

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 Presidents

Happy New Year! We are anticipating a prosperous 2009 as we strengthen the voice of our PTA. We are looking to increase membership, by 20, to reach our goal. Membership forms can be downloaded at www.hughespta.com.

A Nominating Committee was selected at the last regular meeting. If you are interested in serving as an officer, contact Dena Gorea, Jodi LaBella, Zaida Morell, Michelle Tuttle, or Kate Marhamati.

We would like to give you an update on the Virtues "Conscience" project that we organized in December. On December 18th, nine boxes of toys and clothes were sent to Iraq. It was sent out with the Rome base for free as they were making a donated shipment. We would like to thank Crystal Hartsock for orchestrating the process. With the \$100 that we collected in donations, we'll send the remaining two boxes to Crystal's husband in Iraq so that he can take them to a hospital and get pictures of the recipients to put on our Virtues Tree.

In December we also asked you to recycle your used sneakers. They will be taken to the collection site in Rochester in the near future.

The virtue for January is self-control. We have sent a sheet home encouraging the children to "give up electronics" during the month of January.

Thanks for all your support!

Susan Nackley Mojave and Missy Love
Co-Presidents, ER Hughes PTA

PTA FUND-RAISERS

Continue to send in your Box Tops (clipping on the dotted lines). The next deadline for submission of Box Tops is in February.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Please remember to update any of your personal information that may have changed since the beginning of the school year. These changes might include address, home telephone number, cell number, work number, or emergency contact names or numbers.

You can sign-up for the free text messaging service offered through WKTV for school delays and closings. Regular text messaging rates apply.

Now that the New Year has arrived, we will begin to schedule fingerprinting for kindergarteners and new students through the NH Police Department. When this is scheduled, a notice will go home in your child's folder.

Wishing everyone in our ER Hughes family a very healthy and safe 2009!

Marlene Biernat and Denise Powers

FAMILY DANCE



The Family Dance will be held on Friday, February 27th from 6-8 pm. The theme this year is LUAU! Admission to the dance is either \$5.00/family or the donation of a new book by grade level. If you signed up to help, you will be receiving a call soon. If you did not sign up but would like to help, please contact Joann Hickey at 735- or Julie Fornino at 733-

ECOLOGY CLUB

Meetings are scheduled for the last Monday of January, February, and March from 3:00-4:15 pm in the school library.

Since our Lego team Climoze won the highest award at the official tournament in December at Clarkson University, the First Place Champion Award, they have secured an invitation in the World Festival in Atlanta, GA this April. We are in the process of trying to secure sponsorship to fund our trip. Congratulations to our students and many thanks to my assistant coach, Lynn Moretz.

Questions, contact Lorey A. Zaman-Allard at loreyzaman@yahoo.com.

GRADE 6th GRADUATION

Three fundraisers will be taking place at this year's Family Dance. The candy sale, being run by Tina Acquaviva, will offer candy for no more than \$1.00 each. The photo sale, being run by Sandy MacIntosh, will offer Luau theme photos of the students for \$1.00 each, and the flower sale, being run by Anne DuRoss and Stacey Manno, with more information to follow.

The T-shirt design has been selected by the students and is with the graphic artist. As soon as the information comes back to Judy Nole, we will send order forms home with the student. The goal is to have the t-shirts delivered two weeks after our return deadline date.

Thanks to all the volunteers! Questions, contact Lorey A. Zaman-Allard at lzaman@yahoo.com.

SPRING FLING

The Spring Fling will be on Friday, April 3rd from 6-8:30 pm. The theme this year is 50s Grease! We would like to sell tickets in advance as well as at the night of the event. We are looking for items for the "Pink Ladies" (volunteers) to wear. If you would like to loan us a pink jacket, it would be greatly appreciated. Questions, please contact Tracy Fountain at 737-██████ or Lisa Marchitelli at 737-██████ (this is a daytime number only).

YEARBOOK

Please continue to send your photos to lzaman@nhart.org or submit a CD to Lorey marked yearbook to the PTA mailbox. Volunteers will be notified this month, as we will begin meeting shortly to assemble this year's book. Questions, contact Lorey A. Zaman-Allard at lzaman@yahoo.com.

LEGISLATION/EDUCATION

Here is some news from Albany:

A non-profit organization, the Family Online Institute, is urging President-Elect Obama and his administration to appoint a national safety officer and invest \$100 million annually on education and research in order to step-up efforts to protect children from crime, harassment, and predators in cyber space.

IMPORTANT DATES

January 6 & 20: Board of Education, 7 pm

January 19: No School, Martin Luther King

January 20:
Community Education classes begin

January 21-22: Kindergarten Registration

February 5: Hughes PTA, 7:00 pm

February 9: Parent Workshop, "Overcoming Fear", 7-9 pm at Perry JHS



SELF-CONTROL
Regulating thoughts and
actions so that you stop any
pressures from within or without
and act how you know and feel
is right.