

## **Shelter Rock SCA Parent Council Meeting, 11/15/07**

Jennifer Villano, President SR SCA, opened the meeting at 9:35AM and noted that there will be no December meeting, The next parent council meeting will be a joint meeting with Munsey Park, held at Shelter Rock on 1/10/08 at 9:15AM.

### Committee Reports:

- Photo Retake Day is Tues., 11/20. Before retake day, return the original photos in the original envelope to Latha Desikan.
- Website Coordinator is Donna Benabou ([dbenabou@pipeline.com](mailto:dbenabou@pipeline.com)). Send her an electronic copy of a flyer before it is released backpack express and she will post and or send out.
- The Student Council Thanksgiving food drive was extended until today.
- A Field Day meeting is coming up.
- Champions for Charity will take place the weekend of 11/29.

### Lauren Baranello announced:

- Kim Kuester is in charge of school spirit clothing and that it makes a great birthday gift or stocking stuffer. There will be a table at the parent teacher conference days, and you can call Kim at home if you need something.
- Organize all school photos of your child now for their 6<sup>th</sup> grade yearbook. Put them aside now!
- The second grade trip that was cancelled will be replaced with a trip to Sagamore Hill.

Terry McGown introduced Planet Manhasset, an effort to make the schools healthier and greener. She is Shelter Rock chair; Lisa Ferraro and Daniela Piccone, MP chair; Victoria Parisi, MS chair and Mimi Donohue, HS chair. They are offering a green gear line; download an order form from the SCA website: \$6 snack bag of 100% recycled cotton, and \$14 12 oz. stainless steel water bottle. A larger bottle will be available in the spring. Questions taken.

Jen Villano noted that the SCA luncheon was a success and introduced GERALYN MARASCO, SR reading specialist, who shared her expertise with the parents and presented: Reading - an Overview. The presentation is attached.

### Principal's Report: Robert Geczik, Principal:

- Shared a few stories about children, both in his family and his school family. He explained that he and Mrs. Williams, the Assistant Principal, allow the children to suggest and choose the Principals' Halloween costumes. Some ideas have included: Jesus and an angel; President Bush and Condoleezza Rice, black and white cookies and salt and pepper.
- Announced that currently school wide news is sent out electronically and on paper. At his time, only 250 out of approximately 600 Shelter Rock families have signed up for the District's e-mail. After January 1, everything will be sent out only electronically, unless a parent sends back to the school a tear off request for a hard copy that will be going out soon. A family can add as many emails as they like to the school system. Questions taken.
- Noted that outdoor recess will continue until 36 degrees. Depending on the temperature, jackets may be optional or required. "Please dress your child in layers as the temperatures change." "Put your child's name on everything." Hats without names cannot be put in lost and found to protect others from a possible lice infestation.
- Said that 2 of the 3 new boilers are up and running and the heat in the building should be fine. The 3<sup>rd</sup> boiler is a back up boiler, and should be up and running shortly.
- Mentioned that enrollment was just about the same as previously, running currently at 793, while it had been predicted to be 760+/- . 5<sup>th</sup> grade is the largest with 4 sections of 26 and 2 of 25. Discussion and questions from the floor regarding the size of 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes when others are pushed in.
- Proudly noted that SR's Karen Ferby-Guy would receive the "Maggie" Award at the Board of Education meeting. The Award is given in honor of Maggie Grundman, a 30+ year volunteer at Adventures in Learning, and recognizes Mrs. Ferby-Guy's selfless volunteering and services to the children of Manhasset.
- Announced that he will present the K-3 reading review plan to the Board tonight and to the parents at the next parent council meeting.

Jennifer Villano recognized and thanked Nurse Sylvia, who leaves the Shelter Rock family after 12 years to pursue another job. "Thank you for the warmth, sweetness, kindness and love you showed all the children at Shelter Rock and we wish you all the best." Meeting was adjourned.