

PTO PIPELINE

DATES TO REMEMBER

GILLETTE SCHOOL

DEC 16 - BAGEL DAY
 DEC 22 - PIZZA DAY
 JAN 6 - PIZZA DAY
 JAN 13 - AUTHOR VISIT/BAGEL DAY
 JAN 15 - PURPLE DAY/ICE CREAM DAY
 JAN 20 - PIZZA DAY
 JAN 20&21 - KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

MILLINGTON SCHOOL

DEC 15 - ASSEMBLY "THE MAYHEM POETS"
 DEC 16 - AMERICA ON RYE
 DEC 18 - PIZZA FRIDAY
 DEC 22 - 5TH GRADE BAND PERFORMANCE
 DEC 23 - HOLIDAY PARTIES
 JAN 6 - O'BAGEL
 JAN 8 - PIZZA FRIDAY
 JAN 12 & 14 - AUTHOR VISIT
 JAN 13 - NATALE'S
 JAN 15 - SPIRIT DAY/PIZZA DAY/ICE CREAM DAY
 JAN 29 - INTERNATIONAL DAY (snow date Feb 1)

CENTRAL SCHOOL

DEC 15 - ASSEMBLY "THE MAYHEM POETS"
 DEC 15 - CONCERT (evening)
 DEC 16 - BAND ASSEMBLY
 DEC 17 - PRINCIPAL'S RECEPTION
 DEC 18 - O'BAGEL
 DEC 22 - AWARDS ASSEMBLY
 DEC 22 - WHRHS CHORAL ASSEMBLY
 DEC 23 - HOLIDAY PARTY
 JAN 8 - GEOGRAPHY BEE
 JAN 8 - BENSI
 JAN 12 - 8TH GRADE ORIENTATION at WHRHS
 JAN 13 - FORENSICS CONSORTIUM EVENT
 JAN 15 - BLIMPIE
 JAN 20 - CHORUS/BAND TRIP - WEST SIDE STORY
 JAN 21 - VICTORIAN DAY (snow day Jan 26)
 JAN 22 - SCHOOL DANCE
 JAN 28 - SCIENCE EXPERIENCE CONSORTIUM

ALL SCHOOLS

DEC 23 - 4 HOUR SCHEDULE
 DEC 24 to JAN 1 - HOLIDAY BREAK
 JAN 18 - IN SERVICE DAY - SCHOOLS CLOSED
 JAN 20 - PTO MEETING

NOTE FROM PTO PRESIDENTS

This time of year can be crazy when we all are wrestling with very busy schedules already, so we would like to take a moment and thank all our PTO volunteers. Without the dedication of our volunteers and the support of our teachers and parents, we would not be able to provide as much as we do to our children's schools and their classroom experience. Your commitment to our students is amazing. We have raised almost \$20,000 this school year which will fund a full calendar of cultural events and activities, as well as our teacher requests. In the seasonal spirit of giving at the November PTO meeting, we approved or discussed over \$2,500 in teacher requests, bringing our total to \$4,000 of teacher requests awarded this year alone! Thank you all for making this possible.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to seeing you at the January Meeting.

Jena Rae and Tricia O'Meara, PTO Co-Presidents

MEET CENTRAL'S NEW PRINCIPAL

There will be a reception on December 17th at 7:00 PM in Central School's All Purpose Room to allow parents to meet George Villar, the incoming principal, who will be coming on board January 4th.

28th ANNUAL HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

Sponsored by the Long Hill Township PBA 322. The toy drive runs from Monday, November 30th through Thursday, December 17th. Collection boxes will be available at Gillette, Millington and Central Schools. It is suggested that students at the schools donate items appropriate for the following ages: Gillette School - newborn through 1st grade, Millington School - 2nd grade through 5th grade, Central School - 6th grade through 12th grade. Visit www.longhill.org for additional information.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for students entering Kindergarten will be held on January 20, 2010 (students with last names ending in A-L) and January 21, 2010 (students with last names ending in M-Z). Registration will take place on both days from 9:30 to 11:30 AM at Gillette School. For more info, visit www.longhill.org. Students must be five years old on or before October 1, 2010 in order to enroll in Kindergarten.

COAT COLLECTION SPREADS WARMTH

The coat collection at Millington School for Comfy Clothes Day was a huge success! Sandy Magaldo and her kids made several trips to All Saints Church because the box filled up so fast! In all we collected more than 100 gently used coats, all of which have (cont'd)

UPCOMING PTO MEETING

JAN 20 at 7:00 PM in the Millington School Library.

All are invited. Please join us!

gone to St John's in Dover where they are being distributed to anyone who needs them (regardless of religious affiliation) - just in time for the cold weather moving in. We really want to thank everyone for their generous support of this very worthwhile cause.

TIME TO CELEBRATE!

The PTO is excited to offer Celebration Books which allows you to honor or celebrate a student, teacher, family member or special event and add a book to the libraries of our schools at the same time! If you choose to participate, your contribution will be used to purchase a hardcover book from the library of your choice's wish list. The book will have a permanent label in the front of the book with your child's name and celebration. Your child may present it to the librarian and be the first to check the book out of the library if they wish. Celebration Books is an ongoing program throughout the school year and the forms can be downloaded from our website. Please contact Tricia O'Meara with any questions about this program at pcomeara@msn.com or 908-647-2848.

VISITING AUTHORS UPDATE

Author H.J. Ralles returned by popular demand to Millington on Oct. 28th and led a workshop on plot and voice for the fifth graders. Her website is <http://www.hjralles.com/>.

Penny Harter, poet and author of the January 2010 release "The Beastie Book - An Alphabestiary" among many other poetry books, will lead a poetry workshop for the fourth graders at Millington on January 12th and 14th. On January 13th, Ms. Harter will visit the Gillette students along with Alexandra Miller, the illustrator of "The Beastie Book - an Alphabestiary." Students will have the opportunity to order autographed copies of this beautiful book at a discount. Look for the order forms soon in Friday Flyers!

MILLINGTON HAPPENINGS

- ❖ Thanks to everyone who helped with 4th Grade Make-a-Book, especially Elise Moholkar who chaired the event. Everything went really well, and the kids loved creating their own unique books.
- ❖ Volunteers are needed for 3rd Grade International Day on January 29, 2010. Helpers are needed in many areas, including Country Booth Hosts, American Embassy Hosts, Tour Guides and many behind the scenes jobs. For more info, contact Susan Dudzinski at susan.dudzinski@gmail.com or 908-542-1274.
- ❖ HELPI! We still don't have anyone to chair Colonial Day. It really isn't that difficult - we have lots of help for any one (or a group) who takes it on. It would be really sad if this fun and memorable day didn't take place. If someone wants to know more they can contact Jill Hackett - 908-542-1072/jillbritt@comcast.net.

CENTRAL SCHOOL NOTES

- ❖ Chaperones are needed for the following 7th and 8th grade dances: 1/22, 2/19, 3/19, & 4/16.
- ❖ Diana Mentone and Cheryl Killeen will be chairing this year's seventh grade Victorian Day to be held on January 21, 2010. They are still looking for volunteers. Please contact Diana at 201-410-3731/dgm321@msn.com or Cheryl at 732-239-8872/kakilleen@aol.com.
- ❖ We are looking for someone to chair or co-chair Medieval Day (6th grade), as well as volunteers to help on that day. Chaperones and volunteers can email Tracy Tedesco at ttbeano@verizon.net.

THANK YOU!

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported our Kidstuff and Giftwrap fundraisers this fall. Your generosity contributes so much to our children's schools and their classroom experience and is greatly appreciated.

GET THE WORD OUT

Do you have something you would like included in the next PTO Pipeline? Please send submissions by January 8 for the next issue to Christine Quinn at christinequi@gmail.com. Thanks!

