



**PTO
NEWSLETTER**
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HAZARDVILLE MEMORIAL SCHOOL

GROWING TOGETHER AT HMS

Your PTO EXECUTIVE BOARD...

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ABOUT YOUR PRESIDENT:

My name is Tim Prosinski and I reside in Enfield with my wife, Deb and daughters Sara (6th grade) and Nicole (4th grade). I am employed by the Berlin School District as a Food Service Director. I am a member of the School Nutrition Association of CT (SNACT) and am very involved in bringing healthy and nutritious meals to the students in my school district. I was recently invited to the White House to attend Michelle Obama's "Chefs Move to Schools"; a program promoting healthier food options in schools across America. I am a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America.

In my free time, I enjoy fishing and camping with my family.



ABOUT YOUR VICE-PRESIDENT:

Hello my name is Tina Demers. I have been married to my husband Don for 13 years. We have 2 daughters Marissa (4th grade) and Carly (Kindergarten). Besides being on the executive board for the PTO I am also a Girl Scout leader for both of my daughters' troops. I enjoy taking my daughters to dance lessons, soccer practices & games and school events. We have owned a camping trailer up in the Berkshires for the past 5 years where we enjoy seasonal camping as a family.

I'm really excited about serving on the PTO executive board this year. I look forward to working with returning parents as well as new parents to provide the children with some great events and opportunities. The PTO at HMS offers events such as the Ice Cream Social, School Store, Book Fairs, Halloween Party and much more. It takes many volunteers to keep all these events going. Please consider getting involved with the PTO this year so we can provide our children with all these great events. I look forward to working with all of you.



ABOUT YOUR TREASURER:

My name is Stacy Simons. My husband, Chris and I have lived in Enfield for 8 years, originally from Long Island. We have been married for 14 years. We have three children, Karissa (8th grade), Kayla (5th grade) and Christopher (pre-school). I work part-time at a food distributing company and I also work from home for my father's Florida based construction & remodeling company. I was a soccer coach with Enfield Soccer Club for several years and I am currently a Division Manager. I am also the editor for the PTO Newsletter. In my free time, I look forward to spending it with my family.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

11/5 HALLOWEEN PARTY

11/16-11/19
PARENT/TEACHER
CONFERENCES11/24 POPS ASSEMBLY
@ 10:30

11/30 PTO MEETING

12/2 CULTURAL EVENTS
AFRICAN DANCE & DRUM**ABOUT YOUR SECRETARY:**

I am new to the secretary position this year after holding many volunteer positions within the PTO over the last 10 years. Matt and I have been married for a wonderful 18 years and have 3 children - Elizabeth is a sophomore at Fermi, Rebecca is in 7th grade at JFK and Eric is in 5th grade. I enjoy volunteering in the school and class rooms as well as in Girl Scouting and religion classes at St. Bernard Church. I am a graduate of UMASS in Amherst as well the Parent Leadership Academy, an Enfield organization that encourages and promotes parent involvement in grass root projects within the community, giving voice to children's issues. I look forward to this last year at HMS as being a year of leaving legacies.

HMS PTO WEBSITE

www.ptohms.org

CHECK IT OUT! Find out what's happening next on our calendar.

Join our e-mail list. Read the minutes from our Meetings.

Want to join a committee? It's just a click away!

Thank you Jay Tolo for taking charge of this great tool.

**PTO MEETING SCHEDULE:**

In an effort to accommodate as many schedules as possible and to have parents be able to attend at least one PTO meeting this year, the executive board decided to hold our meetings on a different day each 3rd week of the month. (Except December! No meeting - a little present to all of us!)

Mark your calendars! Our meetings are: Tues. 11/30 Weds. 1/19 Thurs. 2/24 Mon 3/21 Weds 4/27 Thurs 5/26

Thank you Karen Campo for taking the minutes at our meeting! Our secretary, Lisa Rogers really appreciates it.

KINDERGARTEN/NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Submitted by Lisa Rogers

Orientation was held Thurs. 8/26. The PTO prepared transportation name tag buttons for each student as well as bookplates for the PTO gift book. This year the book was Chicka, Chicka Boom Boom which thrilled the teachers because the book is a major part of their curriculum this year. Lisa Rogers introduced the new families to the PTO and its mission. Thank you to Cathy Barth for preparing the students' refreshments; Elizabeth Rogers for aiding the event including helping anxious children down to the classrooms! Thank you Chris Gomeau for helping to organize and assist at the event.



TEACHER LUNCHEON

Submitted by Lisa Rogers

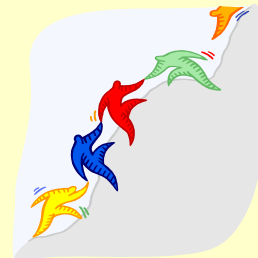
Our teacher luncheon was held on Wednesday, September 1st to welcome back the teachers and staff. Staff enjoyed a delicious lunch while being updated on the PTO activities and services offered this year by our volunteers. A huge thank you goes out to Olive Garden for donating a large part of the luncheon as well as to the Simons family for their contact with Olive Garden. Thank you as well goes out to Jessica Duga, Carrie Barnes, Tina Demers, Tracy Miller, Joanne Renna and Maureen Brennan for their food donations. The PTO appreciates Chris Gomeau for organizing the event and Tina Demers for helping out at the event as well.

WELCOME BACK PICNIC

Submitted by Lisa Rogers

Our Welcome Back Picnic ran without a hitch on Friday, September 10th! Lisa Rogers prepared flyers, sent out invitations, and bought supplies. The Gomeau and Rogers families moved tables and set-up after school. Tina Demers and Tim Prosinski greeted all picnickers and helped out wherever needed. All grades did a wonderful job bringing food to the event. Thank you Jim Miller, Matt Rogers and Don Baillargeon for grilling the hot dogs and to student alumni Kaleigh Miller, Olivia Baillargeon & Lexi Renna for serving. School store was open - thanks Marci Pease and Christina Beiler and 6th grade sold soda - thanks Lorraine Macinni! A welcome addition was dinner music by our Zumba queen Sue Pulver and we all had fun zumba'ing. As always, our families did a great job cleaning up - thank you! Chips were saved for our upcoming Halloween Party, and the Enfield Loaves and Fishes appreciated our unused desserts and hot dogs.

An extra special thank you goes to our night janitor ERIC McNALLY for all of his help and attention to our requests!



VOLUNTEER INTEREST FORMS

Thank you to all 112 families who returned these forms at the beginning of the school year! What a great show of support for education at HMS! You will be receiving e-mails with updates and requests for help periodically throughout the year if you supplied an e-mail address. If you haven't been contacted yet by a committee member, look forward to an e-mail or telephone call soon by any and all committees you checked off. Thank you Lisa Baehre for stepping up to be our volunteer coordinator!

JACK-O-LANTERN FESTIVAL Submitted by Lisa Rogers



Thank you Jeff Bemiss for the photo!

The Jack-O-Lantern Festival was held on the Town Green on Saturday October 16th. Thank you Judi Stolar for being our school liaison for the committee and parents Pam McCann and Lisa Rogers for manning our bleachers. A special thanks goes out to Mrs. Davis, an instructional aide for helping too - the students love to see our teachers outside of the classroom! HMS families enjoyed trick or treating, dancing, games, hayrides, bounce houses ... and brought over 100 pumpkins to the event! Our school came in second for the most jack-o-lanterns based on school enrollment. Jordan Murray and Tori Hatcher won prizes for their exceptional carvings. Congratulations!

FALL FUNDRAISER

The executive board thanks parent, Amy Diaz for chairing this important committee! Without these funds the PTO could not help send our students on field trips, bring authors and cultural performers to our school, host family-fun evening events, have such a fun Field Day, ... the list goes on and on. Thank you to all our students and families for supporting this fundraiser. (Results will follow in the next edition of the PTO Newsletter.)



PTO BABYSITTING

The PTO is happy to supply free babysitting at many of our parent events. PTO meetings and parent/teacher conferences are 2 types of drop-in events that our 6th grade student volunteers provide care (with adult supervision). This year the PTO provided childcare with the use of high school honor students at the Parent-Only Curriculum Night to which many, many families availed themselves. While we are pleased with the great turnout, please be sure to reserve a spot at these special events, so that coverage is appropriate. Thank you!



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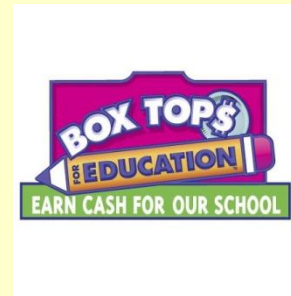
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Take Charge of Education - assign your Target credit card to Hazardville Memorial School and Target will donate a percentage of the purchases directly to our school. Go to www.target.com, RedCard, Take Charge of Education, Enroll. So far we have 37 cards signed up, the school received a check for \$243.72 in August and since HMS has enrolled Target has sent the school \$3659.46!

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