Message from the PTA President
Brita Higgins

It's hard to believe there are only a few days left in November and, yet, PTA volunteers did so much in these quick moments. Did you donate your extra Halloween candy to our troops this month? Or attend the Parent Education's program on Helicopter Parenting vs. Free Range parenting? Did your 3rd or 4th grader participate in the book club discussion on Bunnicula? Did you hear fun stories about your child's classroom Halloween party or volunteer in the classroom during the party? These are some of the activities sponsored by our PTA in the last month. I thank not only the committee chairs who organized these events, but also our parents who provided their financial support and volunteer hours to make it all possible.

The annual Turkey Shoot, a hugely popular event for Hunting Ridge families, took place and raised valuable funds for the PE program and collected gently used sports equipment for kids in need. Mr. Sobel and family host the event with HR alumni volunteering at the stations. Thanks to the teachers, Mrs. Sofianos, Mrs. Corbett, and our old principal, Mr. Corbett, for manning the check in stations!

Unless you are a teacher, you may not know that the PTA Hospitality Committee, chaired by Deb Trush, Sue Stelk and Karen Gold, provides a dinner for teachers on the Monday night of conferences. This year's main course was Italian by Toscano's in Arlington Heights with lots of homemade desserts. Breakfast for the teachers, full of delicious pastries and homemade breakfast main dishes, was hosted by the Teacher Appreciation Committee, chaired by Vikki Drucker and Kerry Maloney. Are you in the holiday spirit yet? Our annual Holiday Shop, chaired by Maureen Mooney and Jean Forrest, takes place December 5th in the café. It is a fun and easy way for kids to feel the independence of shopping for their own holiday gifts without breaking the bank.

And, I cannot end this note without recognizing the hard work and dedication of Mrs. Surdynski, our LRC Director, who coordinated the Book Fair, the first ever with Anderson Books. The book fair, held the Friday before break and during Parent Teacher Conferences, raised over $2,000 in resources to benefit the LRC. To that, I can only say, WOW!! In addition to the money raised, Anderson books offers an extremely generous discount on the books ordered from any publisher and provides Hunting Ridge with at least 2 author visits throughout the school year. Don't forget that you can order year round at Andersonbooks.com and HR will earn even more money for books. A huge thank you to the countless volunteer hours provided by teachers, students and parents! The book fair is not possible without all hands on deck. Thanks to Danita Jones and Pauline Carlson for their hard work in coordinating the volunteers.

This is the perfect time of the year to cozy up with your kids and read some good books! I hope you stay warm as the days get colder.

Brita
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November
11/30  Celebration Day
Market Orders Due
CogAT Testing Ends
12/03  MAP Testing begins: Grades 2-6
12/05  Holiday Shop: 3:20p - 6:30p
12/06  Market Day Pick Up
12/10  3rd Grade & 3/4 Winter Concert 7p
12/11  2nd Grade & Chorus Winter Concert 7p
12/12  Hawk Herald articles due
Board of Ed. Meeting @ Sundling 7p
12/18  Spelling Bee
PTA Meeting 7p
12/20  Intermediate Orchestra Concert 7p @HR
12/21  Celebration Day
MAP testing ends
Hawk Herald distributed

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Message from our Principal
Mrs. Sofianos

Dear Hunting Ridge Families,
Thank you for your participation in our recent teacher-parent conferences. As principal, it was exciting to learn about individual student achievements, to support the collaborative efforts between our families and faculty, and to witness the high attendance rate at conferences. Our students benefit greatly from the high levels of communication between home and school, so thanks, again, for your efforts and support. We also had a wonderful turn out for our Turkey Shoots, which raised money for our physical education department. I even got to shoot some hoops with my eight-year-old daughter!

The space between our Thanksgiving and winter holidays is a busy time of the year at Hunting Ridge. We are thankful to have four full weeks of school between the breaks this school year in order to focus on instruction. Additionally, there are many special events planned during this time of year. We know it is often a busy time outside of school as well, due to the many festive events of the season. The next month at Hunting Ridge will be active and full of learning and fun. Students can get an early start on holiday presents by stopping at the Holiday Shop after school Wednesday, December 5th. Hopefully you can take a moment to relax and enjoy the musical performances of the 3rd grade-3/4 grade Winter Concert on Monday, December 10th and the 2nd grade Chorus Winter Concert on Tuesday, December 11th. By the time of publication, our beginning and intermediate band concerts will have already occurred. Our fifth and sixth grade students will participate in the upcoming Hunting Ridge Spelling Bee, to be held on Tuesday, December 18th. We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Diane Murphy as our special guest pronouncer for this event.

Our winter MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) testing begins on Monday, December 3rd, for students in grades 2-6. During the winter testing window, students are administered reading and math tests, and not language usage. MAP test results are one important source of assessment information that helps gauge student progress as well as inform future instruction for each grade level and class. On the evening of Wednesday, January 9th, from 6:30 to 7:30, I will be hosting a Parent-Principal Coffee featuring the topic of, "Assessment." At that time, I will present information regarding various forms of assessment used at Hunting Ridge and how that information assists teachers in shaping their lessons. Enjoy the tidings of the season!

Best regards,
Mrs. Terry Sofianos, Principal
847-963-5305

Rainbows
Kara Marks

Dear Hunting Ridge Parents and Guardians,

Hunting Ridge Elementary School is pleased to announce the second year of our RAINBOWS program. We will be offering RAINBOWS support groups for our students (kindergarten-sixth grade) who have experienced a significant loss or change. This winter, we will be offering a 12-week session. Support groups will be held over the lunch/recess hour, once per week.

When something significant happens in a family, the entire family is affected. Even though death, divorce or other loss issues appear to be only grown-up problems, they do have a profound effect on the children that are touched by these experiences. If a parent dies or a divorce happens or a painful loss occurs, not only do the parents grieve, the children do also. Because of their age and short life experience, children may find it extremely difficult to verbalize their feelings of grief.
Here at Hunting Ridge Elementary School, we have several sensitive, caring, trained adults who have said "yes" to helping these children put their feelings into words, work through their grief, build a stronger sense of self-esteem, and begin to accept what has taken place in the family.

If your child is part of a single parent family, a stepfamily, has experienced the death of a loved family member, friend or sibling, or is struggling through a painful experience, this will be an opportunity for him/her to share in a small group setting of similar age peer who may be experiencing similar circumstances.

If you have any questions and/or you are interested in having your child(ren) part of this wonderful RAINBOWS curriculum, please email or call Kara D. Marks LMSW, Hunting Ridge Elementary School Social Work at marksk@ccsd15.net or call her at 1-847-963-5341. For a permission slip to participate in RAINBOWS "http://library.constantcontact.com/doc206/1102654199463/doc/ysCPwIjB76NSX6Y5.pdf" or by contacting Mrs. Marks directly.

Best Regards,
Mrs. Terry Sofianos, Principal

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Rainbows is an international organization that fosters emotional healing among children grieving a loss from a life-altering crisis. Rainbow believes that grieving youth deserve supportive listeners as they struggle with their feelings. If you feel that your child would benefit from meeting in a small group, please consider having your child join a Rainbows group at Hunting Ridge School.

The groups will meet once a week during their lunchtime. The groups will be small and will be grade level appropriate to better serve the needs of the children who are members. All the discussions are confidential, and group members understand that what is shared in the group stays in the group!

Kara Marks

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Health & Safety
Linda Styczen & Jennifer Feeley

Walk to School Day
Our Fifth Annual Walk to School Day was another great success! Even though we had morning sprinkles, hundreds of students and parents walked or rode their bikes to school on October 3rd. Due to rain at lunchtime, students were able to walk in the gym. Around 300 stickers were given out to walkers, parents and volunteers. Students that arrived to school by the crossing guard were welcomed by Mayor Schwantz, Officer Holtz, School Superintendent Scott Thompson, Principal Sofianos and PTA President Brita Higgins. Other students arriving from different locations were greeted by PTA volunteers and school staff. Thank you to everyone for participating in this great event.

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SAVE THE DATE!
Internet and Cyber Safety Presentation

The Palatine Police Department will be at Hunting Ridge on Thursday, January 31st at 7:00pm for a seminar on Internet and Cyber Safety. This program teaches parents the danger of internet usage and how to have our children "surf" safely. This seminar will be for parents only. More details to follow!

Box Tops & Labels for Education
Brenda Glab & Becky Giessel

Building Better Schools One Label At A Time!

Congratulations to Mrs. Stephan and her classroom for winning the extra 20 minutes of Midnight Coyote! Her classroom collected a total of 2,527 labels and box tops for an average of 82 labels per student. Great job!

Mr. Haase's class came in a very close second at 2,428 labels or an average of 81 labels per student. Ms. Smith's class came in third place with 1,676 labels or an average of 76 labels per student. We were able to collect over 17,000 Box Tops and Labels during this contest! Great job!

Don't worry; there is still an opportunity for your classroom to win another contest that will be kicked off late in January! Get a head start and take advantage of advertised promotions at your Jewel, Dominicks and Meijer for bonus points. Continue to clip and save your labels over the holiday for the next contest. Don't forget to watch expiration dates on the Box-Tops and make sure that you include the UPC code with the Campbell's Soup labels. Thank you to those of you who very nicely cut the labels and box tops, as that saves us an enormous amount of time from having to cut each label ourselves.

Lastly, please put your child's classroom number or teacher on the baggie so they get proper credit! We will provide the details of our next contest after we return from Winter Break. Thank you for your support!

Holiday Shop
Maureen Mooney & Jean Forrest

Where: Hunting Ridge Cafe
Date: Wednesday, December 5th
Time: 3:20 - 6:00pm

The Hunting Ridge PTA is sponsoring this event to help your children purchase gifts for their family and friends. Gift items from $.50 to $7.00 will be offered. Cash and checks only.

The 5th Grade Girl Scouts will provide free gift-wrapping.

Happy Holidays from your Hunting Ridge PTA!
Reflections
Monika Bhatla

Congratulations!!
The following students have advanced to the North West Suburban Council Level:

Visual Arts
Stefania L., Isabella L., Lucy L., Brandon P., Lily D., Reese K., Andre B., Samantha K., Emma M., Allison K., Sanjana B., Nicholas C., Chris S., Nicole H., Muskan B.

Photography
Stacey M., Ariette K., Diana D., Samantha G., Nicole H., Keira T., Shalin M., Angie Z., Madison A., Muskan B., Theresa H.

Literature

Music Composition
Shaan M., Sarah S.

Film Production
Theresa H., Mathew G.

Learning Resource Center
News from the Resource Center

This time of year always makes me so appreciative of the generosity of our Hunting Ridge families in supporting the Resource Center through purchasing books and volunteering your time at our Book Fair and donating to our Birthday Book Club. Because of you, our circulation continues to have new books added every month!

Kacey B.--"Spaceheadz Book 3"
David C.--"Tiger Moth Kung Pow Chicken"
Julianne C.--waiting to pick out a book
Joey C.--"Tiger Moth Insect Ninja"
Angeline C.--"Yertle the Turtle"
Nicholas C.--"The Big Fat Cow that Goes Kapow"
Alexander K.--waiting to pick out a book
Alex R.--"Freefall"
Sean R.--"Father Bear Comes Home"
Rafieeh S.--donated several books

Be on the lookout early next month for a birthday card coming home if your child has a December or June birthday. (We can't forget those with summer birthdays, so we're celebrating their half-birthday!) And be sure to check out their pictures on the bulletin board outside the Resource Center.

In addition, a big Thank you to everyone who made our first Anderson's Book Fair a HUGE success!!

her daughter Abby, Vaslike S., Kathy Ferry, Will F., Shari Pass, Jessica Sargent, Cheryl Harsh, Barb Templeman, Ken Haase and students, Elizabeth Stephan and students, Mr. Haase's science students, Meredith Cloud, Lainey Hawkins, Kara Marks, Deb Kelly, Deb Morrison, Doris Weis, Deb Oltman, June Park, Tracey Schiferl, Mrs. Taylor's whole Sixth grade class, Kristie Charles, David Sobel, Sasha Sutrop, Julie Kurka, Sue Mahoney, Bernadette Johnson, Lisa McAlhaney and Micky Olszewski.

If I forgot anyone, just know that without your help Hunting Ridge would not have been so successful!!

Proceeds from the book fair go directly to the Resource Center.

Remember you can order 365 days a year on-line at: www.abcfairs.com - password "Hunting Ridge"

Mrs. Surdynski

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Gym Night
Kim Eck

Gym Night Upcoming Dates
January 8
Gym Night - GIRLS
6-6:30pm - Kindergarten
6:30-7pm - 1st Grade
7-7:30pm - 2nd Grade

January 10
Gym Night - BOYS
6-6:30pm - Kindergarten
6:30-7pm - 1st Grade
7-7:30pm - 2nd Grade

January 15
Gym Night - GIRLS
6-6:30pm - 3rd Grade
6:30-7pm - 4th Grade

January 17
Gym Night - BOYS
6-6:30pm - 3rd Grade
6:30-7pm - 4th Grade

January 23
Gym Night - GIRLS
6-6:30pm - 5th Grade
6:30-7pm - 6th Grade

January 24
Gym Night - BOYS
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**Awards and Prizes:**

TRAVELING TURKEY TROPHY - Mrs. Taylor’s 6th Grade class - 68% of class
PENNY COUNT GUESS CONTEST - Actual 32.307  Deanna B.’s Guess 2.311
LUNCH WITH MR. SOBEL RAFFLE - Caitlin P.

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**District 15 News**

**Tim Waldorf**

2012 Illinois State Report Cards now available online

The 2012 Illinois State Report Cards are now available for viewing on the District 15 website.

The Illinois State Report Cards include information about schools' academic performances, as well as demographics and statistics regarding their student populations and instructional settings, and comparisons of how all of those figures relate to District and state averages.

The report cards also indicate if schools made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) toward meeting the goal of the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation for all students to meet or exceed standards in reading and mathematics by 2014. Each year, the state calculates a school's adequate yearly progress by determining the percentage of students within each school meeting or exceeding state standards as measured by the Illinois Standards Achievement Test. This year, Illinois received a waiver to freeze its
AYP target at a requirement that 85 percent of all students and all qualifying demographic subgroups meet or exceed state standards in reading and math. Without the waiver, the requirement would have increased 7.5 percentage points to a benchmark of 92.5 percent.

According to the Illinois State Board of Education, only a third of the state's 3,786 schools made AYP this year. Here in District 15, eight of the District's 19 reporting schools met that 85 percent AYP goal in reading while 14 did so in math. In all, the following eight schools met the AYP requirements for both reading and math in the "all" category and for every subgroup:
- Frank C. Whiteley School
- Stuart R. Paddock School
- Hunting Ridge School
- Thomas Jefferson School
- Marion Jordan School
- Willow Bend School
- Pleasant Hill School
- Plum Grove Junior High

In particular, notable improvements across the board were seen in the test results from Stuart R. Paddock, Thomas Jefferson, and Kimball Hill School.

Kimball Hill and Jane Addams Schools were required to provide School Choice and Supplemental Educational Services (SES) per NCLB guidance. AYP, SES, and School Choice are all part of the NCLB guidance enacted in 2001. The federal government, which was to have reauthorized NCLB in 2007, has yet to act on new legislation and/or guidance. The Elementary and Secondary Education Act will likely become the new guidance within the next year or so. Preliminary feedback has indicated that, while still preserving the access to a quality education for all students and each demographic subgroup, the new guidance will focus on growth and incentives as opposed to pre-established targets and punitive consequences. Until the District receives updated guidance from the federal and/or state level, it will continue to follow NCLB guidance under the direction of the Illinois State Board of Education.

Report cards for all District 15 schools and the District summary can be viewed at [www.ccsd15.net](http://www.ccsd15.net)

For more information, contact Mary Zarr, assistant superintendent for curriculum, special services, and school improvement, at 847-963-3106 or zarrm@ccsd15.net.
The PTA board attended numerous trainings this summer and we are ready to implement some of the things we’ve learned to make this school year an awesome one. Keep an eye out for the PTA newsletter that will be going home once a month with your children. It will be filled with all our upcoming events. On behalf of the PTA board I would like to thank all of you for your continued support for our children here at Lindbergh Schweitzer Elementary School. December 2011 OKLAHOMA EXPRESS MESSAGE FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT INSIDE THIS ISSUE 1 Message from President 2 PTA Officers Santa’s Workshop Dinner with Santa 3 PTA 4 Make-A-Wish 5 Happy Ads/Promo Ads 6 Calendar 7 Upcoming Events Classroom Parties THE NEXT PTA MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR Monday, January 23rd 6:30pm December is upon us and we. Happy Holidays, Rhonda Wood PTA President 2011-2012 Please have submissions for newsletter to secretary by the 22nd of each month for following months’ newsletter. All submissions subject to approval by Mrs. Ginther. 29 April 2019 A message from the PTA president. Please comment below if you’re able to attend a meeting on the morning of 5/10. Please message or email (bitterrootpta@gmail.com) if you have any questions or concerns. Related videos. 4:10. A request from the PTA and Lifetouch. Bitterroot Elementary PTA. 93 views Yesterday. 1:09.
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