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- Santa Breakfast
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Just Between Friends
- Reflections



From The Desk of PTA President Maureen Reid

My dear Parents and Guardians,

This first quarter is really tough on us as a PTA. There is just so much to do and so little time in which to get it all done.

We began the year with our fundraiser and a well attended PTA Open House, at which time students were recognized with character awards. We hope you were well informed and now feel fully prepared to discuss your child/children's performance at the upcoming parent teacher conference as a result of the presentation on "How to have a Successful Parent Teacher Conference" at November's meeting. In January, you will want to be at our meeting to know how to "twitter", "blog", use facebook, youtube and echalk to check your children's homework, the school's menu and all other school activities. You will catch up with what your children are already pros at social networking.

Please come out and have your children participate in the numerous activities we have planned for the holiday season. You should also know that these events are not fundraisers, but an opportunity for your children to experience the activities involved in these events. Please help wherever and however you can....your name will be posted on the newly created, President's Honor Roll.

Thank you to the teachers and staff who attended and participated in our November's PTA meeting: Ms. Devine, Montgomery-Moorer, Peterkin, Rose, Spencer, Vidal and a special thank you to Mr. Perez for rescuing us at the last minute with interpretation services. We look forward to welcoming you all at every meeting.

Parents, please use the upcoming holiday recess to reconnect with your child(ren) by giving them some of your time. Remember, "your children need your presence, not



your presents." Part of that connection is, attending PTA meetings on their behalf and showing concern regarding their school. Come and join us. You will be warmly welcomed and have fun too.

Happy holidays and all my very best wishes for a peaceful, happy and prosperous new year.

Sincerely,
Maureen

At Our Next Meeting

Come find out about:

online communities and social networking ie:

eChalk: to check your child's homework assignments and a variety of school services and activities. ***Facebook, Twitter, youtube & blogging...***online social networks and how they work.

Mon Jan 11, 2010
@7:30 pm

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2009-2010

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From The Heart of the Principal

Thank you for your continued support of your child at the "Great" Northern Parkway School.

As a team, it is imperative that we set very high standards for your child behaviorally and academically.

It is also critical that we give them the support, encouragement and love to help them succeed. Please make sure that you read with your child for at least 20-30 minutes each night. Please allow them the opportunity to write each day including: store lists, thank you notes to family and friends and explanations of what they learned in school each day. Please check the district calendar for workshops and NP school events. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us. The reading department recently conducted an awesome literacy evening. We wish all of you could have been there.

As the holidays approach, please plan to give your child a classic book, educational game or video as a gift. Every minute counts as we support and nurture our children in achieving their personal best.

Wishing you and your family a healthy and prosperous holiday season.

Dr. Brenda Williams-Jackson,
Proud Principal of the "GREAT" Northern Parkway School



Membership

Greeting Parents of Northern Parkway Students. My name is Karen Johnson, Membership Chairperson of Northern Parkway PTA.

As of November 16th, we have 323 PTA members for the 2009/2010 school year. Membership includes parents, all NPS teachers, administrators, some staff members and community members.

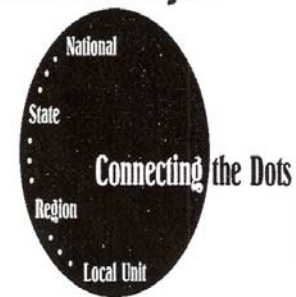
There were 283 early bird members (joined before October 15th). As a re-

sult 186 Northern Parkway School students were eligible for early bird gifts.

I encourage all parents/guardians of Northern Parkway School students to join PTA. Together we can make a difference! When you join PTA, you participate in your child's school.

If you haven't joined PTA already, please Join PTA today see pg 4 of this newsletter or print an application from the websites. **K. Johnson 1st VP-Membership**

Membership...



Help Needed!: Three for Me and Fundraising

Three for Me volunteers, **WE NEED YOU!!!** Who is a volunteer?? Parents, friends, and relatives can help out your northern parkway PTA.

Volunteers, your children appreciated all of the hard work in front as well as behind the scenes! We reward the classes with the highest number of parent volunteer hours every month. The students are rewarded with a small trinket-type gift. See page 4 for all Three for Me recognition.

Northern parkway PTA would like to thank everyone who participated in our

QSP fundraising efforts whether the gift fund raiser or the food fund raiser, we, the Northern Parkway PTA thank you!!! All students who participated have or will receive a participation gift.

We look forward to you turning out in record numbers to increase literacy among our NPS family, while supporting PTA at our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair. Books make excellent gifts. Do some of your holiday shopping with us!! There are also educational-type toys and other items available also. Come on out Mon December 7, through Thursday December 10. Our teacher

preview is on Friday December 4, 2009. See you there!

Our NP PTA 2009/2010 fund raiser participation winner stats:

\$50.00 & up seller drawing winners for k-2 and 3-5 prizes will be announced at January, 2010. Thanking you again for your support! D king, 2nd VP



Happy Holidays

Scholastic Book Fair

12/7-10/09

Holiday Boutique

12/18-19/09

Breakfast with Santa

Sat. 12/19/09 9am

Legislation and Health and Safety

Greetings Northern Parkway Families,

In October we voted on resolutions that were up for review at the State Conference held in Saratoga Springs, NY November 13-15, 2009. All resolutions passed with much discussion and debate at every turn.

Fri February 26, 2010, there will be a Uniondale District Wide Legislative Forum held at the Uniondale High School Little Theatre, 7:30pm. **Come Out and meet your elected officials both local and state**

representatives to discuss issues in our community. Are you concerned about the Lighthouse Project, the numerous For Sale signs in our community, trash and litter, state budget cut decisions and the impact it will have on our homes, our schools, our community? Then make sure you are there to be apart the discussion and have your voice heard.

The State wide PTA Legislation/Education Conference will be held February 27-28, 2010. Northern Parkway will attend. Our next issue will recap all Legislative events in detail.

Health and Safety Committee

The Health and Safety Committee has been actively engaged in getting issues resolved at our school. There have been a couple of cafeteria observations; exterior lights have been replaced and graffiti on Davis Avenue removed. We need to conduct more cafeteria observations and of course, if you observe any health or safety concern, please let us know. We have to help to make our school a safe and healthy learning environment for our children. Please contact Mrs. Crayton at 918-1791 to assist.

Curriculum and Budget

Council Delegate - Curriculum

The curriculum meeting took place in September regarding curriculum in the 21st century sharing the available resources in the district with parents. Activ Vote was discussed which is a feature available with the Smart Boards but is limited in the district. In January, the PTA will discuss technology more in depth.



Council Delegate - Budget

The Budget Council Delegate represents the school on the district wide PTA Council. The primary role is to participate on the Budget Advisory Committee for Uniondale School District as the Northern Parkway representative.

The Budget Delegate coordinates a walk through of the school to identify capital project needed for Northern Parkway on behalf of the PTA. This is done along with an administrator in the school as well as the head Custodian at Northern Parkway. The walk through for this year was scheduled for Friday, November 20, 2009. The findings from this will be reported to Mr. John LaBare, Director of Facilities and Operations for Uniondale School District.

Denise Reshard, Budget Council Delegate

SEPTA and Parental Involvement

SEPTA is a district wide PTA Unit that advocates for children with Special Needs, disabilities and the MAL (MORE ABLE LEARNERS PROGRAM)

SEPTA Meets monthly at the high school, has fundraisers, outings, information and advocacy

Does your child have an IEP or 504? Do you think your child can benefit from the MAL program? Join SEPTA to add your voice to the chorus of advocacy!

At the November PTA meeting, a bilingual presentation was given on Parent Teacher Meetings. Tips, techniques and important questions to ask during your conference and overall communication good tools with your child's teacher and school administration and staff. Be sure to pick up the 2 page handout that was given out last month. It will be at the PTA table during confer-

The NYS PTA has partnered with Just Between Friends to help PTA Units communicate more efficiently and productively. Please see A. Hawthorne or any Executive Board member to add your email address to receive private and secure email from Northern Parkway PTA





Reflections 2009-2010
Theme: Beauty Is...
Thank you Dr. Jackson
and staff for support-
ing the Reflections
Program. Many chil-
dren submitted art,

literature, photography and video this
year. Several entries have been sent on
to the region for judging. Participants
art work will be on display in the blue
wing through out the month of Decem-
ber. Be sure to stop and admire. Thank
you boys and girls for working hard and
all your creativity!!

2010–2011 theme is:

Together We Can

We're on the web!

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.org/home.aspx](http://nps.uniondaleschools.org/home.aspx)

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Winter is coming, Don't
forget your Gym Wear!
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Dates To Remember

Events & Meetings @Northern PkwY.

Mon. Dec 7 -10: PTA Book Fair
Mon Dec 14: PTA Exec Brd, 7 pm
Fri Dec 18: Holiday Boutique
Sat Dec 19: Breakfast With Santa 9am
Mon Jan 11: SBMT, 3:15 pm
Mon Jan 11: PTA Mtg, 7:30 pm
Mon Feb 08: PTA Mtg, 7 pm
Tue Feb 23: SBMT, 3:15 pm



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PRESIDENT'S PARENT HONOR ROLL

Thank You 3 for Me Volunteers!

*The Following 3 for Me volunteers helped make Northern Parkway Great
Sep, Oct, Nov '09 Please join us in celebrating them!*

Events & Meetings @ Northern Pkwy

<i>Michelle Montano</i>	<i>Janice Reid</i>	<i>Marjorie Ortiz</i>
<i>Lucy Marquez</i>	<i>Maria Portillo</i>	HELEN BONILLA
<i>Karen Guerrero</i>	<i>Alfreda Armstrong</i>	<i>Patricia Fuentes</i>
<i>Celia Correas</i>	<i>Jessica Molineras</i>	<i>Karen Querrero</i>
<i>Celia Skeeling</i>	<i>Imelda Cruz</i>	<i>Annmarie Lewis</i>
<i>Audrey S. Williams</i>	<i>Ms. Frias</i>	<i>Mrs. Jean-Baptiste</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Calderon</i>	<i>Mr. & Mrs. Quinteros</i>	<i>Mrs. Hernandez</i>
<i>Sofia</i>	<i>Mr. Anthony Page Jr.</i>	<i>Marie Chouloute</i>
<i>Elsa Guterrez</i>	<i>Eveyn Gomez</i>	<i>Lakesha Campbell</i>

Three For Me

Class Winners: September '09: Mc Swain and Baisle October '09: Rose and Esannason
The NP PTA 2009-2010 Open House Three For Me Drawing Winners:

1. "Rolled Up Sleeve" , : Maria A. Portillo drawn from the names of people who have volunteered September through October.
2. "3 For Me Sign-Up" Angela Corado drawn from the names of people who have sent in their Three For Me sheets.
3. "Food Donor" winner: Mr. & Mrs. Quinteros drawn from the names of people who responded to the request for food donations for our 09 Open House.

QSP Fundraisers

Top sellers: Caleb Gaskins-(K), Anaise Apresa-(1st), Jordan Pommells-(2nd), Matthew King-(3rd), Bria Robinson-(4th), Ariana Jemison-(5th). Top seller in school: Jordan Pommells-2nd. Top participating class: Spencers's 1st Grade Class. Top holiday food fund raiser seller: Jalani Findlay-5th

Newsletter Contest Winner: Valencia H. She will receive a gift card to the GameStop

Events & Meetings @ Uniondale H.S.

Wed Dec 2: SEPTA Meeting, 7 pm
Tue Dec 8: BRD OF ED OPEN MT, 7 PM
Wed Jan 6: PTA Council Mtg, 7:30 pm
Thu Jan 7: SEPTA Meeting, 7 pm
Mon Jan 25: PTA Cncl Curriculum Comt
Tue Jan 26: BRD OF ED OPEN MT, 7 PM
Wed Feb 3: SEPTA Meeting, 7 pm
Sat Feb 6: Dialogue W/Your Superintendent 9am
Tue Feb 9: BRD OF ED OPEN MT, 7 PM
Mon Feb 22: Bdget Advis Comte,7:30 pm
Fri Feb 26: District Wide Legislative Forum 7:30pm

Northern Parkway PTA Membership Form 2009–2010

Please Print

Parent Name: _____

Child(ren) _____

Teacher(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Family \$10 Individual \$5

Community Member \$10

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