

# Mendham Township

## Home and School Association

2006-2007

### Programs

#### Cultural Arts

This program provides our children with exposure to authors, musicians, plays and a variety of other cultural events funded through the generosity of the families in our community when they support our Gift Wrap and Table Top Luncheon Fundraisers. These performances enable the children to experience enjoyable and educational programs.

#### Parent Network

A program which provides a positive forum in which key topics are addressed to reflect parent questions, concerns or interests through a series of presentations by either teachers, administration, the child study team or outside consultants. It is also a wonderful opportunity for parents to assist each other in understanding the changes occurring in our children at each level through discussion and shared experiences.

#### Back to School Luncheon

The HSA provides a tasty and fun luncheon for the teachers, administrators, bus drivers, custodians and staff to kickoff the new school. Organization begins in the summer to prepare for this wonderful event. All our wonderful parent volunteers help make this growing event successful.

#### First Week of School Greeters

As your children get off the bus the first week of school, a group of parent volunteers is there to help guide them and get them to their new classrooms.

#### Emergency Phone Chain

This phone chain is activated and is the responsibility of the room parents in case of an emergency that might occur during the school day.

### School Buddies

This program helps new families moving into our school district. We arrange for a buddy to contact them. The new child has an opportunity to meet a current student so they have a familiar face when they start school.

### School Directory

Our School Directory provides a wonderful resource of names and numbers for everyone in our district. This publication also includes class lists and has become an item you cannot live without.

### Room Parents and Grade Parents

Parents volunteer to be room parents and grade parents, they are asked to be responsible for a multitude of tasks throughout the year. They organize parties, make phone calls, chaperone, make up the Strawberry Festival baskets, organize class gifts etc. It is a great way to be involved.

### Colonial Craft Day

This very special day is a wonderful experience for 4<sup>th</sup> graders. Everyone comes dressed in period costumes and participates in a full range of activities from the colonial era. This enhances the 4<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum of American History. This day is filled with history, games crafts, and more.

### Teacher and Staff Appreciation Luncheon and Week

Our wonderful volunteers make this a special week for all teachers, administrators and staff. We provide "surprises" each morning and both schools have a delicious luncheon served to them as a thank you from the parents.

### Library Volunteers

Our parents volunteer to shelve, check in/out books and help our Librarian in various ways. The children love seeing their parents working in the library!

### Publicity

During the year there are many events that the children participate in. We love to get photos into the newspaper whenever we can. The children love seeing their pictures in the paper.

### Hospitality

We provide delicious snacks at our many meetings throughout the year. These items are donated by volunteers who have made our meetings special with their delicious items.

### Welcome Packet

We provide a welcome packet to new families moving into the school district during the school year. We help acquaint new families with our school system and the H.S.A.

### Secretaries Day

We provide goodies to our wonderful secretaries in both schools who help us so much throughout the year. We appreciate all they do for us!

### Scholarship Committee

Every year, the H.S.A. recognizes outstanding 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students who attend the Middle School. These students are chosen by the teachers and the H.S.A. presents a savings bond to the recipient. We also provide a scholarship to graduating senior from Mendham High School who has gone through the Mendham school district. A committee review applications and winners are chosen.

### Classroom/School Gifts

Money raised at the Strawberry Festival is used to fulfill teacher requests for new items to supplement the curriculum each year. We also purchase items that benefit both schools.

### Sunshine Committee

This committee is run by volunteers who will make meals, bake items, drive people and help out whenever there is a family in our system in need of our help.

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## Fundraisers

### Strawberry Festival

This wonderful, fun filled event is a great day for the children and their parents. Volunteers run the event that is filled with games, prizes, crafts, food, basket auction, along with hair and nail painting. The money raised from this event funds the classroom/school gifts we provide to the Middle and Elementary School each year.

### Table Top Luncheon

This event has become a fast favorite. Enjoy a delicious meal, the company of friends and maybe even win an item or two. The invitation is open to come and decorate a table. Anyone can do it! The proceeds from this event go to our Cultural Arts Program which continues to expand every year.

### Gift Wrap

Every September, we hold our gift wrap sale. The proceeds from this fundraiser go directly to the Cultural Arts Program. You can buy enough gift wrap for the whole year and help provide our children with unique cultural events.

### Book Fair

The book fairs at the both schools bring in a publishing company and they provide a wide array of books that appeal to both children and parents. The sale of books raises money that is used to purchase new books for our libraries. Book sales also fund Author visits to our school.

### Box Tops and Soup Labels

We collect box tops and Campbell Soup Labels throughout the year. The money and gifts earned are given to our schools.

### Various Fundraising

During the year we have a variety of other smaller fundraisers. These fundraisers support our many programs and purchases for the school throughout the year.