

## October 27<sup>th</sup> Daly General HSA Meeting

- I. Guest Speaker – Hank Hardy, Director of Guidance K-12 for the district**
- a. Port Washington is fortunate to have full-time guidance counselors in all the elementary schools.
    - i. The guidance counselors are part of the “life-net” of the schools, which also includes the teachers, principals, front desk personnel, psychologists, etc.
  - b. The guidance curriculum is different across the grades, however, there are 2 basic charges: helping with social and emotional growth; and helping with career growth.
    - i. Guidance counselors have the same mission in all 5 elementary schools, but they handle them differently based on what they feel is the best way to reach the school population.
  - c. Counselors do lessons in the classrooms and run the “ambassador program” in the school.
  - d. Parents can call guidance counselors directly to deal with problems and issues. Parents should also let the guidance counselors know if there are difficult situations at home.
  - e. Guidance counselors will be putting information on the Portnet website.
  - f. Hank Hardy, Director of Guidance K-12 can be reached at 767-5814.
- II. Budget – Talia Senders**
- a. *Update on Budget:* Daly Diggers made over \$1400; Dad’s Night Out took in \$1000; Daly wear – order forms continue to go out.
  - b. *501(c)(3) Status* – Incorporating the HSA will allow donations to the school to be tax deductible, and will also allow for corporate matching.
    - i. Both the Executive Board and the General HSA voted unanimously to incorporate as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.
- III. Fundraising Update – Nancy Haberman, Stefanie Hiller, Sue Jarman, Melissa Vissicchio**
- a. *Ongoing Events:* Daly wear – order forms still going out; Box Tops – list of participating products is on the HSA website; Campbells Labels; Popcorn continuing monthly.
    - i. Target – for purchases made with a Target card, Daly will receive 1% of money spent if you designate Daly as the recipient.
  - b. *Past Events Discussed:* Picture Day, Gift wrapping, Pumpkin Sale, Book Fair, Dad’s Night Out.
  - c. *Upcoming Events:* Movie Night: 11/13; Ladies Night Out: 12/2 at Harbor Links - baskets must be done by 11/11; Holiday Boutique: 12/8 – takes place during school hours; Picture Retake Day: 11/4; Popcorn Day: 11/6.
- IV. General Update – Beth Lipset and Denise DePalma**
- a. *Playground Initiatives/Fundraising (Jane Stevens)*
    - i. So far we have made over \$600. There is another bake sale Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.
    - ii. Want a climbing wall to replace the monkey bars.

- iii. Looking to have plans drawn up for the lower playground.
  - iv. Discussed creating a “natural playground”.
  - v. Magnets – hope to begin selling them in the next few weeks.
  - vi. Looking into whether people can pledge money specifically for the playground and receive tax deductions while the 501(c)(3) is pending.
- b. *New security procedures* will begin the week of November 1<sup>st</sup>. All visitors will be required to present valid photo id upon entering the building. The id will be kept at the front desk until you check out. If you do not have photo id with you, you will have to leave your car keys at the desk.
- i. For concerts and presentations – instead of leaving identification at the desk you will be required to check your name off of a list.
  - ii. In the event of an evacuation or fire drill all visitors must report to the front desk to make sure everyone is accounted for.
  - iii. These procedures are already underway at Schreiber, Weber, and Guggenheim and will begin district-wide next week.
  - iv. A flyer will be sent home reminding parents of the new policy.
- c. *Upcoming Events*: Halloween Parade 10/30 at 1:45; Blood Drive 11/6.

**V. Community Updates:**

- a. *New Testing Schedule was sent out.*
- i. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: April 26-27 and May 5-6.
  - ii. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: April 28-30, May 7-11, May 24-27, June 1-3 and June 7.
  - iii. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: November 16-17, April 26-27, May 5-6.
- b. *Treats for Troops*: Please bring in candy donations the week of Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please no chocolate.
- c. *District Coat Drive* – Please bring in your coats November 12-18.
- d. *District Holiday Gift Giving* – Please consider granting wishes to a Port Family in need. Groups are forming. Please contact Kim ([Kimberly.siciliano@yahoo.com](mailto:Kimberly.siciliano@yahoo.com)) or Andrea ([andreambabyboy@yahoo.com](mailto:andreambabyboy@yahoo.com)) for more information.
- e. *Parent Council* – Next Meeting Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.
- f. *AGATE* – see website for updated information ([agatepw@gmail.com](mailto:agatepw@gmail.com)). November 5<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.
- g. *SEPTA* – see website for updated information ([septapw@aol.com](mailto:septapw@aol.com)). November 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.
- h. *BOE Community Forum* – 10/27 at 7pm at Schreiber. Will be discussing polling sites.
- i. *Board of Education Meetings* – November 3 & 17, December 1.
- j. *Next HSA Meeting* – Friday December 11, 11:30 am – Holiday Lunch and General Meeting.
- k. *For Thanksgiving* – looking for gift certificates to King Kullen, Stop and Shop, North Shore Farms. Each grade will be responsible for collecting different items. Need reusable shopping bags to pack the groceries in.