

ER Hughes PTA Reporter

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I pledge to be a person of character. My conscience will guide me through the day to have self-control while I work and play. I will be fair, tolerant and kind, and show empathy and respect, always keeping the seven virtues in mind.

A NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

As we wind down 2009, I want to wish you all a wonderful holiday season and an incredible New Year! Once again, I appreciate all of the passion and creativity that our PTA members give the whole year through! It is because of all of you that we are one of the most active PTA's in the Leatherstocking Region.

Thank you to Jodi LaBella for organizing our fundraising and for leading the Committee of Ways and Means. Due to the efforts of Jodi and the committee, as well as all of the participation of our members, ER Hughes will have a new sound system by the end of the month. This new system will provide our school with a much more efficient and "sound pleasing" way to enjoy all of the wonderful assemblies and programs that are offered throughout the year. In addition, because of the success of our book fair, the PTA earned a DVD player to go along with the sound system as well as a new listening center for use in the classrooms. Once again, because of your active involvement, 2009 has proved to be a very productive year.

We still have many more activities planned for 2010. The Winter Carnival is just around the corner and will provide a great evening for our kids and parents. Also, Basket Bonanza is slowly approaching and promises to be a wonderful social event for adults in our community. Your participation is what makes our school events a success!

Finally, I hope you have the time to relax with your family and friends over the break. Take time to enjoy your family traditions and if you have the opportunity, create new ones. I look forward to a wonderful 2010 and wish you peace and love in the New Year!

Happy Holidays!
Mary Anne Murray, PTA President



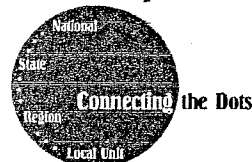
HEALTH AND SAFETY

A test of the Student Messenger System was held on Tuesday, November 23 around 5:30 pm. Anyone who DID NOT get a call should contact the main office.

VIRTUES

On Friday, December 4th, wear something BLUE to kick-off December's virtue of SELF-CONTROL. An in-school assembly will kick-off the month long focus on self-control.

Membership...



Thank you for your continued support of the ER Hughes PTA! Mrs. Montana, PTA teacher representative, has been very diligent in soliciting membership forms from the entire faculty and staff in our building. Special thanks to her and to all who have joined us this year! Please contact Julie Fornino right before or after the next few PTA meetings to pick up your membership cards.

YEARBOOK

If you have pictures to send in for the yearbook, we have a quick and easy way! Go to our www.hughespta.com website and click on YEARBOOK tab in left hand column. There you will find a link to load your pictures directly to Jostens Yearbook Avenue website. Questions, contact Shelley Athari at 797-6394.

PTA COUNCIL

The PTA Council met on November 23, 2009. Here is some information that was discussed at the meeting:

Superintendent Nole addressed the possibility of NYS cutting funding to education.

There was a discussion about a district-wide art show. Mr. Nole suggested having the event the week of the school budget vote in May.

Board of Education Rep Lisa Philipson mentioned that the Code of Conduct Committee will meet again on December 3rd. Also, the Wellness Committee has been discussing ways to increase the amount of healthy food choices in the schools.

The Council continued discussion on a project to benefit the district. Some thoughts included a media system or smart board or somehow replace the loss of DARE at the 6th and 7th grade levels.

The next PTA Council meeting is January 25th.

FOR THE REFRIDGERATOR

Dec 3: PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm
Dec 4: Wear Blue for Virtues
Dec 15: Board of Education Mtg, 7:00 pm
Dec 16: Hughes Winter Concert, 7:00 pm
Dec 24-Jan 1: Winter Recess
Jan 5: Board of Education Mtg, 7:00
Jan 7: PTA Meeting, 1:30 pm
Jan 15: 6th grade fundraiser @ McDonalds
Jan 16: 6th grade fundraiser @ Barnes/Noble

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

We had a very successful winter outerwear drive to benefit members of our community at the Refugee Center. Thank you to all the families who contributed and to Annette Gape and Dawn Butler for coordinating the drive. Your contributions were greatly appreciated!

6th GRADE GRADUATION

The 6th grade class will be holding a fundraiser at Barnes and Noble on January 16th to raise money to put towards the class gift. We have reserved the date but are in need of a chairperson. If you are interested in chairing this fundraiser, contact Dena at dena_ddsmotorsports@yahoo.com.

There is also a fundraiser set for January 15th from 5-8 pm at McDonalds.

PTA FUNDRAISING

The Box Top turkey worksheets were a huge success. Thank you to all who submitted your turkeys. We will be doing another worksheet submission for December.

The Hannaford Helps Schools program ends at the beginning of December. Please get your "school dollars" in the tower at the Hannaford store or send them to school with your child ASAP.

Continue to clip the Tyson Project A+ labels and send them into school. As always, thank you for your continuing support of these programs. Questions, contact Jennifer Battista dennyb@roadrunner.com.

BASKET BONANZA

Planning is underway for Basket Bonanza 2010. If you have baskets to donate, please bring them to the office. For a list of open subcommittee positions, please see the PTA website. Contact lact1234@yahoo.com or sfletcher@ywcamv.org if you want to help.