

President's Report (Mary Patronik)

- Hoffman Movie Night thank yous to Laura Cushnie, Bridget Monagan and Kim Nealt for a job well done! Details will be shared at the next PTA meeting.
- Many thanks to Gina Pryor for producing this year's student phone directory. A limited number are still available for purchase; orders should be submitted with \$12 payment to the school office until supplies run out.
- Holiday Helper couldn't have happened without so many of you, most especially Marguerite Cole and Sue Haramaras from the PTA and Nina Malis at Hoffman. Over 180 Henking Hoffman families will be receiving nonperishable food, gifts and grocery cards thanks to the generosity of families in our cluster.
- If you have any feedback on Cook County's H1N1 clinics at the schools, send me your comments and I will forward them on to the District.
- Henking Empty Bowls night date canceled (Thu 2/11) but project still under discussion.
- This winter, we will review PTA support for the Eric Utech Field Trip fund that has been started at Hoffman School. Our bylaws restrict direct gifts to other nonprofits, but we can consider conducting an event to support the memorial fund.
- PTA Council: much time was spent discussing the work of the middle school task force, with agreement that intermediate school parents need to be better informed of the group's potential recommendations and their impact on upcoming classes.
- International Night is moving along quickly, for the night of Friday, January 29th at Hoffman School. Please contact Denise Morgan if you would like to volunteer for a shift, as many hands are needed to help make this evening a success. Contact Letty Hawkes if you'd like to showcase a cultural room or Marcy Sotirchos if you have other questions.

Treasurer update (Angela McCune)

- The new tax exempt letter has arrived. The one handed out at the beginning of the school year expires on 1/1/10. Copies of the new letter are available at both schools in the PTA mailbox.
- The Taffy Apple Sale generated \$731.66 for the Debra Gelfand Fund. Thank you to Ande Wells for running this program.
- New deposit procedures are available, please contact Cheryl Hoker, Assistant Treasurer, if you are in charge of monetary receipts for an event.

Secretary (Maggie Rogula)

- *Committee chairs:* if you possess PTA items (clipboards, cash registers, etc.) please submit your list of items to Maggie Rogula (mrogula@comcast.net) before the holiday break so we may update our inventory list.

Cultural Arts(Laura Horwitz & Jodi Hiller)

- Hoffman: Laura Horwitz is working with Mrs. Considine and a team of parents on visiting authors and a poet talk.
- Henking: we have Mother Goose booked for March 24th and tentatively, we are scheduling the Hedgehog visit on Thursday, Jan 21st. We also have the Disc Dogs booked for Spirit Day.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Parent coordinator needed for Hoffman Chess Club, hopefully to begin after the winter break. Duties include writing newsletter announcements, handling enrollment and class lists, and schedule changes. Please send an email to president@henkinghoffmanpta.org if you are interested.
- International Night: setup, cleanup, room monitoring, and various other shifts are available. Please contact Denise Morgan to sign up.

**Please join in celebrating 2010 at the next PTA meeting,
9:15am at Henking LRC on Tuesday, January 19th.
More details to come in early January.**