

## President's Message

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**We're going green!** As most of you already know, we are utilizing an email system in an effort to be more eco-friendly. As part of this process, beginning with our December issue we will send this newsletter to PTA members via e-mail, instead of your child's

backpack. This will eliminate 1,000 sheets of paper being used every month, and save on ink and expenses. If you still would like a hard copy, you can simply print it from your email. **Please note:** only current PTA members are on our distribution list. If you are not a member, please join. It's never too late! You'll stay up-to-date and involved with your child's school activities, education and other very important information throughout the year. Forms are available at [www.jefftwp.org](http://www.jefftwp.org) under White Rock School, PTA tab. Please let me know your thoughts or concerns. Also, if you are a member but have not received my emails, please let me know ASAP.

## Meeting Dates

- **PTA Meeting** – November 11, 2009 7:30PM, Cozy Lake School
- **Board of Education Meeting** – Nov 16, 2009 open to public at 8:00PM, High School Media Center

## Membership

It is never too late to join our PTA. Forms are available at [www.jefftwp.org](http://www.jefftwp.org), under White Rock School, PTA tab. Or contact me directly at [suemcc123@yahoo.com](mailto:suemcc123@yahoo.com) or 973-208-0629

## Hospitality

The Hospitality Committee will be treating the teachers and staff at each school to dessert the week of Thanksgiving. We need donations of baked items and paper goods as well as volunteers to set-up and clean-up. The tentative date is Tuesday, November 24th. Additional help will be needed for the refreshment stand at the Holiday Shop, which will be held at White Rock on December 9th and 10th. We will need help both days with set-up at 4:30pm and clean-up at 8:00pm. We are also in need of donations of hot dogs, rolls, condiments, hot chocolate, chips, bottled water and baked goods. If you are able to make a donation or help with the set-up/clean-up, please contact Jennifer Keppler at [kepplerjennifer@yahoo.com](mailto:kepplerjennifer@yahoo.com). Thank you in advance for your help!

## Tricky Tray - Friday, February 19, 2010

This year's annual Tricky Tray fundraiser will be held at The Skylands in Randolph. Admission tickets and VALUE BAGS will be on sale at the November 11<sup>th</sup> PTA meeting at 7PM on a first come first serve basis. Table arrangements and entrée choice will be made at time of purchase, so get your friends together! Each table can seat up to 10 people. Tickets are \$37.50 which includes one sheet of regular tickets and a four course meal! Cash bar will be available. Save \$5.00 when you purchase a VALUE BAG in advance, \$30 worth of tickets for only \$25.00! For ticket info contact Sandy Howell 973-208-7149. We need baskets. If you have empty baskets to donate please drop them off at the PTA room in White Rock. The committee is up and running. If you would like to join in the fun please contact: Laurie Mahoney, [laurienj@gmail.com](mailto:laurienj@gmail.com), 973-208-0395

## 2009-2010 PTA Board Officers

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## B.O.E. Corner

From the desk of Superintendent Dr. Kathleen Fuchs

"Operation Medicine Cabinet"

Please allow me this opportunity to share information regarding "Operation Medicine Cabinet", an important initiative sponsored by the Jefferson Township Police, the Mayor, and the Municipal Alliance in

conjunction with the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General.

Law enforcement officials are reporting that an alarming number of youth are intentionally abusing prescription medicines. Young people are accessing these drugs in their own homes. For some it can be as easy as opening a cupboard, drawer, or medicine cabinet. A study by the National Study of Drug Use and Health found that 70% of people who abuse prescription pain relievers got them from friends or relatives. Law enforcement recommends the steps you can take to help protect our children from prescription drug abuse: monitor, secure, and dispose.

"Operation Medicine Cabinet" is a means to ensure that outdated prescriptions are disposed of properly and, as a result, do not fall into the wrong hands or have an adverse impact upon our environment. On Saturday, November 14, between 10 AM and 2 PM, please drop off all unused, unwanted, or expired medicine at the Jefferson Township Municipal Building. Be a part of the solution to help keep our youth healthy, safe, and drug-free.

"JT2015"

Though still early in the school year, the district has already begun to make progress in meeting 2009-10 tasks to forward the JT2015 goals. In order to promote character education, positive peer interaction and increased self-esteem in students (Goal 1.7.1), Milton School has increased efforts to recognize students for random acts of kindness. Students are recognized for an act of kindness by a Principal's Award Certificate. At Cozy Lake, students made "Pinwheels for Peace" to celebrate the International Day of Peace and at White Rock the teachers have begun a new program to recognize students for being trustworthy, respectful, fair, caring, and good citizens.

Implementation of the new science curriculum and related instructional materials is also underway in all of our schools. Leveled readers within the science curriculum are being used by our teachers to enhance the district's use of guided reading and the technology resources—including the availability of an online version of the text book—are also proving to be valuable tools for both students and teachers. (Goal 5.2.9)

**Fundraising** Laurie Mahoney, [laurieni@gmail.com](mailto:laurieni@gmail.com)

**School Spirit Clothing:** Order forms are available on [www.jefftwp.org](http://www.jefftwp.org) under White Rock School PTA tab. Just print form, fill out and send into school. Your order will be fulfilled and sent home through your child's backpack within 10 days of receiving order. You will be notified if any items are on back order.

**Holiday Shop** December 9th and 10th at White Rock. Look for flyer coming home in the backpacks - New Vendor! Great Gift Items!

**Cheesecake Fundraiser:** currently running. Please have all orders back by November 18th. A flyer with the mid-December delivery date will be sent home in your child's backpack.

### Ongoing Fundraisers

**Box Tops for Education:** Just cut them out and send them into school. Please send them in regularly since we do not get credit for expired box tops.

**Tyson A+ 1,2,3 labels:** These labels can be found on many Tyson food products. Each one is worth 24¢. Please cut and submit the entire label.

**Ink Jet, Laser Toners and Cell Phones:** This is an ongoing recycling program. Please continue to send these items in. Payment varies based on model buy back value.

If you have any questions about our ongoing fundraiser programs, please contact Irene Wojcik at [iw914@optonline.net](mailto:iw914@optonline.net).

### **Volunteer News** Christy Tonneson, [christyseankids@yahoo.com](mailto:christyseankids@yahoo.com)

Thank you to all who volunteered to help at the Fall Book Fair - it was a great success. Our Holiday Shoppe, Tricky Tray, School Beautification and 5th Grade Yearbook committees are up and running. If you want to be part of one of these committees...or another...please let me know. Thank you for all your help!

### **MILTON**

A HUGE thank you to all the parents who helped with the Weekly Readers! I need parent volunteers to help re-card the books in the library on Tuesday afternoons. If you are interested, please contact me.

Sharon Gagliardi, VIP Milton [mmsgagliardi@yahoo.com](mailto:mmsgagliardi@yahoo.com) 973-208-2985

### **COZY LAKE**

I hope everyone had a happy and safe Halloween! Thank you to all who volunteered their time and made the Halloween parties a huge success.

Mrs. Bamond is looking for parent volunteers to come and help in the art room or hang art work around the school. Volunteers are needed on either Mondays or Tuesdays. Please contact me if you are interested.

**Lunch Duty:** Lunch duty begins at 11:15 and ends at 12:20. One person a day is needed. If you are interested please contact Lisa Mylod at 973-697-0047 or [jlmylod@optonline.net](mailto:jlmylod@optonline.net).

Kimberly Reed, VIP Cozy Lake [kagr1@optonline.net](mailto:kagr1@optonline.net), 973-208-1152

### **WHITE ROCK**

If you are interested in helping out for Lunch Duty, please contact Renee Napolitano at [nap917@yahoo.com](mailto:nap917@yahoo.com). Mrs. Bamond is looking for help in the art room on Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays all year to help in class or to hang art work. Please contact me at [tice@optonline.net](mailto:tice@optonline.net) if you are interested in helping out. Thank you!

Theresa Tice, VIP White Rock [tice@optonline.net](mailto:tice@optonline.net) 973-697-3533

### **Milton, Cozy Lake News from Mr. Plotts**

**Pre-School** - The Preschool Classes at Milton would like to thank their class parents and all of the parents who helped out with our Halloween Parades and Parties. They were all a huge success because of all of you! We will be having a small Thanksgiving Get Together on Tuesday, November 24th with our parents. Students may be singing "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes" because we are learning about "Body Parts" this month. Look out for kid-sized art projects that will soon fill the preschool wing! Each student will be creating him or herself as a homework project. Let's see if you can guess which art project belongs to each child.

**Kindergarten** - What a busy month October has been! We had a great time on our field trip to Space Farms seeing all of the animals. We learned how to be safe in many different ways with fire, bus and Halloween safety. Kindergarteners turned their hallway into the "M" Museum and made spider handprints. Thanks to all the parents who made Pumpkin Reporter day such a success! Each class participated in all of the activities for Red Ribbon week. Everyone had so much fun at the Magic Show with Chief Palko. And finally, on October 30, we celebrated Halloween by dressing up in our costumes for the parade and parties. Coming up in November are conferences and Thanksgiving activities.

**First Grade** - The First Grade Pumpkin Festival was a huge success. The children hypothesized, experimented and completed journals about pumpkins. Thank you to all the parent volunteers! November is a time for first graders to be thankful as they learn through activities and literature about Native Americans and Pilgrims. The children will be learning about Election Day. Some classes will even participate in voting activities. Classes have been writing in their writing portfolios, participating in Interactive Read Alouds and reading in Guided Reading groups. In Math, students are working on their addition and subtraction facts.

**Second Grade** - During the month of November, Second Graders will be learning about Native American culture. We will focus on the natural resources that they used. As a culminating event, we will have our own Native American Pow Wow.

In honor of Veterans' Day we will be writing letters to thank those who have served our country. We are also looking forward to having Veterans visit our classrooms.

To help those in need, the Second Graders will be collecting food to donate to the Milton United Methodist Food Pantry.

### **White Rock News from Mr. Valenti**

**Third Grade** - Third grade teachers are looking forward to meeting parents/guardians during conferences. Many teachers will attend the NJEA Convention and will return with new ideas for their classrooms. Students will be coloring paper grocery bags in the theme of learning, in recognition of American Education Week, November 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>. In math, students will be brushing up on subtraction facts, please practice at home. Everyone will be writing about their family's Thanksgiving traditions.

**Fourth Grade** - The Thanksgiving theme will be the emphasis in writing; turkey book reports, narratives, poems, and essays about holiday traditions. The first edition of the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Newspaper will be completed by the Newspaper Club and should be ready for publication by the end of November. Students will be working on multiplication and division with an ice cream incentive. The human body systems and making a healthy breakfast will be covered in science and health classes. Our enrichment teacher, Mrs. Ortense, will work collaboratively with Mrs. Heckenberger to do a project on the three branches of government.

**Fifth Grade** - "Why Not Eat Turkey for Thanksgiving", from the turkey's point of view, will be the subject of persuasive essays. In math, students will focus on division and work on the topic of weather in science. The children will participate in the "Hunger on Planet Earth" program on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. This assembly is a culminating activity, based on Project Challenge lessons where the students discovered the differences between first, second, and third world countries. A select group of 5<sup>th</sup> grade chorus students are waiting to hear if their performance of "This is My Song" will be selected by MENC for inclusion in the 2010 World's Largest Concert. Special thanks go to the students from the JTHS television studio for their assistance with taping the children at the White Rock Lake.

**Other White Rock News** Fourth and fifth grade chorus students have been invited to participate in the Jefferson Township Veteran's Day program at the Municipal Building on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. On Monday November 9<sup>th</sup>, White Rock will welcome Veterans who are friends and relatives of our students and staff for a very special program. This event will be highlighted by the singing of "America, the Light of the World" by composer, Frosty Lawson. The November Pillar of Character is RESPECT. Students who are recommended by their teacher for demonstrating this positive character trait will write an essay and will be recognized for their class on the bulletin board across from the main office. Our former Seeing Eye dog, Murray, has been certified as a therapy dog after training with Miss Provost and Mrs. Lundsten. Conferences will be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>. Dismissal time for these days is at 1:05PM. Picture retakes is Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be a 1:20PM early dismissal on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> and school is closed for Thanksgiving on November 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. We wish all of our families a Happy Thanksgiving!