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Upper Providence Elementary Home & School Association

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Happy 2010! I trust your New Year is finding you healthy and wise (wealthy is probably not an option this economic year :0) Good thing that the first mentioned are the best!

The Home and School is cruising right along this school year. We are currently preparing for our biggest fundraiser of the year, which is our Basket Raffle. The theme for the Raffle this year is going right along with current events - the Winter Olympics. We hope to see you on Friday, March 5th for a fun-filled (and hopefully lucky) night for the grown-ups of UPE!

As most organizations (and families) the H&S is looking at our current and future budgets. This current school year the prognosis is "fine". The H&S had unexpected revenue from Original Works & Sally Foster fundraising efforts which helped to cover some of our deficiencies. While School Administration is being very responsible and cautious with budgeted monies. A preliminary budget for school year 2010/11 was handed out and discussed at our January General Membership Meeting. This is not the end, but rather the commencement of our budget talks. The Executive Board is taking the responsibility of our donated monies seriously. Our school is looking at District budget cuts for the next two school years and we, at the Home & School, would like to continue to transition some of our monies to help cover these District losses. If you have any questions/concerns/comments regarding budget issues, please do not hesitate to contact an Executive Board Member prior to February 8, 2010. As always, please feel free to join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, February 10th, 7 PM in the Media Center.

Speaking of our next H&S Meeting, during our February meeting we will be looking to form a Nomination Committee for our positions that will be open on our Board beginning next school year - Vice President and Co-Treasurer. Most likely, our elections this year will be

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electronic, but we do require a few parents to collect nominations, compile a ballot, monitor the election and validate the results. If you've been looking for a way to get involved, then feel free to jump at this opportunity. Our organization depends SOLELY on volunteers. As you are all aware - we all have very busy family and work lives. So the more of us involved eases the burden for the whole of us. Come, join us - ALL are WELCOME! Yes, it is true, I do have a loud voice, but my bark is worse than my bite! (And don't fret, I really don't bite!)

Have a great February,
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NEWS



Be on the look-out for "Want Ads" for available volunteer opportunities for next school year at www.uphsa.org in the coming months.

EVENTS AND REMINDERS

February 2010

(Please visit www.uphsa.org for the most up to date information.)



- Upcoming Events
- 2/10 H&S Meeting
 - 2/10 Nomination Committee formed
 - 2/10 Market Day Order Due
 - 2/16 Market Day Sale
 - 2/16 School Store - 1st Grade
 - 2/17 FIT Night
 - 2/17 School Store - 2nd Grade

 - 2/18 School Store - 3rd Grade
 - 2/19 School Store - 4th Grade

THANKS AND CONGRATS



A special THANK YOU must be given to our Hospitality Committee. As a "Welcome Back/Welcome to 2010" gesture to our fabulous UPE Staff, Mrs. Kelli Offshack and Mrs. Kelley Olsen arranged for each staff member to receive a new ID Badge Holder (personalized with UPE logo)! Which I have heard only raves about!



Here is a shining example of the H&S filling a hole left by the District cuts in UPE's budget...rather than seeing the staff lose this item, we decided to wrap it up into our Hospitality Budget. Ah, teamwork and cooperation, it is a beautiful thing!

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