

# HAINÉ PTO NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2011

## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

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Dear Haine Families,

October was full of changes for our Haine family. We bid a very fond and warm farewell to our Elementary School principal, Kyra Bobak. You will be greatly missed! We wish you continued success in your new position with SV Administration. With the departure of Kyra to the SV Administrative team, we also want to extend congratulations to Michelle Ellis our new Haine Elementary Principal. We are grateful to have your continued support and look forward to another fantastic school year with you at the Elementary helm.

Our second monthly PTO meeting of the school year was held in October and we were able to approve some additional funding for both schools. In a coordinated school effort spearheaded by our ES librarian Jackie Larson, Haine Elementary along with our sister schools Rowan, CVE and Evans City collectively worked together to secure Illustrators Jeanette & Christopher Canyon to visit our school. This event will be held in the spring for the children at Haine Elementary. Additionally the PTO approved funding for digital visual presenters known as "ELMOS" for each of the MS teams. These are great tools for your child's classroom and are a tremendous technological improvement for each team. Last but not least, the PTO also purchased two cafeteria tables for both schools. As we continue to grow so does our lunchroom, so the tables were a much needed addition.

As we head towards the Thanksgiving holiday season, we want to let you all know how thankful the PTO is for all your help and support. Your financial support as well as your volunteer support is essential to our success. We truly are grateful for all of our Haine families.

We also want to give a SPECIAL thank you to all of the Committee Chairs within the PTO. These individuals give so kindly of themselves to help all of our children and both of our schools. The PTO consists of 17 committees with 37 very special individuals who chair these committees and each of them are totally committed to supporting the more than 1,400 students that attend both Haine schools. Please join with us in giving many THANKS to all of these very special volunteers.

Happy Thanksgiving,

*"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."  
~John Fitzgerald Kennedy*

Chris Sherry and Jamie Sehgal  
Co-Presidents, Haine PTO [president@hainepto.org](mailto:president@hainepto.org)

### **SENECA VALLEY SUPERINTENDENT TO HOST MONTHLY COMMUNITY FORUMS**

Dr. Tracy Vitale, Seneca Valley Superintendent of Schools, will be holding monthly community forums throughout the school year. Parents and residents are invited to join her, along with the members of the District's Administrative Team, for open dialogue. All forums begin at 9 a.m.

Monday, November 21, 2011	Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School LGI Room
Monday, December 12, 2011	Seneca Valley Senior High School LGI Room
Friday, January 20, 2012	Haine Elementary School LGI Room
Friday, February 24, 2012	Seneca Valley Middle School LGI Room
Friday, March 23, 2012	Evans City Middle School Small Cafeteria
Friday, April 20, 2012	Intermediate High School Cafeteria
Monday, May 21, 2012	Rowan Elementary School Cafeteria

## Haine School Fall Book Fair 2011 *"Reading is Out of this World"!*

Thank you to all of the students and parents who attended Haine's Book Fair kick off night on October 18th! Back by popular demand, Little Linguists were there to host story time for the entire family. They read stories in German, Spanish and Mandarin Chinese. It was such a treat to hear the stories in other languages!

We had such a fantastic turnout of families! A raffle was held that night and the winners of a \$15 Scholastic gift certificate, to use at the Book Fair were Dakota Koenig (room 2AM) and Alexandra Pfab (room 307). Both students' teachers will each receive a \$15 gift certificate as well. The winner of the autographed copy of *The Sun of Neptune* by bestselling author, Rick Riordan, was Jemima Roeckmann of room 204. Thank you to everyone who came out to help support our school!

Also, a HUGE thank you to the parent volunteers who came in to help out during the book fair. It's so wonderful to see such enthusiasm and participation from parents who help the children make their purchases. Our book fair would not be a success without all of your help! THANK YOU!



### ***Doing your holiday shopping online?***

Simply start your shopping at the Box Tops for Education Marketplace website at [www.btfe.com/marketplace](http://www.btfe.com/marketplace) and earn eBoxTops for Haine! Over 100 popular retailers give eBoxTops to Haine. 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. Be sure to look for special offers and free shipping!

The Box Tops Chairs are thrilled to share the winners of the **2011 Fall Box Tops Contest**. We had a record turnout!! **Thank you for making this contest such a great success!**

These winning classrooms will each receive EXTRA RECESS! Congratulations!

**Room 11**, grade 1 (Mrs. Bayne) with 842 box tops!!!

**Room 10**, grade 1 (Mrs. Pessia) with 791 box tops!!

**Room 208**, grade 5 (Mrs. McCormick) with 315 box tops!



**Please remember to keep sending in Box Tops all year long.** The classes that consistently submit the most Box Tops throughout the year will receive a special year-end reward! Collection sheets can be found on the PTO bulletin boards in both school lobbies and the Haine PTO website at [www.hainepto.org](http://www.hainepto.org).

### *Classroom donations needed!!*

*In the beginning of each school year, teachers ask for items to be donated to their classrooms. These items include tissues, disinfecting wipes and hand sanitizers. With the weather changing, these items become more important in keeping our classrooms "germ free." Please help our teachers throughout these next few months in keeping their classrooms stocked with these items by sending in donations with your child.*

### **Bus Driver Appreciation Day**

In celebration of Bus Safety Awareness Week, Haine PTO honored our bus drivers with breakfast on the morning of Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. After the students got off the buses in the morning, each bus driver was presented with juice and a muffin as a special thank you for all that they do. We truly appreciate all of the bus drivers and aides who get our children to and from our homes safely. A special thanks also to the volunteers and their children who came out to distribute the bags to the bus drivers!

## Thank you for supporting our SV Spirit Wear program!

Spirit wear orders are scheduled to be delivered approximately December 4<sup>th</sup>. Items will be sent home with students, unless other arrangements are made. Please contact Kathy at [kfrye217@hotmail.com](mailto:kfrye217@hotmail.com) with any questions.

### IT'S STILL NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN the TRAVELING ART GALLERY PROGRAM (T.A.G.)

Do you have a love of art? Want to be involved in the classroom? Can be available 30 minutes a month during the school day, at a time convenient to your schedule? No experience is necessary. Materials are provided. Join us in bringing art exposure and art appreciation to our students. Contact us via the T.A.G. page on our website.

## VENDOR & CRAFT EXPO

Don't miss the **Haine PTO 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Vendor & Craft Expo** scheduled for Saturday, November 19, 2011. You will be in the building anyway to pick up your fundraiser items, so be sure to stop by and browse our many vendors and crafters. Grab something to eat, chat with friends, and get some early holiday shopping done! There will also be a Chinese auction with items donated from the vendors and crafters.



The Expo is from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.  
at Haine Middle School.

### HAINÉ PTO SCHOOL STORE

*Did you know that your students have an opportunity to purchase a wide variety of inexpensive school supplies before classes start on the mornings of School Store? The Haine PTO School Store is open from 8:15am to 8:40am on the dates listed below. Stop by and check it out!*

*Elementary School Store Shopping Dates: Tuesdays. November 15<sup>th</sup>, January 24<sup>th</sup>, February 14<sup>th</sup>, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Located in the Elementary Gym. (PM Kindergarten students shop in the Kindergarten hallway.)*

*Middle School Store Shopping Dates: Thursdays. November 17<sup>th</sup>, January 26<sup>th</sup>, February 16<sup>th</sup>, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Located in the Middle School hallway.*

HAINÉ MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT ACADEMY presents:

### UNDERSTANDING SCHOOL LIFE OF A 10-15 YEAR OLD.

Thursday November 17, 2011

“There is no friendship that won’t have its ups and downs, and most social conflict can be managed with the help of empathic adults who use pro-active strategies to support their children and teens. Join us as we learn about the functions of healthy friendship, the difference between normal social pain and social cruelty and look at ten ways parents can provide support.” Come hear Ms. Joan Wolf Schenker from Anchorpoint Counseling speak about these issues from 6:30-8:00 pm. Ms. Wolf Schenker is the director of Anchorpoint, a certified school counselor and the Community Education Director for Anchorpoint. Sponsored by Haine PTO.

### THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!

Thank you to everyone who donated old shoes for the Elementary Art Department in October! These shoes will be used for art projects for the students and your help is greatly appreciated!

Thank you to all the families that came out to enjoy our Family Fun night of Bingo!

### PTO Events

✦ On Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> Haine Middle School presented an assembly, sponsored by PTO, that was both educational and inspirational. The topic was the Olweus Anti-Bullying program. Motivational school speaker Jim Jordan used magic and audience participation to engage the students as they learned about *Speaking Up* when they witness bullying. Check out his messages for parents by viewing his website [www.parentingsession.com](http://www.parentingsession.com) and use the password [reportbullying.com](http://reportbullying.com) to log in. Also, watch for his new reality show called *Bully Intervention*, coming soon.

✦ On Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> Haine PTO sponsored an assembly for Haine Middle School that was linked to activities during National Red Ribbon Week. *The Unique Game Show* gave students the opportunity to participate in a friendly competition while showing off their expertise on the important subject of drug use prevention.

✦ On November 4<sup>th</sup> 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	
November 4	Elementary School assembly: Slim Goodbody
November 15	Elementary School Store 8:15am
November 15	PTO meeting 7pm, library ALL ARE WELCOME
November 17	Middle School Store 8:15am
November 17	Parent Academy: Understanding School Life of a 10-15 Year Old. 6:30pm
November 19	VENDOR/CRAFT EXPO 11am-3pm
November 19	Fundraiser pickup 11am-3pm
November 21	Superintendent Community Forum 9am Connoquenessing Valley Elementary
December 8	Parent Academy: Raising Responsible Kids 6:30pm
December 12	Superintendent Community Forum 9am SV Senior High School

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