

# HAINÉ PTO NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2011

## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

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Dear Haine Families:

At the end of October, we held our annual fall book fair. This book fair was one of our largest of late for the PTO. From fall 2010 until fall 2011 Haine PTO has been responsible for putting over 12,000 books into the hands of the children who attend Haine Elementary & Middle Schools. This success would not have been possible without the continued support of our Haine families. Due to this amazing support, the Haine PTO was able to give the library \$5,000 to purchase books for both schools.

In November, we held our 8<sup>th</sup> annual Vendor/Craft Expo and Drive for the Kids event during our fall fundraiser pickup. With such tremendous support from our Haine families, these two fundraising efforts were a huge success. Thanks to the success of both of these fundraisers, the Haine PTO was able to raise enough funds to purchase a new playground structure for Haine Elementary. The new playground structure will be installed in the spring. Not only is this a much needed improvement for our school, it is also an improvement for our community as the Haine Elementary & Middle School playgrounds are used by all children in our Cranberry Township community. Look for additional information regarding this project in the Haine PTO Spring newsletter as well as on our website.

Without the PTO committee and volunteer support for all of these events, it goes without saying that none of this would have been possible. We truly appreciate all of your hard work. Our volunteers are truly the backbone that supports the PTO throughout the school year. With the upcoming holiday season heading our way, we want to let you know how grateful we are for your continued and unwavering help and support. We have a fantastic school and we should all be proud to be a member of the Haine family.

Happy Holidays,

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

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.  
~Margaret Meade

## Barnes and Noble Book Fair

**Attention all Haine Students, Families, Faculty and Staff!!** Come to Barnes and Noble to start your holiday shopping on Saturday, December 3rd. You may shop at any time that day and a percentage of the sales of all books, games, toys, NOOKs, and even café purchases will be given back to our school. **\*If you make a purchase that day, please tell the cashier you are with Haine School.\***



Please join us in the children's section for special "Story Time" with:

Ms. Lamberto, School Counselor (12pm-12:20pm); Mrs. Ruffennach, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher (12:20pm-12:40pm)  
Mrs. Ellis, Elementary School Principal (12:40pm-1pm); Mrs. Zolkowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher (1:15pm-1:35pm).

We will also have special appearances from 12pm-1:35pm by:

Mrs. Casciato (5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher); Mrs. DeVinney, (5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher); Mrs. Huber (5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher); and Mrs. Toy (Haine Assistant Principal) who will be at the "Raffle Table" right in front of the children's section. Stop to sign up to win a \$10 Barnes and Noble gift certificate. There will be 1 middle school winner and 1 elementary school winner. So, please come out and join us to support our school!!!

If you can't make it to the store that day, visit [www.bn.com/bookfairs](http://www.bn.com/bookfairs) to make your online purchase between December 2-5, 2011. Just enter **Book fair ID 10607166** at checkout to have your purchase count.

**HAINE MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT ACADEMY presents: RAISING RESPONSIBLE KIDS**

Join us on Thursday December 8, 2011 and discover how to “hang on” during those turbulent times of rebellion. We will explore strategies to empower our children in healthy ways, provide decision-making opportunities and teach responsibility. This workshop will focus on relationship building, communication, and limit setting as well as choices and consequences. Ms. Joan Wolf Schenker from Anchorpoint Counseling will return to 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 parents and students!***



Due to your hard work of clipping and gluing Box Tops, Haine School collected over 25,000 Box Tops this fall! We are over half-way to our goal of 50,000 Box Tops to earn \$5,000 for our school. ***\*Please remember that you can submit Box Tops all year long.*** We will be sure to honor the top classes that consistently submitted Box Tops during the school year.



During the month of December 2011, get **15 Bonus Box Tops** when you purchase any 4 Betty Crocker Frosting products (all varieties) in a single transaction with your Giant Eagle Advantage Card. And in January 2012, earn an additional **50 Bonus Box Tops** each time you purchase any 10 Box Tops for Education Products in a single transaction with your Giant Eagle Advantage Card.

**THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!**

Thank you to all the families that supported our PTO fundraiser, attended our Vendor/Craft Expo, and volunteered for any of our committees or school activities this month!

**PTO Events**

- ✦ On Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> PTO funded the *Slim Goodbody* assembly for Haine Elementary School. This musical show helped the students learn about the wonders of the human body.
- ✦ On Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> Haine Middle School presented *Understanding School Life of a 10-15 Year Old*, sponsored by PTO. The maze of social challenges that kids face in middle school can be daunting. Knowing how your child fits socially is critical and can help parents provide the support needed to help develop healthy friendships and social relationships. This was the message to parents shared by certified school counselor Ms. Joan Wolf Schenker.
- ✦ On Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> PTO hosted the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Vendor/Craft Expo and Drive for the Kids event. These events coincided with the PTO fundraiser pickup. The entire day was a big success!

Save the Date	
December 3	Barnes & Noble Haine Book Fair Day
December 5	Spirit Wear Delivery
December 8	Parent Academy: Raising Responsible Kids 6:30pm
December 12	Superintendent Community Forum 9am SV Senior High School
January 17	PTO meeting 7pm, library ALL ARE WELCOME
January 20	Superintendent Community Forum 9am Haine Elementary School LGI Room
January 24	Elementary School Store 8:15am
January 24	PTO FAMILY FUN NIGHT
January 26	Middle School Store 8:15am
January 26	Elementary School Assembly: Wild World of Animals
January 27	Middle School Assembly: Wild World of Animals

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