



# Hawk Herald



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## Message from the PTA President

Diane Zara

Welcome back everyone! I hope your summer was both fun-filled and relaxing.

Did you know that more than 85 rigorous research studies conducted over 30 years show kids do better when parents are involved? Grades are higher, test scores improve and attendance increases. Could there be a better organization to support than PTA?! So turn in your PTA Membership/Directory form by Sept 10 to receive our school directory in October. It is always nice to have those phone numbers and addresses at your fingertips

Many of our PTA committees have already been hard at work so we can hit the ground running this school year. Coleen Anzalone and Michelle Burger are heading up our first big event, our back-to-school Family Sock Hop Picnic on Sept 10 from 5-8 pm. This year's 50s-themed picnic will have food catered by Photos, DJ music, contests, inflatables, and much more. Polly Schill is working to find 140 volunteers for this event. If you can help out, please email Polly at [PChefPolly@juno.com](mailto:PChefPolly@juno.com). This is also an excellent opportunity for any alumni teens who need service hours! Please remember that every child must be accompanied by an adult at this event.

In addition to the Picnic, I'd like to thank the other committees that worked through the summer: Calendar, Audit committee, Excess Funds committee, Budget committee, Ways and Means, Membership, New Family Welcoming, Newsletter, Spirit Wear, Family and Community Support, Room Parent Coordinators, Website maintenance, and summer mailing and walk-in registration volunteers. What an awesome and dedicated group of parents!

Our main fundraiser, the wrapping paper sale, kicks off on Sept 8. This year's vendor, Innisbrook, is offering exclusive, high-quality wrapping paper and a variety of gift items. Check out many of the products that will be on display at Parent Orientation on Sept 7. Hunting Ridge receives 40-50% of the proceeds of this sale. If you wish to provide a direct donation instead of (or in addition to) participating in the wrapping paper sale, please make your checks payable to Hunting Ridge PTA.

Please note that Book Fair has a new date! This year Book Fair will run Nov 1 and 2 instead of Thanksgiving week. In conjunction with the Book Fair, Mrs. Surdyski will work with PTA Book Fair chairs, Kim Piotrowski and Kathy Ferry, to present a Family Reading Night on Nov. 1.

This year PTA is continuing the push to go electronic! Both the Membership and Room Parent committees are making an effort to collect as many parent email addresses as possible. Providing PTA with your email address will ensure you receive PTA communications and stay in the loop on school news and activities. The PTA newsletter, the *Hawk Herald*, will be distributed in paper format only for the months of August and September. The remaining *Hawk Herald* issues will be published electronically, although a paper version will still be available for those families who do not wish to provide an email address.

I hope everyone has a smooth transition back to school. I am looking forward to a fun and successful PTA year!

*Diane*

## September

- 9/1 Room Parent Orientation  
2:45 pm, in the Cafe
- 9/1 Market Day orders due
- 9/1 Kindergarten Parent Orientation @ 7:00 pm
- 9/1 MAP Testing begins  
Grade 1-6
- 9/6 NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
- 9/7 Parent Orientation  
6:30 pm - 3, 4  
7:15 pm - 1, 2  
8:00 pm - 5,6
- 9/8 PTA Fundraiser begins
- 9/9 Market Day pick up
- 9/10 "Sock Hop" Back to School Picnic, 5:00 - 8:00 pm
- 9/11 Beautification Day  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
- 9/13 Intermediate Orchestra Rehearsals  
7:45 am @ Whiteley
- 9/14 Intermediate Band Rehearsals  
7:45 am @ Hunting Ridge
- 9/15 Board of Education Meeting  
7:00 pm @ Sundling
- 9/16 Picture Day
- 9/17 Hawk Herald Distributed
- 9/17 Waste Free Lunch

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## Message from our Principal

Mrs. Murphy

Dear Hunting Ridge Parents and Guardians,

A warm welcome back to Hunting Ridge! I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are ready to begin another exciting school year! The staff has been working hard to prepare for the upcoming year and the PTA has put in a lot of time to prepare for this year, too! We welcome you into our school and hope you join the PTA - the organization that best advocates for all children! (When you do come to school, please stop in the office, sign in, take a badge, proceed to your destination, and sign out when you leave. We do this for the safety of our children, and so everyone knows that you are not a stranger in the building. Thanks!)

I would like to make you aware of several changes this year. First, the village has eliminated crossing guards at noon, since students are not allowed to go home for lunch without a parent signing them out! Also, the sixth grade Cross Country Meet has been changed from Wednesday, September 29 to Tuesday, October 5 at Salk Park in Rolling Meadows. Finally, eligibility for specific learning disability services has changed, per state requirements. Please see the letter "Introducing Response to Intervention" in this newsletter.

I am excited to share the news with you about our ISAT scores. Once again, over 90% of our students in third - sixth grade met or exceeded in reading and math! Congratulations!! I can't say enough about the level of academics in this school. It is wonderful to see how staff, parents, and children are united in giving our students the best education available! Reports will be going home in the near future!

Since the weather is still warm, we would like to remind students of the district's dress code, which is found in your Hunting Ridge Parent Handbook. "The following guidelines are used in determining appropriate attire:

- No bare midriffs
- No undergarments of any kind showing
- No bare or lace-up backs
- Shoulders must be covered by at least 2 inches of fabric
- Skirts and shorts must not be shorter than 2 inches above the knee
- Tops may not be lower than an imaginary line drawn from armpit to armpit
- No hats or bandannas are to be worn inside the building except when entering or preparing to exit the building
- Temporary hair coloring, glitter, or other alterations which may cause distractions in the classroom are not permitted

For safety reasons, students should follow these guidelines:

- Footwear which is safe for indoor and outdoor physical activity should be worn at all times (platform shoes and thong-style sandals are discouraged and shoes with wheels are not allowed)
- No belts, necklaces, or bracelets with spikes or chains, including chains connecting wallets to a belt
- No pants or skirts which drag on the floor
- Pants must be worn around the hips. Pants that "sag" will not be tolerated
- Students who wear earrings, necklaces, and other jewelry that cause a distraction may be asked to remove them. Multiple infractions will lead to items being confiscated."

Also, a reminder about cell phones. If a child brings a cell phone to school, it must stay zipped up in his/her backpack. We also are not responsible if cell phones or any electronic devices are brought to school.

Mark your calendars for Parent Orientation Nights. On Wednesday, Sept. 1, kindergarten and trans kindergarten parents are invited to attend at 7 pm. On Tuesday, Sept. 7, grades 3&4 will meet at 6:30 pm, grades 1&2 will meet at 7:15 pm and grades 5&6 will meet at 8:00 pm. Also, the PTA Back to School Picnic will be held on Friday, Sept. 10 from 5-8 pm.

I would like to thank everyone for a smooth beginning to this new school year. I look forward to another wonderful year and working with all members of our Hunting Ridge Family! If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone, note, e-mail or in person.

Sincerely,

Diane Murphy, Principal

## Introducing Response to Intervention (RTI)

Hunting Ridge School believes in providing the highest quality of education for every student. One component of meeting this goal is the implementation of an approach to instruction that is designed to prevent problems, intervene early, and with enough intensity to meet the needs of students who have even significant achievement challenges. Changes in federal and state laws have directed schools to focus more on helping all children learn by addressing problems earlier within the general education setting. These new laws highlight the importance of providing high quality, scientifically-based instruction and interventions, and hold schools accountable for the adequate yearly progress of all students.

This emphasis on early intervention services for children who are at risk of academic or behavioral problems is designed to *prevent* learning problems. This multi-step process called *Response to Intervention (RtI)*, involves multiple levels or *tiers* of services that can be provided to students to help them achieve. In Illinois, all schools are required to have this process available to students at the beginning of the 2010-11 school year.

The RtI process in District 15 involves multiple levels of supports and regular measures of academic skills to assess student growth. All students in grades K-8 are assessed at least three times a year. Teachers use academic, behavior, and attendance data to decide which students are doing well in the standard classroom program, which students may need supplemental instruction, and which students may need individualized instruction. If a child is struggling:

- First, we do something extra in the classroom (e.g., re-teaching, supplemental curriculum, extra practice).
- Next, we try interventions, such as small groups and additional time for instruction, sometimes with an ELL teacher, a reading specialist, or a learning specialist.
- If the student has not made adequate gains, we meet to do problem solving to determine what else might be provided to help your child progress.

Hunting Ridge School recognizes that all students learn differently. Education is a partnership between home and school. If your child needs supplemental instruction, we will describe that instruction to you. We will also ask you to tell us anything you think may affect your child's learning. For example, it is important for us to know if a child has missed a lot of school, experienced a trauma, or is having problems with friends at school. Any of these issues may affect a student's progress and if we know about them, we can design an intervention more effectively.

We value parent involvement at every level and encourage you to partner with us. A good partnership includes good communication. Please feel free to call, write a note, or e-mail if you have concerns or questions about your child's education or if you would like to provide extra practice at home.

We look forward to sharing additional information as we progress through the school year. As always, do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or me if you have a question.

Diane Murphy, Principal

## Ways & Means

Brita Higgins, Vice President of Ways & Means

The Hunting Ridge PTA sponsors and organizes so many wonderful programs and activities throughout the school year, such as the Back-to-School Family Sock Hop, all-school and grade-level assemblies, the Hunting Ridge directory and calendar, Gym Nights, Dads & Donuts and Moms & Munchies, the Roller Skating Party, Ice Cream Social, After School Specials, Parent Education Seminars, this *Hawk Herald* newsletter and many more.

We cannot exist without your financial support. There are many ways to support your Hunting Ridge PTA including:

- You can make a **direct donation** with your membership dues or any time during the school year (100% of your money donated goes directly to PTA),
- Purchase **Innisbrook** merchandise to support the main fundraiser of the year (50% of sales goes straight to PTA),
- Register your **Dominick's Fresh Values Card** at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and your **Target Credit Card** at [www.target.com](http://www.target.com),
- Purchase **Market Day** and **Gino's Pizza** products during the school year, and
- Pick up a **Jamba Juice School Appreciation Card** in the school office and use it when you make purchases at any Jamba Juice store. 10% will go directly back to Hunting Ridge PTA and 2% to National PTA.

### Innisbrook Fall Fundraiser

The **Innisbrook Fall Fundraiser** will be kicking off on **September 8!** With Innisbrook, you will find an abundance of high quality products for your family and to give as gifts. Product selections include some of **O Magazines'** favorites including Sisters Gourmet products and Philosophy skin care products as well as exclusive, high quality wrapping paper designs and Helen Grace chocolates. All products are made in the USA.

Watch for catalogs in your student's backpack on September 8! We have great prize incentives for kids that will be announced in the flyer included with the catalog!

If we meet our fundraising goal through Innisbrook sales and direct donations, we will not have another major fundraiser this school year. Thanks for supporting Hunting Ridge PTA.

### Gino's Pizza Sale - Support HR PTA & D15 Education Foundation

The first **Gino's Pizza** sale of the school year is coming! You will be able to purchase nine-inch pizzas made to order and flash frozen especially for Hunting Ridge. Pizzas will cost \$12 with \$2.50 from each pizza sold going back to Hunting Ridge PTA and \$2.50 going to the D15 Education Foundation. This is a great way to support Hunting Ridge PTA and the D15 Education Foundation. Look for order forms in your student's backpack or pick them up in the office 9/3. Orders are due 9/17 and you can pick up your delicious pizzas in the Hunting Ridge cafe on Friday, 10/1 from 3:00 to 4:00pm.

Please contact Brita Higgins at 847-776-3535 if you have any questions.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions about any of the fundraising efforts with Hunting Ridge PTA.

Brita Higgins  
VP Ways & Means

## Reflections

Nancy Mau

The PTA Reflections theme this year is "Together we can..." The programs consists of six art areas - photography, literature, visual arts, musical composition, film production, and dance choreography, and will be due on Friday, October 29. Full details will be sent home in backpacks and added to the Hunting Ridge website.

In addition, the National PTA is having a contest for themes for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years. The 2011-2012 theme will be "Diversity is...". The student who submits the winning entry will receive \$100, and his or her theme will be presented at the 2011 National PTA Convention.

If you have any questions, we can be reached at [hr.reflections@gmail.com](mailto:hr.reflections@gmail.com).

## New Family Welcoming

Polly Schill

We would like to welcome the following new students and their families to Hunting Ridge:

### Trans Kindergarten:

Faith D	Jacob D	Sierra H	Davyn L
Oliver L	Sam M	Alex M	Tejas S

### Kindergarten:

Khuslen A	Nathan A	Ulyana A	Ritvik B
Maya B	Sonrisa D	Rachel G	Gwenyth G
Athena G	Adelind H	Antonia H	Sophia K
Ashley K	Madison L	Maya L	Tamanna M
Rachel M	Andrew P	Kelly P	Kurt P
Harunobu U			

### 1st grade:

Elaine B	Dhriti H	Alyana H	Haroldas M
Mackenzie P	Nicole W		

### 2nd grade:

Archan D	Madelynn G	Eve M	Julie S Ethan W
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### 3rd grade:

Ella B	Ethan H	Leah H	
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### 4th grade:

Jacob C	Devin D	Soo Bin H	Haleema K
Sally L	Nikko L		

### 5th Grade:

Tori D	Carson M	Nanaka M	Dante O
Dhyan P	Alyssa R-H	Sajjad S	Vinodh S
Josh S	Ellyce W	Jennifer Y	

### 6th grade:

Annie G	Po-Hung L		
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**Back To School Picnic**  
**Coleen Anzalone & Michelle Burger**

Our annual back-to-school picnic is coming up!

**The Sock Hop Family Picnic**

Friday, September 10  
 5pm-8pm

We have two areas in which we need volunteers:

- 1) About 140 volunteers are needed for the event to run smoothly. Available time slots are 5pm-6pm, 6pm-7pm, or 7pm-8pm.
- 2) We need about 30 volunteers to make treats (cookies, brownies, etc) for the bake sale.
- 3) About 30 cakes are needed for the cake walk.

Please email Polly Schill ([PChefPolly@juno.com](mailto:PChefPolly@juno.com)) if you can help. Thank you!

**PTA Workroom**  
**Vikki Drucker**

WANTED: Parents who would like to help the teachers and staff at Hunting Ridge. The PTA workroom is looking for volunteers to work in the morning (8:50-11:50) or afternoon (12:30-3:20) once (or twice) a month. Hours are flexible. If you can cut or press a button on a copier you can do this job. All will be trained! If you are interested, please contact Vikki Drucker. ([kvd101@comcast.net](mailto:kvd101@comcast.net) or (847) 705-8197)

**Market Day**  
**Pam Altman**

Welcome back to Hunting Ridge School and Market Day! Market Day is one of the major fundraisers for Hunting Ridge PTA and the only one ongoing throughout the year. We hope you will consider supporting this worthy cause with a purchase. Our first sale is Thursday, September 9, 2010. Paper orders are due Thursday, September 2, and internet orders are due by Labor Day, September 6. Market Day has many new products to try, as well as some old favorites. Also, please consider volunteering one to two hours per month on a Market Day Thursday to help us unload the truck and pack the orders. A great time is had by all. If you are new to Market Day and have any questions or would like to volunteer, please call Pam Altman at 847-991-2031.

**Picture Day**  
**Kathy Ferry & Ann Lenz**

Smile!  
 Picture Day is Thursday, September 16!



**Room Parents**  
**Sharon Perkins & Ann Lenz**

To our Room Parent volunteers - Thank you!  
 The Room Parent meeting is Wednesday, September 1 from 2:45 - 3:30pm in the cafeteria.

## Join PTA and Support Hunting Ridge!

\$10 per family provides programs and events that support our students and families in both educational and fun ways!

Your contribution helps fund activities from assemblies and gym nights to book fairs and the ever-popular Dads and Donuts and Moms and Munchies.

Look for the Membership form in your school mailing, at Meet the Teacher or in the office.

*\*Remember Only PTA Members Receive the Hunting Ridge Directory\**

# Save the Date!



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Northwest Suburban Council PTA/PTSA and staff from Community Consolidated School District 15  
present a free program for parents

## Homework Motivation and Tips for Parents to Support a Successful Year for their Children

Monday, September 27th • 7:00pm

Walter R. Sundling Auditorium • 1100 North Smith Street • Palatine, Illinois

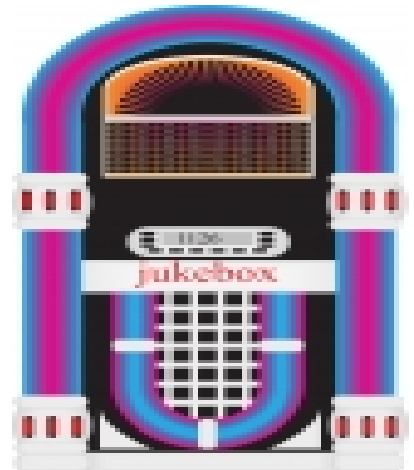
For more information, please contact Lyn Bremanis, NWSC PTA 1st VP Programs, at [bremanis@comcast.net](mailto:bremanis@comcast.net).

# Friday, September 10, 2010, 5 – 8pm

The Back to School Family Picnic is almost here!

Don't miss this opportunity to:

- \*Meet New Families and Classmates!
- \*Take a step back in time to the Fabulous 1950's!
- \*Dress 50's and have your picture taken in the 50's Photo Shoot!
- \*Enter a drawing for dressing up 50's!
- \*Jump on new inflatables and obstacle course!
- \*Eat Fantastic Food catered by Photo's Hot Dogs!
- \*Dance to the sounds of yesterday and today with Derrick the DJ!
- \*Get your face painted, a tattoo on your arm, or enter the cake walk!
- \*Purchase candy from the 1950's, taffy apples, souvenir cups and root beer floats!



Questions? Contact: Coleen Anzalone, 847-397-1614, [cta38@att.net](mailto:cta38@att.net)  
 Michelle Burger, 847-963-0124, [burgermichelle@netscape.net](mailto:burgermichelle@netscape.net)

## Back to School Family Sock Hop Pre-Order Form (one per family):

Youngest Child's First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Youngest Child's teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Item:	Cost:	Quantity:	Total:
Wristbands*(Good for unlimited activities)	\$3.00/child		
Hot Dog Meal**	\$3.50		
Veggie Burger Meal**	\$3.50		
Mini-Italian Beef Sandwich Meal**	\$3.50		
Grilled Chicken Sandwich Meal**	\$3.50		
<b>TOTAL***</b>			

\*Wristband provides access to cake walk, face painting, tattoos, moonwalks and or obstacle course depending on age. Kids age 2 and under are free.

**\*\* All meals come with chips and a drink. Price is included.\*\*\*Make checks payable to Hunting Ridge PTA, please return forms asap!**