

HAINÉ PTO NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2011

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2011-2012 School Year.

Dear Haine Families,

Welcome back to another GREAT year at Haine! We would like to extend a special greeting to those of you who are new to our school. We are excited to have you and your children join our dynamic community. We want to warmly welcome back our principals, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Bobak and Ms. Ellis, and the wonderful teachers and staff at both Haine Elementary and Middle Schools. All have worked so hard making sure the 2011-2012 school year, has a fantastic start. Welcome also all of our current and future PTO volunteers!

This year the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) will continue to celebrate the diversity and unique qualities of the individuals that comprise this vibrant community. Your participation, in any capacity, is vital to sustaining our strong schools. During the first week of school, all families should have received a packet of information from the PTO, please review all the information, complete the forms, and send them back to school with your child as soon as possible.

Throughout the school year, the PTO hosts many fun and important activities. We act as a support system to our children, principals, teachers and staff in numerous ways which positively impacts the educational experience for all of our children. We encourage you to become actively involved with the PTO during the school year. Attending monthly meetings is a great way to stay informed. All parents are welcome at these meetings. It is also a nice way to meet other parents, contribute to your child's education and aid in the success of our schools. Please check the PTO Calendar for specific times and locations of the meetings at www.hainepto.org.

If you are unable to attend the monthly meetings, you can stay connected by reading this monthly PTO newsletter that is sent home with each Haine student and checking our website often for the latest PTO happenings!

We look forward to working with you and hope you have an amazing year!

Sincerely,

Chris Sherry and Jamie Sehgal
Co-Presidents, Haine PTO
president@hainepto.org



PTO membership fees of \$3.00 *per family*, provides materials and activities for the students. Submit the form from the parent packet and your fee by Friday September 23, 2011 to be in the student directory. Additional forms are available on our website under *About Haine PTO*.

Want to know what is going on with the Haine PTO? Just visit us at www.hainepto.org! There you will find volunteer forms, school store dates, Box Tops forms, fundraiser information, and much more! You can also visit the "Contact Us" and "About Haine PTO" pages for more information! Still can't find what you need? Simply email us at webmaster@hainepto.org with your request. Thanks for supporting our students, our faculty and our school!

Fall Fundraiser is Underway

Now that the fall fundraiser is underway, we want to thank you for your continued support. We also want to take this opportunity to remind parents that we will only accept one check or money order made out to the Haine PTO, so please have your customers make their checks out to you. No cash or third party checks will be accepted.

Order forms are due **Friday September 30th** and order pickup will be Saturday, November 19th, 11am-3pm. If you have any questions, please call Kara Challingsworth @ 724-772-5655, Jennifer Hosso @ 724-591-5111, or Lynn McGinnis @ 724-480-5051 or email fundraiser@hainepto.org.



Got 30?

Box Tops for Education is a nationwide program that allows participating schools to earn thousands of dollars each year. This year's Box Tops earnings will support countless Haine PTO-sponsored projects such as field trips, assemblies and classroom supplies.

Did you know that by clipping Box Tops our school could receive \$5,000 in free money? **"Got 30?"** is our Box Tops slogan at Haine. If each family supplies 30 Box Tops we will reach our \$5,000 goal! You can clip Box Tops from hundreds of name brand items such as General Mills, Betty Crocker, and Pillsbury. Clip and place your Box Tops onto a collection sheet, which can be found on the PTO bulletin boards in both school lobbies, on the Haine PTO website at www.hainepto.org, or simply in a bag with your teacher's name and room number. If your child is in Kindergarten, please denote AM or PM.

If you are going to shop online, start your clicking at the Box Tops website and earn eBox Tops. Over 100 popular retailers give eBoxTops to Haine when you start your online shopping trip at btfe.com/marketplace. Just click on your favorite retailer and eBoxTops will be donated directly to Haine. You can earn up to 15 eBoxTops per \$10 you spend for our school. Look for special offers and free shipping.

Start clipping today and please help us reach our goal!



FAMILY FUN NIGHT!

Tuesday, October 25th

Please join us for BINGO in the Haine Middle School Cafeteria. Admission to Family Fun Night is free, and if you choose to purchase Bingo cards to play they are \$.25 each. There will also be snacks and drinks for sale. All proceeds benefit the Haine School PTO. Look for more details in the next newsletter.

VENDORS AND CRAFTERS WANTED

Registration has begun for the **Haine PTO 8th Annual Vendor & Craft Expo** scheduled for Saturday, November 19th from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Haine Elementary School. All types of vendors and crafters are welcomed to display their trade and provide the public with items for sale. The cost is \$30 per table and is available on a first come basis. Electricity is available if needed, and there will also be food, drinks and a Chinese auction. This event coincides with the Fall Fundraiser pickup so a good turnout is expected.

For more information, please contact Tess McLaughlin @ [\(484\)477-2481](tel:(484)477-2481) or at haineptovendorcraftexpo@gmail.com to confirm a space. Thanks!

TRAVELING ART GALLERY - T.A.G.

No Art Experience Needed!

Small Time Commitment!

TAG volunteers spend an average of 30 minutes per month presenting their selected pieces of art to a classroom.

Help Foster our kids' love of art!

The kids really enjoy learning about different artists and exploring their own creative sides in a corresponding craft!

For more information or to volunteer contact.....

1-4th grade Danae West briananddanaewest@gmail.com 724-553-9600

5-6th grade Diane Becker hhead12@yahoo.com 724-772-1713



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TEACHER/STAFF LUNCHEON

Earlier this month Haine faculty was invited to sit back and relax at the annual Back to School Luncheon. They walked into an oasis where they were served by many *wonderful volunteers* a beach inspired menu. It offered an opportunity for the PTO to show our appreciation for all that is done at the school for the Haine families. Thank you to the volunteers that cut up vegetables, grilled food, donated cupcakes & fruit, and decorated the cafeteria to create a tranquil atmosphere for the luncheon.

Local businesses were also contacted and asked for donations. They gave generously showing their understanding of the positive influence Haine faculty has on our community. We are grateful for their support and encourage you to support them: Edible Arrangements; Five Guys; Pino Gelato; Red Robin; Siba Cucina; Chipolte; First Watch; and Marburger Dairy.

Shellie Henrie Chair, Teacher/Staff Luncheon

RED SHIRT VOLUNTEERS and LUNCHROOM HELPERS

I would like to thank the volunteers who helped with Red Shirt Day! On this day PTO volunteers wear red shirts and help our elementary students find their way. It sure made it easier for the kids to have a friendly face to walk them to their classroom. It is so nice to have such wonderful volunteers at Haine!

I would also like to thank the volunteers who have helped or who will be helping in the lunchroom. With the changes in the cafeteria it so nice to have extra sets of hands to help in the transition.

Stacey Morgan, Haine PTO - 1st VP

HAINÉ COMMUNITY

Thank you to all our Students, Parents, Families, Administration, Faculty, Staff and PTO members for a fantastic start to the 2011-2012 school year!!

| Save the Date | |
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| September 20 | PTO meeting 7pm, Cafeteria |
| September 23 | PTO volunteer and membership forms due (extra forms available on website) |
| September 30 | Fundraiser orders due |
| September 30 | Elementary School assembly: Unique Game Show, Bully Prevention Theme |
| October 6 | Middle School assembly: Jim Jordan *Olweus* |
| October 7-21 | Box Tops contest |
| October 11 | Spirit Wear Sales Kickoff |
| October 11 | PTO meeting 7pm Library |
| October 18 | Elementary School Store |
| October 18 | Book Fair Kickoff 4:30-7:00 pm |
| October 19-26 | Book Fair |
| October 20 | Middle School Store |
| October 25 | Family Fun Night Bingo |
| October 26 | Spirit Wear Orders due |
| October 28 | Middle School assembly: Unique Game Show, Red Ribbon Week Theme |

Newsletter corrections? Suggestions? Please contact Diane at 2ndvp@hainepto.org