



Haine PTO Newsletter

PTO Presidents' Welcome

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 of both Haine Elementary and Middle Schools. All have worked so hard making sure the 2010-2011 school year has a fantastic start.

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 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 these meetings.

If you are unable to attend these monthly meetings, you can stay connected by reading the monthly PTO newsletter that is sent home with each student or posted on our website at www.hainepto.org. Please check our website often for the latest PTO happenings.

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

Sincerely,

Chris Sherry &

Jamie Sehgal

Haine PTO Co-Presidents

Nurse's Request

The School Nurse is in need of gently used boys and girls sweatpants, shorts, and socks of all sizes. If you have any available to donate please send to the school in a bag marked "Nurses Office" Thank you!

New Website Look

The Haine PTO website has a new look! Please go to www.hainepto.org to find more information than ever about the events and happenings within the PTO. Follow links to important programs like Box Tops and Labels for Education. Print forms for one of our programs, or contact a member of the PTO Board or committee chairperson. It's the best way to stay in touch with *your* PTO!

Upcoming Events

- September 24th...*Fundraiser orders due*
- Every Wed. starting Oct. 6th...*Save for America*
- October 5th...*Family Fun Bingo Night*
- October 12...*PTO Meeting*
- October 13...*Book Fair Kick-off Night*
- October 19...*Elementary School Store*
- October 21...*Middle School Store*



Here's to Our Heroes! Reading Saves the Day!

Haine PTO will be sponsoring the Fall Scholastic Book Fair starting with our Kick-Off Night on Wednesday, October 13th from 4:30-7:00pm. During the Kick-Off, students making a purchase can enter a raffle to win a \$15 gift certificate for themselves and their classroom teachers will win one as well. Two lucky students will be selected!

Students will have a chance to shop at the fair during their regularly scheduled library period between October 14th -21st and also in the morning before school begins. The fair will open each day at 8:15am. Makeup shopping can be done until noon on October 22nd. Flyers will be sent home with the specific date

that your student will be shopping on the back. Please take a moment to read the flyer and discuss what types of books your child may be interested in selecting. If you do not want your child to select a specific type of book or non-book item, please indicate this with a note. You can purchase a gift certificate for your child's classroom or the library in any amount you want by simply filling out the gift certificate that will be attached to the flyer. Add the desired amount to the money you send in with your student. We will make sure it gets to the appropriate teacher. There is NO sales tax for the Haine Book Fair! On your child's shopping day you may send either cash or a check made out to Haine PTO.

Either put a specific amount to be spent or an amount not to be exceeded and we will send home any change to you. DO NOT send in credit cards or credit card numbers with your children. However, you may use Mastercard, Visa, Discover, or American Express at the Kick-Off on the 13th only.

Questions? Contact

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Heather Clark (724) 742-9219

Jane Surrat (724) 473-0405

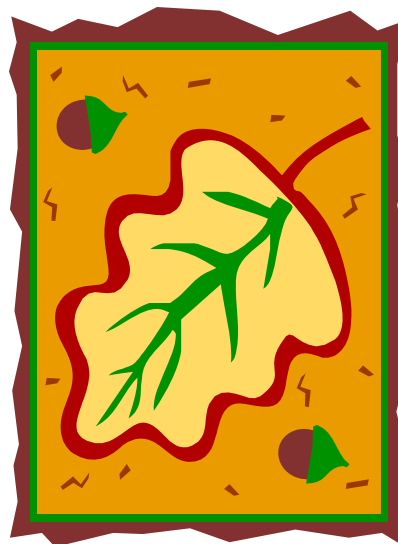
Jodi Ehret (724) 772-8808

Lori Tominello (724) 776-7826

Membership Drive Extended

The Haine PTO Membership Drive has been extended until October 1st. If you want to be included in the student directory, your PTO Membership/Directory form along with a payment of \$3.00 should be submitted by October 1, 2010. Membership/Directory forms are available on the PTO bulletin boards in each school as well as on the PTO website at www.hainepto.org.

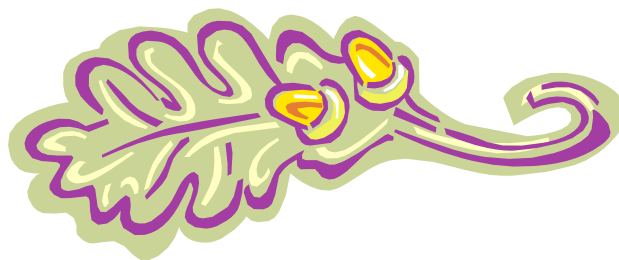
The goal of the PTO is to provide services and activities to enhance the educational experience for our children. To ensure the continued success of the PTO we need the support of every family, so please join today!



“Save for America” Program

“Save For America” is back for the 2010-2011 school year! The first banking day for Haine Elementary & Middle Schools is Wednesday, October 6th, 2010. All students who are currently enrolled are welcome to make deposits into their savings account on Wednesday mornings from 8:10am-8:40am in the computer room.

If your child is not currently enrolled in this savings program and you would like more information, please contact either Lisa Moore at (724) 816-3377 or Laura McGinnis at (724) 759-4459.



Also, we are in need of volunteers to help with this worthwhile program. Any parent who would be available on Wednesdays from 8am to 8:45am and is interested in helping our children save for their future should sign up.

Upcoming Expo

Haine’s 7th Annual Vendor & Craft Expo is scheduled for Saturday, November 13th from 11am to 3pm. We are currently looking for vendors or crafters wishing to reserve a table at the Expo, which is held in the cafetorium at Haine. The cost is \$30 per table and is available on a first come basis. This event also coincides with our Fall Fundraiser pick-up.

For more information please contact Erin Sullivan at haineptovendorcraftexpo@gmail.com.

Box Tops

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 thousands in free money? Last year we earned nearly \$4,900!! “Got 30?” is our Box Tops slogan again this year at Haine. If each student supplies at least 30 Box Tops we can reach our \$5,000 goal!

You can clip Box Tops from hundreds of name brand items such as General Mills, Betty Crocker, Ziploc and Kleenex. Clip and place your Box Tops onto a collection sheet, which can be found on the PTO bulletin board in each school, on the PTO website at

www.hainepto.org, or simply place in a bag with your child’s name, teacher and room number.

Also, earn Box Tops points simply by shopping online. Start your

shopping online through the Box Tops Marketplace at www.boxtopsforeducation.com.

Choose from quality stores such as Target, Oriental Trading, Gap Kids, JC Penney, and Best Buy. Up to 15% of your purchase will be donated back to our school with no additional cost to you. It’s

that easy!

For more information follow the Box Tops link on our website at www.haintepto.org. Start clipping today and help us reach our goal!

*Many trees together
can make a
beautiful forest.*

Labels for Education Announces New Products to Collect UPC’s

In the past, Labels for Education have included Campbell’s, Pepperidge Farm, Prego Italian Sauces, SpaghettiO’s, Swanson, and V8 caps, but has now expanded this year to include Wolfgang Puck, BIC Stationary Products, and Pop Secret Microwave Popcorn. The

points can go from 1-point, 5-point, and-new this year - 10 points.

Please send the product UPC (bar code) or beverage cap from an item. Collection sheets are available on the PTO bulletin boards in each school, as well as on the PTO web-

site at www.hainepto.org.

For a complete list of participating products, please go to www.LabelsforEducation.com. These points are used to obtain merchandise for all of the Haine students in grades K thru 6th grade.

Fall Fundraiser in Full Swing

Now that the Fall Fundraiser has begun, we want to thank you for your continued support. We also want to take this opportunity to remind parents that we 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.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Order forms are due September 24th
- We will only accept one check or money order per order form
- Delivery is Saturday, November 13th, from 11am to 3pm.

If you have any questions about the Fall fundraiser please contact one of the committee chairpersons listed below.

Debbie Zimmerman (724) 776-6889

Lisa Augustine (724) 776-7927

Brandie Oldaker (724) 822-7274

Darlene Kish (724) 779-6452



On the Hunt for T.A.G. Volunteers

If you haven't heard about T.A.G. (Traveling Art Gallery) it's a wonderful program our PTO runs that exposes our children to important works of art in a kid-friendly way. The T.A.G. committee is looking for volunteers to bring this program to life this year!

No experience needed!

All you need is an interest in art.

All materials are provided! Select a piece of art from our collection and use the materials that come with it.

Small time commitment!

TAG volunteers spend an average of 30 minutes per month presenting their selected piece 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, please join us for a short welcome and signup meeting on Thursday, September 23rd at 8:30am. You may also call Elizabeth Blakely at (724) 453-1481 or Jill Wolter at (724) 742-2675.

Did Someone Say "Bingo"?

Haine PTO Bingo Night is Tuesday, October 5th at 6:30 in the Haine Cafeteria. Bring the entire family for a night of fun and prizes. Cards are only 25 cents and snacks and drinks will be for sale at the event.

Parents, we are asking for your help. If you have any new items

that you would like to donate as prizes please send them to the school by Friday, October 1st. Please mark the bag "PTO Bingo Night Prizes." Thank you in advance for your support!

For more information please contact Melissa Gaguzia at (724) 841-6495 (missyst@mac.com) or



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