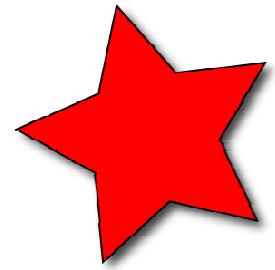


STAR NEWS



September 2011

Mr. Marohn's Message

Welcome back to school! I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable summer. The 2011-2012 school year was kicked off with our PTA "Welcome Back Picnic" on Tuesday, September 6. It was wonderful to have so many families and friends join us for a night of celebration as we welcome our students back to school.

As the new school year starts, we encourage all of our families to join the Saddlewood PTA. A strong partnership between school and home is important to insure that your child does his or her very best. The month of September is filled with other back to school activities, including Open House on September 15 and Fall Picture Day on September 27. I look forward to meeting many of our families on Open House night.

I am looking forward to a great school year at Saddlewood!

- Michael Marohn
Building Principal

Letter from the PTA President

Dear Saddlewood Families,

To those families who will be joining us for the first time, WELCOME!

To those families returning to Saddlewood, WELCOME BACK!

We are fortunate to have a very active PTA at our school and we enjoy the support of our wonderful teachers and faculty each year. There are many educational and fun-filled events on the calendar for the children and Saddlewood families. None of the programs and events that we offer would be possible without the support of our PTA membership! We look forward to meeting or seeing you at our various activities and/or monthly meetings. Please feel free to contact any member of the PTA Board should you have any questions, suggestions or want to become more involved.

Once again, WELCOME TO SADDLEWOOD! We are looking forward to a wonderful school year!

Sincerely,
Teri Blake
PTA President

Dates to Remember

Sept. 15	Open House
Sept. 23	Fall Fundraiser
Sept. 27	Fall Picture Day
Sept. 29	No School Rosh Hashanah

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CHECK IT OUT!

SOUTHCOLONIESCHOOLS.ORG - New school district website that contains a great amount of information about everything going on the district. Has Saddlewood activities, the PTA newsletter, District calendar, lunch menus, ability to put lunch money on your child's account and much, much, more.

FACEBOOK - Saddlewood PTA has a facebook page. Check it out for updates and news.

EMAIL: You can email the PTA at: saddlewoodpta@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

Fall Picture Day Tuesday September 27th

All students will be photographed for the yearbook and class pictures. We are using a new company this year, EAP School Photography, and expect excellent results. The picture day order forms will be sent home next week. Please contact me for questions at 869-0474 or mshelton@nycap.rr.com. Let me know if you need more details. We just need to make sure the kids are ready for pictures that day.

Fall Fundraiser September 23 - ?

This year we are trying out a new company for our school fundraiser. Cherrydale Farms is a....

Thank You!!

Over the summer Girls Scout Troop #1643 (Saddlewood students: Amanda Johnson, Alyssa Johnson, Jennifer Mueller, Jessica Rafferty, Erica Coleman, Isabella Rodriguez, Isabelle Carosi and Makayla Blake) worked very hard cleaning up the huge gardens in front of the school.

They "adopted" the Saddlewood landscaping as part of their efforts to earn their Bronze Award. They got together several nights with their families and PTA Board members to weed, transplant, plant, trim and redesign the beautiful gardens.

The Saddlewood PTA recognizes and appreciates their efforts! There is a lovely garden sign giving them the credit they so deserve in one of the gardens. They did a GREAT job!! THANK YOU!!!

SHOPPING PROGRAMS

The PTA wanted to remind you of some of the great programs we are participating in for the 2011-2012 school year that will help us earn cash and FREE merchandise for our school! These programs are *very* important, so any help you could provide would be greatly appreciated!!

We are always looking for new ways to earn cash and tools for Saddlewood. If there are any other programs that you are aware of that we are missing, please let us know as soon as possible so we can look into it further. And remember, even grandparents and family members in other cities and states can help us earn points for our school.

Thanks in advance for your help!

The Saddlewood PTA

*****There is a list of all the items you can collect to help Saddlewood.**

Please let us know if you would like this newsletter in print or e-mailed to you. You can do this by:

- Emailing your reply to saddlewoodpta@gmail.com
- Detach this and send to: Beth Bomba c/o Luke Mrs. Jensen (1st)

_____ I would like the newsletter in print. Child's Name: _____

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

_____ I would like to newsletter by email. Email : _____

Box Tops for Education
www.btfe.com



The Box Tops program offers two easy ways to earn cash for our school through everyday activities such as buying groceries and shopping online

- 1) Clip — Clip Box Top coupons from hundreds of participating products and send them to school. Box Tops coupons are worth 10¢ each when our school redeems them from Box Tops for Education.
- 2) Shop — Shop at your favorite online stores (Old Navy, Gap, etc) through the Box Tops MarketplaceSM (btfe.com/marketplace). Up to 8% of each qualifying purchase is automatically donated to our school

Campbell's Labels for Education
www.labelsforeducation.com



Simply clip UPCs (full labels no longer accepted) from participating Campbell's products and send them in with your child to our school. Some of the products eligible for redemption during the 2011-2012 program year include: Campbell's® soups, SpaghettiOs® Pasta, Campbell's® beans, gravies, and canned pasta, Prego® Italian sauces and many other items (check website for a complete list)

Price Chopper Tools for Schools
<http://www2.pricechopper.com/toolsforschools/>



Please be sure to sign up your Price Chopper Advantage card to support our school by going to the above website, a Price Chopper store or email your card number and email address to cgebauer@nycap.rr.com and we will sign it up for you. Please be sure to ask as many relatives & friends as possible to sign up as well! Your purchases will earn points between July 31, 2011 and March 10, 2012.

Target Take Charge of Education®



- Step 1** – Apply, get approved and get your REDcard(sm) Credit or **Check Debit Card** (if you don't have one already).
- Step 2** – Sign up for Take Charge of Education® and designate our school online or by calling 1-800-316-6142.
- Step 3** – Shop. Target will donate up to 1% of your REDcard purchases to our school & **get 5% off your instore and online purchases every day!**

Hannaford Helps Schools



Purchase participating items at Hannaford stores and drop either drop the printed certificate provided by the cahier in the Saddlewood slot at the store, or send it in with your child in an envelope marked "Hannaford Helps Schools" for us to submit. This program takes place from 9/4/2011 – 12/3/2011.

COLONIE CENTER SCHOOL BUCKS



Every time you, your family, and your friends shop at Colonie Center, you can help Saddlewood earn points. At the end of the school year, Colonie Center will give away \$20,000 in cash prizes to the top 10 schools!!

Here's how it works...

Bring your original cash register receipts from ANY Colonie Center store to the Guest Services Desk (located on the lower level of the near CVS) and our school will receive **1 SCHOOL BUCKS POINT** for each dollar spent at the mall including movie tickets, holiday photos taken with either Santa or the Easter Bunny and purchases made online at www.shopatcoloniecenter.com.

(Receipts must be redeemed within 60 days of purchased date. Receipts will be collected from August 1, 2011 to June 1, 2012)

Please note: If you don't have time to stop at the service desk during your visit, please send them in to Saddlewood with your child in an envelope labeled "Colonie Center School Bucks" and we will get them stamped and returned to you ASAP.

L K & SEE WHAT YOUR PTA PROVIDES...

- Happy Birthday Book Marks
- 3rd & 4th Grade Agendas
- Snacks and spare clothing available through the School Nurse
- Lunchroom Games / Art Supplies
- Scotia-Glenville Museum visits for each classroom
- Character Education Programs
- Back to School Picnic
- Staff Welcome Back Brunch
- Open House
- PARP
- FREE book for every student during Spring Book Fair
- Bingo Night
- Stories in the Library
- Various Assemblies
- Ice Cream Social for Box Tops contest winners
- Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- Holiday Shopping Fair
- Holiday Giving
- Read Across America
- Kindergarten Registration
- Author visits
- Homespun Dance
- Music Mobile
- Art Show
- Field Day
- 4th Grade Fun Day
- Administrative Professionals Day
- Bus Driver Appreciation
- Celebration Dance
- School Landscaping materials
- School/student needs as requested

*Thank you
for your
continued
support!*

