

**JOHNNY APPLESEED SCHOOL**  
**PTO MEETING**  
**11/18/08**

Meeting was called to order at 7:10

A. Kerrie introduced our guests, Cold Stone Creamery and Wachusett Mountain Ski Area.

B. Upcoming Events:

- a. Parent/Teacher Conferences: 11/24 and 11/25
- b. Scholastic Book Fair: 11/17-25
  - i. Kerrie reminded parents that the Book Fair would also be open during conference times.
- c. Holiday Plant Sale: Orders due by Tuesday, 11/25. Delivery dates are 12/5 and 12/6; with pickup in the JA cafeteria. All profits from this fundraiser support our Playground Fund.
- d. Elf Shoppe: Scheduled for 12/8 and 12/9. Volunteer notices will be coming home this week.
- e. Italian Night: Scheduled for 1/22/09; possibility of a date change. More information to come.

C. Year Long Events:

- a. Books and Beyond: Starts Friday, 11/21. Kerrie thanked organizers, Sharon Skinner and Rachel Armington for all of their work on this popular reading incentive program.
- b. Box Tops: Maureen Halliwell coordinating this program. We have currently raised \$728.00 this year. Half way to our goal of \$1375!
- c. Ink Cartridge Program: This is a current and ongoing program to recycle ink cartridges. Our school receives funds for the ink cartridges.

D. Tom Myers of Wachusett Mountain Ski Area

- a. Started making snow last night at ski area and are excited for the upcoming season.
- b. Reviewed Polar Kids program as well as other packages and programs offered.
- c. Wachusett Mountain has partnered with Fallon Health Care to allow members to utilize an annual \$300 fitness benefit toward ski tickets.

E. Cold Stone Creamery

- a. Offered samples of cakes and pies from our fundraiser
- b. Advised they will also be offering ice cream at Wachusett Mountain during ski season.

F. Principal's Moment

- a. Dr. O'Hearn-Curran advised that we are the first school in the district to receive a Technology Cart from the Leominster Education Foundation. This will provide approximately 20 laptop computers.
- b. Dr. O'Hearn-Curran is working on seeking technology grants.
- c. Dismissal procedures have been going well. Procedures were changed after our last PTO meeting when an issue of security in student pickup was brought up. Students are now picked up in the cafeteria.
- d. Next newsletter should be coming 12/5.
- e. Reteach and enrich programs are all in process now and working well. Dr. O'Hearn-Curran encouraged any feedback from parents on this program.

F. Kerrie thanked all for coming as well as thanked Cold Stone Creamery and Wachusett Mountain Ski Area. Our next meeting will be 1/15/09. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.