

HAINÉ PTO NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2011

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Dear Haine families,

The school year has had a very smooth start - and the help of parent volunteers has played an important role in that. September was a very busy month for the PTO. We held our first PTO monthly meeting of the school year, kicked off our Fall Fundraiser with a fun assembly for all students, and we are currently doing our yearly membership drive as well. In addition, all of our great parent volunteers have been very active in the school, and now have even more opportunities to help, in the library and the cafeteria as helpers.

We also very pleased to report to you about the changes the PTO helped make possible over the Summer. In the Spring the PTO gave both the Elementary School and the Middle School funding for various projects. The Elementary School funding was used to purchase and install an additional four smart boards into the classrooms! In addition, these funds supported 40% of the new ES sensory room setup. This room is available to all students who might need a sensory break or sensory enrichment during their school day.

Middle School funding was able to provide 100% financial support for the new MS sensory room. This room is also available to all students who might need a sensory break or sensory enrichment, and is staffed continuously throughout the day, so students can stop in as needed. Funding was also able to help update and expand the MS Guidance Counselor suite and also provided 100% financial support for upcoming Parent University Classes.

It is never too late to become a part of our PTO and get involved. Don't forget to check out our website at www.hainepto.org for more information on all of our volunteer opportunities, as well as other great information to keep you up to date on happenings within the PTO and at the school. Thanks for all you already do for our students and our school.

Jamie Sehgal and Chris Sherry
Co-Presidents, Haine PTO
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"Everyone can make a difference.
Each of us should try."
~ Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

**Haine School Fall Book
Fair 2011 is coming soon!**
It's that time of year again! The
theme for this year's Book Fair is
"Reading is Out of this World"!

Come join us on Tuesday,
October 18th from 4:30pm-
7:30pm for our Kick Off night in
the library and be the first ones to

check out what exciting new books are being offered this year! Class shopping times will be during
regular library times from October 19th-25th with a ½ day makeup day on October 26th.
Detailed flyers will be distributed to students the week before the Book Fair! We look
forward to seeing everyone again!



LUNCHROOM and LIBRARY HELPER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The PTO is starting two new volunteer opportunities at Haine! The first volunteer opportunity is Lunchroom Helpers. These volunteers work with the lunchroom aides based on their needs for that day. That may include helping the children line up to wait for their teacher after lunch as well as hand out utensils to the children during their lunchtime. The time slot is 10:40am-1:30pm Monday-Friday. The second volunteer opportunity is Library Helpers. These volunteers will assist the librarians in re-shelving the books in the library. The time shifts are 9:00am-12:00pm and 12:00pm-3:00pm Monday - Friday. If you are interested in volunteering for either opportunity, please email Stacey Morgan - Haine PTO Volunteer Coordinator at pwmorgan@zoominternet.net. Thank you!



FALL BOX TOPS CONTEST INFO

It's time for our annual **Fall Box Tops Contest!** The contest runs from **October 7 – 21st** with a class reward to be presented to the elementary and middle school classes that submit the most Box Tops.

Upon submitting, please glue or tape your Box Tops to a collection sheet and drop it in the collection bins located by the PTO bulletin boards in the elementary and middle school hallways. Be sure to include: your teacher's name and room number on every sheet that you submit. ***If your child is in Kindergarten, please denote AM or PM.** Collection sheets are located on the PTO bulletin boards and the PTO website at www.hainepto.org. If you do not have a collection sheet, simply place your Box Tops in a bag labeled with your teacher's name and room number.

Please remember that you can submit Box Tops all year long. We will be sure to honor the class that consistently submitted the most Box Tops during the school year.

In order to reach our \$5,000 goal we need every family at Haine to help.


Donations Needed for the Art Department!!

Mrs. Wildrick (Haine Elementary's new art teacher) has a need for your gently used shoes for her future art projects for her students. She has a need for children and/or adult sized shoes but no infant or baby shoes. She cannot use flip flops or sandals because they do not have much area for designing. She will have a box outside of Elementary Art room 39 for students to drop off donations. She will also place a box, with a sign in the elementary lobby. All donations are needed by the end of October. Thank you for helping out our Art Department!!



Show some Seneca Valley pride by supporting our SV Spirit Wear program!

PTO Spirit Wear will be on sale October 11th through October 26th. We'll be offering a variety of Seneca Valley shirts, hats, sweatshirts, sweatpants, jackets, and bags for both children and adults. We'll offer some familiar items and a few new ones, too!

 Orders are scheduled to be ready for the first week of December. What great Christmas gifts they would make! An order form will be sent home with each student on October 11th. Samples will be available to view at the Book Fair Kick-Off night on October 18th. You can also contact or visit our supplier, the T-Shirt Loft in Zelenople, if you have any questions about sizing and such.

All proceeds from the Spirit Wear sale directly benefit our PTO. So thank you for your support!

It is *never* too late to become a member of Haine PTO. Membership fees are only \$3.00 *per family*, and these fees help provide materials and activities for the students. No family will be denied membership because of an inability to pay. Forms are available on our website under *About Haine PTO*.

Please remember:

**All returned checks
are subject to a \$10
service fee.**

T.A.G. (TRAVELING ART GALLERY)

It's not too late to become a TAG volunteer! **No Art Experience Needed!** Volunteers are still being accepted for grades 1-6, but we especially need volunteers for grades 1 and 6. Help bring more art exposure to our students and have fun at the same time! The time commitment is small, TAG volunteers spend an average of 30 minutes per month presenting their selected piece of art to a classroom. Schedules are flexible; volunteers coordinate mutually acceptable times with the classroom teachers. Do you like encouraging creativity and self expression? Do you enjoy spending time with the students in the classroom setting? Do you have 30 minutes a month? Then TAG may be the perfect fit for you!!!

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



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:4844772481) or vendorcraftexpo@hainepto.org to confirm a space. Thanks!

What: **Family Fun Night!**

When: Tuesday, October 25th @ 7:00 pm

Where: Haine Middle School Cafeteria

Who: Families that love having FUN!

Please join us for an evening of BINGO!



and drinks will be for sale. Admittance is free; BINGO cards are \$.25 each.

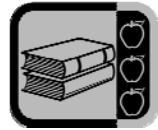
Any proceeds will benefit the Haine PTO.

If you have any questions about Family Fun Night, please call Brandie Oldaker @ 724.822.7274

We hope to see YOU there!

Giant Eagle Apples for Students program

Is your Giant Eagle Advantage card registered to earn FREE educational materials for Haine? Any Advantage card shopper can register so encourage grandparents, aunts, uncles, even neighbors who shop at Giant Eagle to support our school. Apples for Students is an easy way to help Haine Students without spending a lot of time or money. In recent years, Haine Elementary and Middle Schools have received digital cameras, printers, scanners and bestselling booksets through this program. This year's program promises new educational awards as well as health and wellness resources for schools. Register now at www.gianteagle.com or by calling 1-800-474-4777 and enter our school ID #0414. From October 1st through March 17th, each scan of your Giant Eagle Advantage card will provide a bushel of help for our school!



THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!

I want to thank the Lunchroom Helpers and the Library Helpers for volunteering their time to Haine Elementary and Middle School! Your services are much appreciated!! *Stacey Morgan Haine PTO Volunteer Coordinator*

PTO Events

On Friday September 30th Haine Elementary presented an assembly, funded by PTO that was both educational and inspirational. The topic was the Olweus Anti-Bullying program. *The Unique Game Show* gave students the opportunity to participate in a friendly competition while showing off their expertise on the important subject of bullying.

On October 28th PTO will be funding *The Unique Game Show* for Haine Middle School. The topic will be a focus on Red Ribbon Week, a drug prevention program.

On November 4th PTO will be funding *Slim Goodbody* for grades K-4. Slim Goodbody is a musical show created to help children learn about the wonders of the human body. The knowledge they gain will lead to an increased sense of self appreciation and self respect.

Save the Date	
October 6	Middle School assembly: Jim Jordan *Olweus*
October 7-21	Box Tops contest
October 11	PTO meeting 7pm, library ALL ARE WELCOME
October 11	Spirit Wear Sales Kickoff
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
October 31	Art Department shoe donation deadline
November 4	Elementary School assembly: Slim Goodbody
November 15	PTO meeting 7pm, library ALL ARE WELCOME
November 15	Elementary School Store
November 17	Middle School Store
November 19	VENDOR/CRAFT EXPO 11am-3pm
November 19	Fundraiser pickup 11am-3pm

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