



Dear UPE Families,

Oh - the end of another school year is quickly approaching. Where has the year gone? My own Kindergartener is almost a first grader! Moreover, our fourth graders will soon be embarking on their next step of their Spring-Ford educational journey!

The Home & School is busy, busy, busy this Spring. In April, the H&S Association obtained a new fax machine for Upper Providence Elementary. The H&S was able to make this purchase from Staples Rewards™ that were earned this past fall from our School Directory printing. This was a well needed piece of equipment for our child(ren)'s public school, our staff members were utilizing a fax machine that could only fax one paper at a time :0 Here was a nice piece of equipment our H&S was able to obtain without the use of District tax dollars or even H&S fundraising dollars. Kudos to our Association for our fiscal responsibility!

Next came Staff Appreciation Week. A special thanks is due to Mrs. Kelli Offshack and Mrs. Kelley Olsen for organizing this event. On Monday, May 3rd, our staff started their week with a nice breakfast at school. All week long, staff was treated to little special prizes and personal thank-you's. Our teachers were entered into a daily raffle for "grand" prizes:

- On Tuesday:

Mrs. Kelly Castner, Cafeteria/Playground Assistant won a beautiful plant
Ms. Wendy Taylor, Reading Coach won a gift certificate to "Captain Chuckie's Crab Cakes"

- On Wednesday:

Mrs. Patricia Stroop, Autistic Support won Camden Aquarium Family Pass

- On Thursday:

Mrs. Jessica Hausemann, School Guidance Counselor won gift card to LeJardin Spa

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- On Friday:

Mr. Matt Herner, 3rd Grade Teacher won our "grandest" prize - a chartered fishing trip on Bargull Sport Fishing Boat donated by the Offshack Family.

Right after this came our very successful Spring Book Fair! Our UPE kids love to read and it shows! This was one of our most successful Spring Book Fairs, and it is looking like part of these profits is going to lead to the purchase of a projector for our school. Once again, a huge thank you is due to Mrs. Tina Norwicke and Mrs. Gail Pergine for their dedication to this event!

Our school year isn't done yet! Please join us for our upcoming Spring Carnival on Saturday, June 5th, 4 PM to 8 PM. Mrs. Barb Kernan and Mrs. Laurie White have been diligently working at making this a great family event. I do believe, I can safely say, I have seen over a thousand decorated pennants! (Hint to self for next year: utilize neon paint for decorating, so I can easily find my family's pennants!) Even though Spring schedules can become CRAZY, the H&S hopes you can find a few moments on the 5th of June to come and celebrate our 2009-10 School Year. It's been a good year!

Have a great summer!

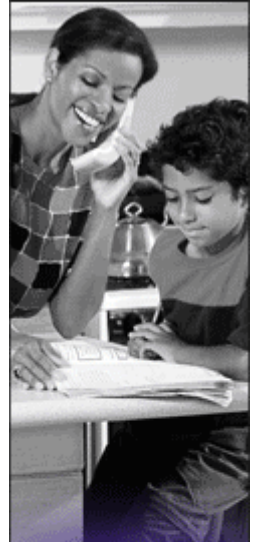
A Look Ahead



As one school year ends, another one commences. One thing that may not change is this national and local economic situation. UPEHSA will remain dedicated to "filling in the gaps" that may occur from District Budget cuts. No matter what the economy may throw us, we will remain a community dedicated to providing the best for our children.

The UPEHSA Executive Board will be implementing a few changes for next school year. Some changes were initiated due to budget concerns. Other changes are in order to protect the organization and its volunteer base, as President, I firmly admit I am very protective of volunteers' time. I did present fundraising efforts that could offer the Association the "most bang for our buck", i.e. events/campaigns that could raise us the largest amount of money while requiring the least number of total volunteer hours. Our Board took these recommendations, while looking at our fundraising history, and created a "home budget friendly" fundraising school year for 2010-2011. Be sure to check out www.uphsa.org this summer to see our vision for the upcoming school year.

I would also like to inform our families that despite what the economic world is throwing us, UPE and UPEHSA will kick-off a fantastic fundraising event! The "UPE Pond Project" began three years ago as a memorial in honor of teacher, Carol Lippy. Our pond has been installed; however, the pond is just the centerpiece of our vision for an outdoor classroom. Much work is



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needed to bring this vision to full fruition. "Much work" also translates to "much money"; so together, we will begin to raise the required funds to complete this project - an area where UPE students can actively learn in their environment and observe, explore and nurture habitat growth. This project fits nicely with next year's school theme of "Going Green". So, be on the lookout for various ways to become a Friend of the UPE Pond this summer and next school year!

Respectfully yours,
Bridget Newmiller

EVENTS AND REMINDERS

May & June 2010

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



Upcoming Events

- 5/19/2010 H&S Meeting
- 5/19/2010 New Officers Presented
- 5/19/2010 Blood Drive
- 5/24/2010 School Store - 1st Grade
- 5/25/2010 Kindergarten Visitation
- 5/25/2010 School Store - 2nd Grade
- 5/26/2010 School Store - 3rd Grade
- 5/27/2010 School Store - 4th Grade
- 5/29/2010 Boxtops Ends

June

6/5/2010 Spring Carnival

THANKS AND CONGRATS



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all the great families of UPE! Our H&S could not give what we do without you, it has been a great pleasure meeting and working with you this school year. Looking forward to another great school year :)



