



# Central School PTO Pulse

April 2010

## The Presidents' Double Scoop...

We have many people to thank this time around!

- Thank you to Ila Gillenwater for helping make "Hearts for Haiti" such a huge success! Central School raised \$1825.00 (more than each of the other elementary schools). Overall Warren Township raised \$4558.00-- all of which goes to Haiti relief.
- Thank you to Kristin Clapcich and Chris Martini for an amazing Fun Fair!! Thank you to Lisa Quirico and her crew for the unbelievable Pot O' Gold Cafe and special decorations. Thank you to Julie Gnoy for the great prize table! Thank you to the committee as well! We know a lot of hard work went into all of it to make the day special!



- Thank you to Sara Simon, Alexis Soled and their committee for a fantastic 80s night! Sara and Alexis spent a lot of time to make this event so amazing. It was really a blast!!
- Thank you to Catherine Lamy and Sara Simon for a very successful 5th grade dance residency.

## Smartboards!!!!

Central School classes will be completely furnished with Smartboards by the end of this school year! The PTO is donating three Smartboards to furnish the 2nd grade and the Board of Education is donating three Smartboards to furnish the 1st grade classrooms.

## SOS forms

Look out for SOS forms coming in the backpacks soon! Help us continue to make Central School "the best place to be!"

Lori Beck & Jill Pila, Co-Presidents

Please note all Central PTO Pulse newsletter articles are due the day of each monthly PTO meeting (see PTO meeting schedule for dates). Submissions are to be sent to Kristin Hassett via e-mail [kristinhassett@optonline.net](mailto:kristinhassett@optonline.net).

### Dr. Cebula's Corner

On behalf of the entire Central School Staff, thanks to all the parents who attended the Warren Township Board of Education budget meeting on Thursday, March 25th. Many Central School Staff attended as well and came to school the next day feeling encouraged and appreciative of the many parents who spoke positively about our school and their children's education in Warren. You must know how this energized and lifted our spirits during this difficult budget dilemma. We have been pained by the constant media and legislative attack on our profession: one we feel is honorable and vital to our children. We continue to be blessed here at Central School with such supportive families. My pledge to you is that we will do all we can to maintain and enhance the total program at Central School.

Mary Lou

### BOX TOPS

Thank you for collecting Box Tops! Over \$1,000 has been collected since last March. The class that collects the most Box Tops for this school year will receive a party in June! There are several ways to support our school with Box Tops:

**Clip** the Box Top from participating products and send to school. Each one is worth 10¢ when redeemed.

**Shop** at your favorite online stores with discounts through the Box Tops Marketplace® and Barnes and Noble Reading Room<sup>SM</sup>. Up to 15% of your purchase will be donated to our school, at no additional cost to you.

Check out

[www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) for more information and sign up for newsletters for members only deals and discounts.

**Thank you,**

We continue to work towards putting together a great program for Science Day 2010, which will be held on Wednesday, May 26th. On this exciting day, the students are going experience an assembly and workshops run by Mad Science, a planetarium program held inside an enormous inflatable sky dome, and other grade specific activities including in-class projects for each class. We are still looking for people who are interested in helping out for an hour in their child's classroom during this day. If you are interested and have not yet volunteered, please contact Laura Herndon ([laura.herndon@einstein.yu.edu](mailto:laura.herndon@einstein.yu.edu), 732-748-1155).

Additionally, the Kindergarteners and 1st graders will be making terrariums as their in-class project using 2 liter bottles.

During the week of April 19th, we will be making a collection of empty 2 liter bottles **with** their caps so that we can have enough for the kids (we will need a total of about 100). Just send them to school with attention to Science Day. Thanks for your help!

## **80'S DANCE PARTY**

**We would like to thank everyone who continues to make Central School “the best place to be”.**

**Thank you to everyone who danced, sang, drank, ate, played trivia, dressed up, played video games, etc, and had a great time at Studio 901! It was a night full of fun, friends, and a fabulous time was had by all!**

**Thank you to all of you who contributed to your class baskets...they were all terrific and congratulations to the lucky winners!**

**Thank you to the homeroom moms who worked hard to make the baskets the success they were!**

**Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets to help support us!**

**Thank you to Jane and her wonderful staff for always being there and helping us with e-blasts, flyers, etc. We couldn't do it without you!**

**Thank you to Dr. Cebula for her endless support and dedication...you're terrific!**

**And thank you to our fabulous committee for their hours and hours of time, hard work and support...you were a wonderful team and we are so grateful for all that you did...Lori Beck, Nancy Galbraith, Erica Grossberg, Chris Martini, Nicole Paolini, Jill Pila, Beth Richmond and Stephanie Tell...THANK YOU!!!**

**Also....**

**Thank you to our Central School mom, Julie Pinho, for donating all the baked goods and delicious pastries! Your generosity is so greatly appreciated!**

**Thank you to Brian at the Soup Shoppe for his generosity and delicious food! Thanks Copper Springs Beach & Tennis Club for their generous donation and continuous support to Central School!**

**Thank you to Julie at Warren Country Florist for donating our beautiful door prize!**

**Thank you again to everyone, in whatever way, you help to make a difference.**

## **PTO MEETING SCHEDULE**

**All meetings are at 1:45pm-APR**

**April 15**

**May 20**

**June 3\***

**\* End of year PTO luncheon**

## **Board Corner—April 2010**

### *Budget season...up in the air!*

As of the middle of March, there remained a great deal of uncertainty with regard to the rules under which school districts were supposed to create proposed budgets for the 2010-11 school year. Much depended on Governor Christie's budget address on March 16, 2010, but even then the haze wasn't lifted entirely as the devil is always in the details of the regulations that are developed to implement either new legislation or gubernatorial directives, and some of those regulations are still in the works!

Because of all this ambiguity, districts all across the state are going to be forced at the very last second this year to rush to put together the necessary documents that explain what their proposed budget is and what its impact will be on the schools and local residents. We are sorry to report that Warren is no different, and we can only ask at this point that the Warren school community stay dialed into school and PTO sources for the latest word on when documents might be available, when meetings might be scheduled to present the proposed budget in person, etc.

As of now, the annual public budget HEARING is scheduled for 7:00pm on Thursday, March 25, 2010, in Warren Middle School. The annual vote is still scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, 2010 (but rumor has it that might change—stay tuned!). We appreciate your understanding in this difficult and murky financial time and thank you in advance for your continued support as we ready ourselves to condense an entire budget awareness campaign into two weeks (starting as soon as we get back from spring recess).