

June 2014

Issue 10

Message from the PTO President

As the 2013-2014 school year comes to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the people who helped make this a great year for our children. Thank you to Rachel Croce for her hard work and dedication. She has been an asset to the board and the PTO. Although she will no longer be our Vice President, she is still committed to being a PTO member, chairperson, and volunteer. We look forward to continuing to work together with her next school year.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who devoted their time and effort to make a difference for the students of East Moriches School. We truly appreciate the hours you have spent behind the scenes and during our events, fundraisers, and activities. For those of you who will be moving on to high school, we wish you well and will miss you. Congratulations to our 2013-2014 graduates! For those returning next school year, we look forward to seeing you in September.

The PTO Board would like to thank Dr. Russo, Mr. Carlson, the East Moriches School Board, faculty, office staff, and custodial staff for their continued support of the East Moriches PTO. It has been a pleasure working with all of you this school year, and we look forward to working together again in 2014-2015. This year was even more special thanks to the support, participation, and commitment of Mr. Carlson, our new Middle School Principal. It has been wonderful working with you and getting to know you this year. We are thankful to have you on board.

We have had a wonderful year with many events and activities for our children to enjoy. If you have any ideas or suggestions for next school year, please come to our meeting or contact a board member. We still have a few upcoming events that we need help with. If you are interested in volunteering, please let us know.

If you have a fourth grader, please make time to attend the 5th grade Parent Orientation hosted by the PTO at our last **PTO meeting** of the year, **Tuesday, June 17th at 7:00 pm** in the **Middle School Cafeteria**. For more information, see the letter from Mr. Carlson on the following page.

The PTO Board wishes you a safe and happy summer. Relax, kick back, and enjoy spending time with family and friends.

Debbie Timpone

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the last issue of the 2013-2014 East Moriches School PTO Newsletter. I hope that you have found it informative and fun to read. It has been a pleasure reporting all of our fun and exciting events, activities and fundraisers throughout the year. If you have any comments or suggestions for next year, please feel free to contact me. Best wishes for a summer filled with adventure and new experiences. *Debbie Perez*

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May 9, 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians of incoming 5th Grade Students,

We're excited that you'll be joining us in the middle school next year and as we near the homestretch of the 2013/2014 school year we wanted to cordially invite you to our middle school orientation.

On Tuesday, June 17th, at 7pm, the East Moriches Middle School will be conducting an orientation for all incoming fifth grade parents, as part of the regularly scheduled PTO meeting. During this event, parents will have the opportunity to walk around the school, identify the locations of the various classrooms, meet with fifth grade teachers, and hear about the middle school program in general. There will be time for questions to be answered about the transition from elementary school to middle school as well.

In addition, students will be traveling to the middle school to experience an abbreviated "day in the life of a fifth grader" during the school day on Tuesday, June 10th. During this day they will hear from current fifth graders about their experiences and meet with fifth grade teachers. Fourth grade students will also make their selection for music (Band or General Music) for the upcoming year as well.

If you have any questions in regard to either orientation program, please feel free to contact us at any time. We look forward to meeting you soon.

Respectfully,

Michael T. Carlson
Middle School Principal



Pre-order now!!

2014 - 2015



East Moriches PTO / School Events Calendar

- 🌀 September 2014 through August 2015
- 🌀 Spiral Bound Color Hanging Calendar
- 🌀 Measures 11 x 17 when open

Pre-orders will be accepted until Monday, June 23rd

Calendars will be delivered to students at the beginning of the school year

Any questions, please contact: [Debbie Perez at judejo16@yahoo.com](mailto:judejo16@yahoo.com) or [Debbie Timpone at d_starlite@yahoo.com](mailto:d_starlite@yahoo.com)

Fill out the order form below and return it to school in an envelope marked:

PTO/School Events Calendar

Checks payable to East Moriches PTO or pay with **Credit Card**
PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH

Cut along dotted line

2014-2015

East Moriches PTO / School Events Calendar

Student Name:		Current Grade:	Telephone Number:
Cost Each: \$5.00	Quantity:	Amount Enclosed:	Check Number:

Credit Card Number:	Expiration Date:	Security Code:	Zip Code:
Cell Phone Number or E-mail Address for Credit Card Purchase Receipt (OPTIONAL):			



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EMO TALENT SHOW

On May 16, the East Moriches Student Council held its 2nd Annual Talent Show, produced by Ms. DiGirolamo and Mr Murphy. The performers and members of the student council were outstanding. All of the proceeds from the show went to the East Moriches Student Council Activity Fund in an effort to generate money for possible leadership conferences in the near future. Thank you to the students, parents, staff, administration, and community members who made it a great night for all.



Special Thanks



The East Moriches PTO

East Moriches Parents & Students

Dr. Charles T. Russo, *Supt. Of Schools / Elem. Principal*

Mr. Michael Carlson, *Middle School Principal*

Mr. Raymond J. Fannan, *Director of Special Ed. & PPS / Asst. Elem. Principal*

Dr. George Chesterton, *Interim Asst. Supt. For Business*

East Moriches Teachers

East Moriches Student Council

Secretarial and Custodial Staff

Board of Education

Mr. Raymond B. Hayes, *President*

Mr. Michael Griffin, *Vice President*

Trustees:

Ms. Joann Lapinski

Dr. John Oats

Ms. Lori Pagano

First Act

Amanda Giammona
(Baton Twirling Performance)

Kelsey Wilson
(Singing Performance)

Cailyn Monastero &
Kristen Brockmiller
(Singing & Musical Performance)

Samantha Johann
(Singing Performance)

Alexis Campbell and Mikayla Scala
(Dance Performance)

Cassidy Connor
(Musical Performance)

Frank Lapinski
(Musical Performance)

Kevin Gillan
(Musical Performance)

Megan Booth
(Singing Performance)

Kaitlyn Abramski
(Dance Performance)

Angela Yu
(Musical Performance)

Hosted By:

Craig Connor

&

Angie Acampora

Intermission

(20 Minutes)

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★ Welcome! ★

★ We are so proud of our students who ★
★ prepared to perform their talents today ★
★ to share with you. ★

★ Please be mindful of the following: ★

★ Please remain seated and plan on ★
★ staying to the end of the show to see ★
★ each act perform. ★

★ The opening and closing of doors ★
★ during a performance is disruptive and ★
★ should be avoided. ★

★ Please turn off the sound on all cell ★
★ phones and electronic devices ★

★ Your courtesy will afford a more pleasurable ★
★ evening for all. Thank you for your ★
★ cooperation and support! ★

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Produced by

Ms. DiGirolamo & Mr. Murphy

Second Act

Kacey Pascale, Serena Robbins,
Kayla Smith, Anya Mitchell, Sassy Zein, Emma
& Erin McCarthy
(Dance Performance)

Jane Paulson, Annabelle Taylor, &
Emma Battenberg
(Singing Performance)

Dougie Nielsen
(Singing & Musical Performance)

Josie Lapinski
(Singing Performance)

Cailyn & Emma Monastero
(Singing and Musical Performance)

Hailey Passini
(Singing Performance)

Sarah Dunn
(Gymnastic Performance)

Abby Kwiatkowski, Cameron Maxwell, &
Savannah Haushalter
(Dancing & Gymnastics Performance)

Sarah Dunn, Taylor Johnston, Skylar Ragimierski
Julia Ryan, & Aidan Carlson
(Dance & Gymnastic Performance)

Kaitlyn Abramski
(Dance Performance)



By: Matt Montpetit

Over the past four years, our Elementary School (ES) has participated in the Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser. All proceeds from this fundraiser go to the American Heart Association to help cure sick hearts, prevent heart disease, train 9 million health professionals a year, and fund groundbreaking pediatric heart/stroke research. To date, our community has raised over \$30,000. This year the ES exceeded our \$10,000 goal, and raised an amazing \$12,264! This is our second straight year as a community raising the most money in Suffolk County.

To reach this goal, students raised money over a three week period. During this period, physical education staff taught students lessons about the importance of keeping a healthy heart. Students engaged in lessons that target the skills of fitness and jump roping. They learned about resting heart rate/target heart rate exercises, the five components of fitness (muscular strength, muscular endurance, flexibility, body composition, and cardio-respiratory endurance) lung functioning, arteries and veins.

On February 14th, our staff and students came together and jumped for people with sick hearts. Over 150 students were in attendance taking part in jump rope tricks, competitions, basketball activities, and hula hoop activities. At the end of the event, students shared the reasons why they jumped and the person(s) they jumped for.

Heart disease is our nations #1 killer. It is important for our students to understand that they can make a difference by raising awareness. It takes a heart to be a hero. Thank you for the support from our community, administrators, and staff who helped chaperone the event before school. The American Heart Association has awarded us with a \$900 gift certificate for US GAMES (A physical education supplies magazine). This gift certificate will be used towards recess equipment and physical education supplies. Go Eagles!!





Summer Reading Ice Cream Celebration

Each East Moriches Elementary School student works very hard all year long to improve on their reading skills. In order to maintain these skills over the summer, it is critical that all Elementary School students continue to read independently.

The PTO, along with the Faculty, will celebrate the students' summer reading accomplishments by inviting each summer reader to a

Summer Reading Ice Cream Celebration on Friday, September 19, 2014.

In order to be eligible to attend the Celebration, students must complete:

- o A Summer Reading Log: You may use the Reading Log found at www.emoschools.org or a public library Reading Log
- o At least one Story Retell from the Reading Log

Students must submit completed Reading Logs and Story Retells to their new teacher on or before **Friday, September 12, 2014.**

All necessary materials can be found at www.emoschools.org under the Parent/Student Resources tab.

Happy Reading!



Year-End Cleanup

A great end-of-the-school-year activity for teachers, students and parents is to clean out desks, closets, drawers, backpacks, and any other area that has accumulated unused items or things that are just ready to be thrown out.

But, before you start tossing out what normally would be trash, take a look at the list of items we recycle. Simply pack them up and send them in with your child so we can earn money for our school. Teachers...drop your recyclables in the green can located in the cafetorium in both the Elementary and Middle Schools. Thank you for supporting our recycling program.

Used up writing instruments
(pens, markers, dry erase markers, mechanical pencils)



Empty Glue
Sticks & Bottles

Empty Tape Rolls
& Dispensers



LITTLE BITES BAGS



CHIP, POPCORN, PRETZEL BAGS



GRANOLA, MEAL REPLACEMENT, ENERGY BAR WRAPPERS



Remember to save your boxtops and recycling over the summer and send them all into school in the fall. Thanks for helping to protect our earth & earn money for our school.



the difference
can make.

Chairperson: Faith Lidonnici
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Total boxtops
sent in this
school year:
31,582



Total money
earned this
school year:
\$3,515.94

Totals Based on # of Students Per Class

Top 3 2013-2014 Classes		
<u>ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</u>		
1 st Place:	Heaney	2700
2 nd Place:	Pliszak	621
3 rd Place:	Percoco	1773
<u>MIDDLE SCHOOL</u>		
1 st Place:	Walz	4463
2 nd Place:	Hempson	1201
3 rd Place:	Ringhoff	768

Elementary School
May's Winning Class
Heaney 1556



Middle School
4th Quarter Winner
Nina Freilicher

<u>CLASS WINNERS</u>	
Percoco	K
Diamond	1st
Heaney	2nd
Wilson	3rd
Steuerwald	4th

Top Elementary Grade
(2013-2014)
2nd Grade 5916

Top Middle Grade
(2013-2014)
7th Grade 4463

Top Student
Middle School
(2013-2014)
William Jayne

Dates to Remember

June 2

NYS Science Written Exam (4th & 8th Grade)

June 4

Common Core Algebra Regents, 9:15am
3RD Grade Recorder Concert, 2:15pm (ES)

June 6

Fun Fair/Field Day (MS)

June 11-12

Kindergarten Orientation (ES)

June 12

Academic Awards Night, 7:00pm (MS)

June 13

Fun Fair Field Day (K - 4th Grade)
8th Grade Dinner Dance (6:30-10:30pm)

June 16

RTI Breakfast Assembly, 9:30am (ES)
Sports Awards Night, 7:00pm (MS)

June 17

PTO Meeting, 7:00pm (MS)

June 18

BOE Meeting, 7:30pm (ES)

June 18-24

Final Exams (7th & 8th Grade)

June 24

8th Grade Graduation Rehearsal, Time TBD (ES)

June 24

4th Grade Yearbook Signing, 8:30 AM (ES)

June 25

4th Grade Moving Up Ceremony, 10:00am (ES)
8th Grade Graduation Dress Rehearsal 8:30-9:30am (ES)
8th Grade Graduation Pictures, 10:00am (MS)
Half-Day Dismissal > 11:30 AM (MS), 12:15 PM (ES)
8th Grade Graduation, 7:00pm (ES)

Final Exam Makeup Day

June 26

Half-Day Dismissal > 11:30am (MS), 12:15pm (ES)

June 27

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Early Dismissal > 10:00 AM (MS), 10:45 AM (ES)
Report Cards - All Students

8th Grade Dance

Dance is on Friday, June 13, from 6:30 to 10:30pm at JC's Restaurant in Manorville. The PTO has generously donated money for decorations and for pictures to be taken by a professional photographer.

Postcards with the photographer's website and order information will be sent home with students.

Rachel Croce & Jenn Ryan
Chairpersons

4th Grade
Moving Up Ceremony
June 25, 10:00 am (ES)



Congratulations

8th Grade
Graduation
June 25, 7:00 pm (ES)

