

STEVENS STAR



PTA Newsletter



June 2009

Francis L. Stevens Elementary School, Lake Hill Road, Ballston Lake, NY

Northeastern District PTA

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Calendar of Events

Wednesday June 3rd

PTA Transportation Staff
Recognition Day

PTA meeting 7:30pm in the library

Friday June 5th

Brooks BBQ 4:00pm – 7:00pm

5th grade Intro to Rec Night
Middle School, 7-9 pm

Monday June 8th

3rd Grade Instrument Sign-ups
High School, 7:30pm

Thursday June 11th

Community Flag Day Parade

Friday June 12th

No School elementary only

Tuesday June 23rd

Board of Ed. at Stevens 7:30pm

Thursday June 25th

Last Day of School ½ day



PTA President

I cannot believe that the year is coming to an end already! I would like to say thank you to all the officers, committee chairs and volunteers who helped throughout the year to make everything go smooth. The Staff Appreciation Lunch was done so well again this year by Susan DeVito and Tricia Letendre☺. Kindergarten Orientation ran smooth under the direction of Paula Wunderlich and Colleen Grabb☺. There were some great new ideas! Julie McIntyre has headed up a successful Book Exchange. Lisa Fish and Linda Fieldhouse are working on the Transportation Breakfast coming up on June 3rd. If you can offer a hand please let them know. Thanks again to all of you!!!

June 3rd will be the last PTA meeting of the year. We will be voting on the budget for next year. Anyone interested in signing up for any committees should contact Amy Aldrich. Without volunteers we could not make all of this happen!

I wish all of you a happy and safe summer. See you next fall☺.

Cathy Todd

Incoming President

Congratulations! We have all made it through another school year. Whether it was your first year as a Steven's parent, or your last, you know what a big part the PTA plays in the overall experience of our kids. I want to personally thank Cathy Todd for her tireless dedication to all of us as PTA President this year. Thank you, also to, to all the officers, committee chairs and everyone who volunteered their time throughout the year.

I am really looking forward to stepping into the role of President for the 2009-2010 school year. We have a great team of PTA Officers and Executive Committee Members assembled, and I know it will be another successful year. With the continuing budget constraints and daily challenges our kid's teachers face, it is more important than ever to join the efforts of the PTA and provide your support. I urge all of you to help make a difference by becoming a member, volunteering, and even stepping into a committee chair position. The volunteer "Pink Sheets" went home recently, so please take another look to see how you can help, and send it back to the office by June 20th.

Have a fantastic summer, and see you next year!
Amy

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Emailed or written submissions must be received by the 2nd Monday of the month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter. Submissions by e-mail should be sent to mgrabb@nycap.rr.com

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Thank you to all the Kindergarten Orientation Volunteers.

Kindergarten Orientation went very smooth this year. We would like to thank our volunteers who gave their time, talents, and energy to make our new Stevens Super Stars feel welcomed. This is the time where next year's kindergarteners come to visit the school, participate in fun activities, meet staff and teachers and go to an information gathering session with our educators. The new Super Stars created a quilt which will be given to Mrs. Niezgoda and Mrs. Gregory to hang in the hallway next fall to welcome the kindergarteners to school.

A sincere thank you goes to Michele Graham, Sonja Willet, Dina Baker, Millie Ramos, Holly Fitzgerald, Lily Labaido, Jessica Rzeszotarski, Kim North, Dawn Serafini, Kelly DeVirgeles, Kari Battuello, Sheila Musco & Cathy Todd. Thank you for your time and patience.



We would also like to thank Mrs. M, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Meade, Mr. Rothacker, Mrs. Ducharme, Mrs. Hay, Mrs. Niezgoda, Mrs. Gregory, Ms. Cuyler & Mr. McCullough. Thank you for all your help with set up and visits from the children.

Sincerely,
Paula Wunderlich & Colleen Grabb
Happy Summer

Library Volunteers wanted for the 2009-2010 school year

Help children fall in love with reading.
Helping with shelving books is what keeps us in business!
Library = a kinder, gentler, volunteer opportunity.

Volunteer once a week,
bi-weekly, or once a month.
You are welcome to volunteer
during your child's library class
helping with book selection
and projects.
Help with décor—seasonal and
themed displays.

Contact our Chairperson: Linda Fieldhouse @ 884-2620
or Linda@fieldhouses.net, or
Alison Cuyler our Librarian @ 399-9141
ext. 3911 or acuyler@bhbl.org for more
information.

Homeroom Representatives

Thank you to all the homeroom representatives for your time and hard work on the teacher's memory books. I know that they were greatly appreciated. Also, special thank you to Jane Bennett for all of her help with the memory books.

For anyone interested in being a homeroom parent next year, please complete your pink sheet or email me sagan2@nycap.r.com.

Amy Agan,
VP Homeroom
Representatives
Enjoy your day.



Yearbook update

The yearbooks have arrived. Please complete the form and return to Paula Wunderlich. You can leave them in the main office. The cost is \$5.00 per book. First come first served as the number of yearbooks is limited.

New Information if Your Child is Absent

Parents should always notify the school by **9:00AM**, either by phone call or email, whenever their child will be absent. If there is no call or email from a parent, the office staff must verify the student is absent by calling the parent. (A written excuse with a parent signature is still required when the child returns to school.)

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Summer Fun at the Community Library

The Town of Ballston Community Library in Burnt Hills is hosting many wonderful events over the summer to engage and delight school age children. Rebecca Verhayden, Youth Services Librarian at our community library, will be meeting and greeting classes at Stevens to let kids know about the summer programming at her library. Students can attend movies, make crafts, read to pets, and earn prizes for their reading. Watch for a flyer with details coming home with your Superstar.



Stevens Goes Green

We would like to thank everyone who helped to make the Stevens Goes Green Plant Sale a success. Parent volunteers were wonderful, as were our student volunteers from Stevens, and the Middle School. Also, thank you to Charlene Spetla (Green Acres), Lake Side Farms, and Schultz Green House for providing amazing plants. As always, thank you to all of the families who purchased plants.



Kathy Welch, and
Tricia Letendre

We still have green bags from the second grade classes. The cost per bag is \$3.50. Call Tricia Letendre at 399-4602 to purchase your Stevens Goes Green bag.



Pink Sheets

- ❖ Please complete your pink sheets
- ❖ Please return with your child, by mail, or return to the main office.
- ❖ Please remember volunteers are needed in all areas to make each program a success.
- ❖ Call a friend and work together.
- ❖ Many hands make light work!!!!
- ❖ Be a **super star**, sign up now!!!
- ❖ Pink sheets are due back by June 20th.

Attention Chair people:

If you have a red folder that you are done with for the year please return it to the PTA mailbox.

Staff Appreciation Luncheon

Trish Letendre and Suzanne DeVito would like to thank all the parents that cooked for the Teachers Luncheon. We appreciate all the food that was brought in. It was a true success, thanks to all you do.

Make Time to Read This Summer

Stevens issues a Summer Reading Challenge to its Superstars to read, read, read over the summer. Just like baseball or softball, the more we practice the better we get better at it, and that counts for reading, too!!

Our positive thoughts and get well wishes are with Jacob Shell and his family.



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