall Book Fair...it's always special to watch children learn how to read and then explore the world through books. A special thank you to all the volunteers. Stay tuned for the Spring Book Fair.

Holiday Shop

Thanks to everyone that visited the Holiday Shop on December 9th and 10th. The PTA would also like to express their gratitude to all those volunteers that worked to make it a success. It's always such a joy to see the children shop for their loved ones. Any profit will be put to supporting the programs that the PTA provides to the school.

Fundraising Information

The PTA would again, like to thank all of those that participated in our Yankee Candle and Kidstuff Coupon Book Fundraisers. Our Yankee Candle Fundraiser netted a profit over \$11,000 for our school and the Kidstuff Coupon Books brought in \$1,425...both of which will support the programs the PTA provides to the school. We look forward to your continued support in 2011 by participating in our popular Joe Corbi Fundraiser in the Spring!

Used Book Sale

The PLE PTA held its third annual used book sale during the PLE Holiday Shop on Thursday and Friday, December 9th and 10th. Thanks to your generous support, we were able to raise \$240 to benefit local families in need during the holidays. The remaining books were all donated, with first choice going to PLE.