

## Seven Bridges Middle School Newsletter

**BRIDGES****A Few Words From Principal Martha Zornow**

Dear 7B Families,

As a “community of explorers,” we continue to focus on challenging your students to think deeply and take gradual control of their own learning. As part of this, and to work to have a community where every student feels safe and can focus on education, we have undertaken a few initiatives (and continued some others) explicitly focusing on how staff and students can support each other. Part of this is supporting positive behaviors, but another big piece is giving students and staff the vocabulary to recognize some subtle ways children can bully each other.

In late October, along with Bell and thanks to the Chappaqua School Foundation, we brought in a speaker from the Rachel’s Challenge program. Rachel’s Challenge is a foundation that builds on the diaries and ideas of a student killed in the Columbine tragedy to fight school violence and to motivate students to actively work to make their community a better place. While students were understandably moved by the introductory footage and discussion of the events of Columbine, many also called the session incredibly motivating and “the best assembly ever.” This organization has several levels of presentations and we are of course reflecting on the level of

information appropriate for each age group should we do something similar in the future. A few parents called to express the wish that there be more detailed advance communication home prior to any such presentation in the future, and we have taken that to heart.

Following the presentations students enthusiastically “accepted the challenge” and signed a banner reflecting that commitment, which is on display in our front lobby. There was also a training later that day with 100 students who volunteered and were randomly selected to discuss reactions and steps keep the commitment alive in our school. Teachers and counselors are having follow-up discussions and meetings with students to support efforts to continue the positive messages from the program. Students are creating paper chains listing acts of kindness or empathy that they witness, to be a visible reminder that we are all connected. Please see the challenges on the SB website.

On Election Day, Kevin Jennings, Obama’s former Assistant Secretary of Education for Safe and Drug-Free Schools, gave an inspirational talk on what faculty and staff can do to build a culture where bullying is not tolerated. This was a powerful and nuanced presentation. We learned that children do not just play one role—

kids can be a bully, a victim, or a witness, and roles may change depending on the situation. Jennings also talked about less explicit but equally painful types of bullying such as rumor-spreading, subtle social exclusion, or being made to do something one does not want to do. In our faculty conversation afterwards, we talked about being more aware of small changes in a student’s affect that might signal bullying and about ways of asking that might be more likely to get a child to open up.

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We are in the process of surveying your students about how our school climate feels to them. We have a team of teachers who chose to make school climate the focus of their own professional development for this year—they meet regularly, read research in the area, reflect on their own practice, and will present to the faculty in the spring. Our Making a Difference homeroom continues as our in-house student think tank for protecting an emotional safe school climate. We look forward to their video presentation and continued work.

On your end, if there is something going on with your child or her/his friends that we should know about, please encourage her/him to share it with the counselor or any adult, or call us yourself and let us know. Conversations at home sharing the importance of a safe environment for all students will support the efforts and connection between home and school.

All the best,



Martha

## Peer Leadership Program By Teren Block and Elissa Rappaport

The Peer Leadership program is now in its 7th year and continues to evolve based on the input and feedback from past leaders, teachers, and current students. The program was initially started to assist our youngest students and provide them with role models, bridge communication, build community, and allow for student leadership opportunities. The current leaders are part of the first group who had peer leaders dedicated to their classes throughout their fifth grade year. Many of them have also participated in leadership workshops offered in 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

After an application process, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade leaders met to create their own commitment to the program and to each other. This was followed by a training session which was designed to prepare them for upcoming sessions with 5<sup>th</sup> grade advisory classes. During the training, the leaders learned class management tips, icebreakers to build community, and tips for planning upcoming sessions. This year the leaders will facilitate activities and lead discussions focusing on the following topics: positive attributes and qualities, stereotypes and first impressions, accepting various perceptions, the five challenges from Rachel, stress, time management, and organization.

The Peer Leaders are extremely dedicated, responsible, and independent. They plan for these sessions during their after school meeting time and meet with the classes during advisory for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters. They learn to plan, communicate, set up a class, and deal with various student personalities and needs. They also continue to work on their own skills, explore other areas to lead, and ways to expand the program. The Peer Leaders also greet guests and visitors and give tours of SB. We are excited to work with them and in awe of their level of dedication and passion.

### ***Peer Coaching from a student's perspective...***

Peer coaching is about working with other students and improving your own attitude and personality, while helping others learn. It involves a lot of learning, laughing, growing friendships, and fun. It's a really great program because 8<sup>th</sup> graders get a chance to help younger kids at their own school who they maybe have never even met before. While we help other students, we learn more about our own strengths and weaknesses. It's good practice for when we have to work with somebody that we don't know in the future.

## Sports Corner



### Volleyball

Coach Nancy Soliz reports that the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls modified 2011 volleyball season was a great success. As coaches, our goal for the SB volleyball program was for the girls to find their love and passion for the game while having fun. The teams worked on developing their passing and serving skills. In addition, the program aimed at building the girls capacity to be leaders and team players on and off the volleyball court. We are looking forward to next year's season.



### Field Hockey

Coaches Cara Stirpe and Lindsey Schrater said that this past season was a great one for the Field Hockey team at SB. With a team of 13, there were 3 7<sup>th</sup> graders participating and 10 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The girls demonstrated their motivation, determination, and teamwork at practice after school every day, and at the games vs. other Westchester schools. The girls valued each other, and other teams. They were eager to learn and play in the game. It was a great season!



### Football

Coach Chuck McKenna is very proud of this year's SB football team. With a roster that included 10 seventh graders and 10 eighth graders, the group came together and was overall a very coachable group. The team worked hard to improve each game. This year a number of very good athletes allowed our team to do a variety of things on offense. The team played five games and one scrimmage this year. Overall, the SB team enjoyed a very successful and enjoyable season.



### Cross Country

Coach Annamarie Marasco reports that 29 athletes, 20 seventh grades and 9 eighth graders, were involved in cross country this year. The team had one dual meet at Hen Hud and two invitational meets, one at Purchase and one at Somers. The Invitationals had 50 schools competing and allowed the athletes to compete against their age group and gender in the races and be exposed to high school cross country courses. The athletes ran a 1.5 mile course each time. Cross country is a great sport, as the athletes can set individual goals for the season as well as be part of the team experience. All the athletes improved over the course of the season and began the winter season of Indoor track on November 28th.

## It Takes A Village Art Project

6th grade students in Terry Koshel's Art class have made clay houses to be part of an exhibit later in the year through Greens Farms CT art teacher, Denise Minnerly. Our houses will be included in a collection of 1,500 structures made by students and adults. All houses are roughly the same size, but show the individual character of the artist who created them. The space for the exhibit has not yet been determined.



## Kerry Kennedy Visits Our 5th Grade

Kerry Kennedy, daughter of Robert F. Kennedy, President of the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights, author, and Human Rights activist since 1981, came to speak to the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades on Tuesday, November 22nd. After hearing about some of the things that were happening during the Heroes Unit in 5<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies,

Ms. Kennedy expressed an interest in coming to visit with our students and to share some of her experiences and stories about traveling the world to meet with and support Human Rights Defenders. Ms. Kennedy held a captivated audience during her one hour interactive presentation, climbing throughout the audience with her hand held microphone to hear from as many students as possible for the many questions she asked the students to consider.

She shared the stories and challenges of some brave Human Rights Defenders she has met, and she gave the students some great ideas on how we can all continue to treat everyone the right way, maintain an awareness of those in need, and do our part to make our community and world a better place for all.



## International Day Brings Different Cultures Together

This year's International Day was clearly the most spectacular event! Students enjoyed arriving to the sight of flags from around the world displayed along the driveway, hearing international music, and later sampling all the dishes served during lunch period accompanied by live music. Beautiful cultural artifacts were displayed and games were played with parent volunteers helping out in the Dining Commons.



Thank you to so many generous parents for the delicious dishes, fascinating cultural artifacts, help setting up, serving, cleaning up, hosting craft tables and providing presentations. Special thanks to all the students of the International Club, Art Club,



student lunch time servers, student decorators and the 8<sup>th</sup> graders who provided music. And, an additional special thanks to Mrs. Boal, Ms. Soliz, Mr. Semel, Ms. Koshel and all the foreign language teachers for allowing guest speakers into their classrooms.



## Paraguyan "Soup" Cheesy Corn Bread

Submitted by Ms. Coleman

### Ingredients

- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 6 tablespoons (3/4 stick) butter, softened
- 6-8 ounces queso fresco, crumbled or ricotta cheese
- 4 large eggs
- 2 cups yellow cornmeal
- 1 can Carnation Evaporated Milk

- Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Grease 9" round baking pan.
- Bring onions, water and salt to a boil in a medium saucepan or skillet. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, for about 10 minutes or until onion is softened. Allow to cool.
- Beat butter and cheese until well mixed. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add onion mixture; mix well. Beat in cornmeal alternatively with evaporated milk. (Mixture will be soupy). Pour into prepared pan.
- Bake for 40-45 minutes or until toothpick inserted in middle comes out clean. Cut into wedges and serve.

## SB Theatre Company Presents Seussical Jr: Oh The Things You Can Think

The show is cast, rehearsals have started and the excitement grows. SB Theater Co-Chair Aimee Gautreau says "Seussical Jr. brings to life many Dr. Seuss characters like Horton the Elephant, The Cat in the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz, Lazy Mayzie and a little boy with a big imagination named JoJo." She added "It's a delightful experience for both performers and audience alike.

All four grades are well represented in the show. With 97 performers, Seussical Jr. has the most participants in the history of the SB PTA Theater Program.

For some students, this is the first time they will get to work with the professional team the theater company has assembled. It includes Director Kevin Kearins, Choreographer Linda Sabatelli-Carelli and Musical Director John Bowen. Many other students have benefited from our experienced team for years.

Kevin Kearins reflected by saying that "I'm always surprised and ecstatic about the quality of dancing and singing from the students." He added that it's "quite a treat for the production team to work with such talented students."

Eighth grader Megan Warshofsky is Bird Girl Number 1, and said she has "worked with Kevin since her days at Roaring Brook." She also stated she "loves singing and acting." Bird Girl Number 7, Gina Bueti is also in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and thinks "Seussical Jr. starts simply and then suddenly the story comes together and it's so exciting." And

Sixth Grader Julia Dalrymple who portrays Young Kangaroo, feels "so excited to have a lead part." She even learned all of her lines before rehearsals even started.

So get ready to join Horton, Mayzie, JoJo, The Cat in the Hat and the Community of Who-Ville for our three unbelievable performances. This show is perfect for everyone in your family...."No Matter How Small."

### Dates For Performances

**Friday, February 10** 7:30pm  
(snow date 2/12)

**Saturday, February 11** 7:30pm  
(snow date 2/13)

**Sunday, February 12** 2:00pm  
(snow date 2/14)



### Valentine's Day Celebration & Student/ Faculty Basketball Game

On Tuesday, February 14th, there will be a special Valentine's celebration for our students - SB style. They should on having lots of fun at the student/faculty basketball game to mark the day. It's an annual event that is always looked forward to and that warms the hearts of everyone!



### SB Talent Show Calling All Students

On Friday, February 3rd, SB will hold it's annual Talent Show. All students who want to participate in this year's show should contact Lyndall Boal at [lyboal@ccsd.ws](mailto:lyboal@ccsd.ws). The show will be held in the Performing Arts Center at SB at 7:30pm. We hope to see you there supporting our talented middle schoolers.

## 8th Grade Transition to Greeley

It may seem early to be talking about the transition to high school, but orientation and scheduling activities start at the end of January! Moving on from SB to Horace Greeley High School is an important milestone in a student's life and school career. The middle school counselors work with the high school counselors to ensure a smooth transition. There are a variety of activities and events to assist parents and students during this process. Please be sure to check the district calendar and the SB website for updated information and other transition information on the website main page and the counselor page (under 'students' tab). Parents of 8<sup>th</sup> graders should be receiving more detailed information from Greeley, but here are some of the highlights. The chart on the following page presents a timeline of events.



- Calendar of transition events explained to students.
- "Conversations That Count" - A special workshop for parents of 8th graders.
- HGHS Foreign Language Program Presentation to 8th graders by HGHS staff and students.
- 8th Grade Incoming Parent/Student Sports Meeting.
- 8th Grade Foreign Language Placement Exam.

- Greeley counselors are slated to visit 8th grade classes to explain elective choices, scheduling, and to field questions; Students receive Decisions Books and 9th grade scheduling sheets.
  - Student visits to HGHS to acquaint them with programs, elective choices, teams, clubs, and activities. The visit is led by HGHS staff and Greeley Peer Leaders and Partners.
  - Parent Orientation meeting at HGHS to share pertinent academic information such as: curriculum, class offerings and programs. (February 2nd @ 7:00pm in HGHS Auditorium, snow date Feb. 7th)
  - Middle School counselors assist students with course selection and answer questions.
  - Students return 9th grade scheduling sheets to Social Studies Teacher or Guidance.
  - Students enter their elective course selections in the computer.
  - Parents/students will receive a printout of selected courses.
  - Parent Orientation meeting for CSE/504 students at HGHS (TBA)
  - PTA Orientation Tour for parents at HGHS
- \*Students and parents may contact the 8th grade counselor with questions or concerns. Students receive their HGHS counselor assignment in June.*

## 8th Grade At SB From A Student's Perspective

### 8C's December by Ryan and Quinn

School has been very productive on 8C in December. In Science class we are finishing up a unit that was based on water. We recently finished a lab on filtering water; we were put in groups and made water filters filled with different substances. In Social Studies class we are learning about the Gilded Age which took place in the late 1800's. During this time in our history, immigrants were flooding into the US and this affected our society in both positive and negative ways. In Math 8, we are learning how to find the slope and y-intercept of two points. In Math 9, we are learning about functions of different coordinates, writing equations and graphs for linear and nonlinear equations. In English class we are in the perspective unit. We are writing personal narratives or essays to present our thoughts on what limits our perspective.

### 8W's December by Avery and Emily

Being on 8 West is quite exciting. In English, we just finished writing short stories that we entered into a 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade contest. We are now exploring different types of poems and their perspectives. In Math, both classes are learning about coordinate grids. We also play math games that help us learn different ways to solve equations. In Science we just created our own filtration devices, and Mr. LoGiudici recently took us outside to see Seven Bridges's new water filtration system. Finally, in Social Studies we are learning about western expansion and the peaks of immigration. Overall, being on 8 West is an amazing experience that we will never forget.

Date/Time	8th Grade Transition Event	For Whom
January 5th/Advisory	Calendar of transition explained	Students
January 18th/7:00pm	R21K Workshop	Parents
January (TBD)	HGHS Foreign Language Program presentation	Students
Jan. 24th/7:30 pm	8th Grade Incoming Sports Meeting	Parents & Students
Jan. 26th/Periods 1 & 2 7:30pm - HGHS	8th Grade Foreign Language Placement Exam Special Ed Transition to HS Parent Meeting	Students Parents
Jan. Period (West) 6th Period (East)	HGHS counselors visit 8th graders	Students
Jan. 30th/ during school day	Visit to HGHS	Students
Feb. 2nd/7:00 pm (snow date - Feb. 7th)	Parent Orientation Meeting at HGHS	Parents of 8th graders
Throughout school year and by appointment in Jan. & Feb.	SB counselors assist students with course selection and answer questions	Students
Early Feb.	Return of 9th grade scheduling sheets to Social Studies Teacher or Guidance	Students
Early Feb.	Enter elective course selections in computer	Students
TBD	Receive a printout of requested courses	Parents & Students
March/7:00 - 8:30 pm	Orientation meeting for CSE/504 students at HGHS	Parents

## Reminders From The Health Office

Please do not send students to school who do not feel well. If your child has vomited within 24 hours or has a productive cough, please keep him/her home. Students must also be fever-free for 24 hours prior to returning to school. Remember, students cannot receive anything at school without a doctor's order, including cold or headache medicine.



### A Few Additional Reminders

#### Crutches

Students needing crutches are required to have a doctor's order explaining the need for crutches on file in the Health Office. Please remember to have your doctor include a medical excuse from gym as required by NYS education law.

#### Traveling Parents

If you are going to be traveling and neither parent will be able to be reached by phone, please leave written notification with the Health Office as to who has permission to make medical decisions regarding your child. Failure to do so may delay treatment.

### Cancellation of After School Events/Programs

Please note that from time to time, after-school programs and events need to be cancelled on short notice, due to weather, instructor absence or other issues. If this happens, announcements will be made at school. Students will be sent home on their regular buses. Parents will **not** be notified, so please make contingency plans with your child for last minute cancellations.

### Two Meetings With Administration At SB January 19th - 9:30am & 7:30pm

Come learn more about the changes being made to the middle school schedule next year. Our morning coffee, at 9:30am, is open to parents in all grades. We will discuss the 2012- 2013 demographic changes at SB, possible team configurations and what the new 55 minute periods will look like for SB students during the upcoming academic year.

The 7:30pm evening session is open to parents of 7th and 8th graders. This session will be a focused discussion with administration on how we can support our children in respectful relationships in middle school and beyond.

### School Closings/ Delayed Opening/ Emergency Dismissal Are Posted On:

#### The Internet

[www.ccsd.ws](http://www.ccsd.ws) (Chappaqua Schools website)  
[www.chappaquapta.net](http://www.chappaquapta.net)

#### Radio

WHUD (100.7FM)  
WLNA (1420AM)  
WFAS (103.9FM, 1230AM)

#### TV

NCCTV Channels 75, 77, 78  
Westchester News Channel 12

### You may also find information on Chappaqua School District's E-Mail and Text Cell Phone Notification

Sign up on [www.ccsd.ws](http://www.ccsd.ws) (Click on Subscribe Now to receive e-mail alerts)

## Cultural Enrichment

In January and February, our children will have the opportunity to see the following programs brought to school by the Cultural Enrichment Committee and sponsored by our PTA:

### 5th Grade

On February 5th, the fifth grade will enjoy a presentation by Ballet Folklorico. This authentic Mexican Folk dance troupe uses music, costumes and storytelling to describe ceremonial rituals from the Aztec, Michiccan and Guerrero tribes. The troupe's goals are for students to create interest and pride in their own cultural backgrounds and foster a sense of respect for other cultures.

### 6th Grade

On January 6th, the 6th grade will experience the program, Jazz Me Some History, Baby! which explores the sights, sounds and history of jazz music as it both reflected and impacting history.



## Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

A hearty round of applause is due the following for their efforts in planning and executing recent activities and events at SB. Thank you to the 7th Grade Event Committee, Cultural Enrichment Committee, Newsletter Committee, the Halloween Window Painting Committee, the International Club Committee, the Garden Committee, Nutrition Committee, Parent Networking Committee, Lost and Found Committee and R21K Committee.

Special thanks go to the following:

**SB Music Staff** - for the wonderful winter concerts.

**International Club/Committee** - For a very successful International Day.

**Theatre Committee** - For their tremendous hard work with try-outs and rehearsals for Seussical, Jr.



## Calling All Parents Of 8th Graders!

### "What To Expect When You Are Expecting a Greeley Freshman"

Please join us for an informative evening for all SB and Bell 8th grade parents.

Wednesday, January 18th  
7:00 pm  
Bell Auditorium

A panel of experts will answer your questions and give you the inside scoop about freshman year and beyond. Questions can be asked directly to our panel members or submitted in advance to:



[tracy.schaffzin@gmail.com](mailto:tracy.schaffzin@gmail.com) or [juliaabitanta@gmail.com](mailto:juliaabitanta@gmail.com)

Come hear everything you wanted to know about HGHS, but were afraid to ask!

# SB School Calendar

## January 2012




Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	No School Last Day of Vacation	Back to school				
			4	1	2	3
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		Board of Education Meeting 8:15 pm HGHS	Special Ed Committee Meeting - 9:30am		CCW Fall ASP Ends	
		4	1	2	3	4
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Schools Closed Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 		R21K Workshop for 8th Grade Parents 7:00pm	Conversation with SB Administration All Grades-9:30am  Grades 7/8 7:30pm		
			1	2	3	4
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		HGHS Grade 8 Incoming Student/Parent Sports Meeting (at HGHS) 7:30pm	Inclusion in our Schools 7:00pm - SB	SB/Bell Special Ed Transition to HS Parent Meeting 7:30pm HGHS		Quarter 2 Ends
		1	2	3	4	1
29	30	31				
Chappaqua School Foundation Harlem Wizards Game HGHS Gym 1:30pm	Grade 8 Incoming Freshman Student Orientation 11:15am (HGHS)	Board of Education Meeting 8:15pm HGHS				
	2	3				

# SB School Calendar

## February 2011

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

			<b>1</b> Staff Development Day Early Dismissal 12:05 pm <b>4</b>	<b>2</b>  HGHS Grade 8 Incoming Parent Orientation 7:00 pm (snow date 2/7) <b>1</b>	<b>3</b> SB Talent Show 7:30 pm <b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Special Ed Committee Meeting 9:30 am <b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> SB Theatre Company Production 7:30 pm (snow date- 2/12 - 2pm) <b>3</b>	<b>11</b> SB Theatre Company Production 7:30 pm (snow date - 2/11 - 2pm) <b>3</b>
<b>12</b> SB Theatre Company Production 2:00 pm (snow date 2/14 - 7pm) <b>4</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Valentine's Day Celebration & Student/Faculty Basketball Game  <b>1</b>	<b>15</b> SB/Bell Joint PTA meeting 7:30 pm (Bell Aud) <b>2</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
Presidents Day/ Winter Recess Schools Closed						
			Ash Wednesday			
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Bell/SB ASP Registration <b>1</b>	<b>28</b> Board of Education Meeting 8:15 pm (HGHS) <b>2</b>	<b>29</b> <b>3</b>			

## Chappaqua School Foundation Grants

The Chappaqua School Foundation funds innovative programs which enrich learning across all the Chappaqua schools. Previously funded grants at Seven Bridges include the Wind Tunnel, Weather Station, Hydroponics Greenhouse, as well as SMART Boards in Social Studies and the Library Media Center. CSF welcomes grant applications from teachers, administrators, parents, students or any member of our community. If you would like additional information or to submit a grant, please access the grant application at <http://www.chappaquaschoolfoundation.org>.

Submissions should favor collaboration among schools and departments, and directly support the educational objectives expressed in the Mission Statements of the Chappaqua School Foundation and the Chappaqua Central School District. Deadline for grant applications is January 31, 2012.

Please contact the Seven Bridges CSF liaisons if you have any questions regarding grants or if you need assistance with the grant process: Allison Wintner (941-0643/[awinter@optonline.net](mailto:awinter@optonline.net)) or Diane Wendel (238-2227) [DWendel@optonline.net](mailto:DWendel@optonline.net).

## The Harlem Wizards vs. The Chappaqua Challengers

The Harlem Wizards will visit Chappaqua on Sunday, January 29th at 1:30pm, at the Horace Greeley High School gym. Don't miss this annual event, which is always sold out! For advance tickets (\$15 each), send a self-addressed envelope and check payable to the Chappaqua School Foundation, P.O. Box 202, Chappaqua, NY 10514.

Any remaining tickets will be available at the door for \$20 each. Presented by the Chappaqua School Foundation.



## Joint SB/Bell PTA Meeting

Our Middle School PTA meeting will be held on February 15th at 7:30 p.m., in the Bell Auditorium. Come join other Middle School parent for a lively discussion. More information will be coming your way soon.

## PTA Fundraising Update

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Chappaqua PTA's fall fundraising program. Along with membership dues, fundraising helps support the PTA website and email system, the district calendar, and district-wide parent and student programs such as Learning to Look, Young Writers Workshop, and special education and parent education programming.

Sally Foster online gift wrap sales have helped us boost our fundraising dollars by nearly \$1000. You can still place a Sally Foster order by visiting [www.sallyfoster.com](http://www.sallyfoster.com), clicking on "Support a Fundraiser" and entering the Chappaqua PTA's account number (181309).

## Chappaqua PTA Nominating Committee

The Chappaqua PTA Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for a number of PTA positions for the 2011-2012 School Year:

- Chappaqua PTA Vice President;
- Chappaqua PTA Recording Secretary;
- - Greeley PTA Vice Chairperson;
- Bell PTA Vice Chairperson;
- - Seven Bridges PTA Vice Chairperson;
- Grafflin PTA Vice Chairperson;
- Roaring Brook PTA Vice Chairperson;
- Westorcharde PTA Vice Chairperson.

Names may be submitted to your school's Nominating Committee Representative, or by mail to: PTA Nominating Committee, Chappaqua PTA, P.O. Box 5, Chappaqua, NY 10514 or via e-mail: [nominatingcommittee@chappaqua.pta.net](mailto:nominatingcommittee@chappaqua.pta.net). Check <http://www.chappaquapta.net> for more information. All nominations must be received no later than January 14th, 2011.

## Young Writers' Conference For 5th and 6th Graders

Attention 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders: mark your calendars and watch for your registration materials for the 2012 Young Writers' Conference, which will be held on the morning of **Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:45 a.m. to noon** at Bell School. Open to all 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders in the district, this popular event sponsored by the Chappaqua PTA enables students to attend fun and engaging workshops covering many facets of the literary and communications fields.

Registration materials will be mailed in mid-January. Parent volunteers are needed to help on the day of the conference. If you are interested in helping out, please look for the volunteer form in the registration brochure or contact Lisa Zimbalist-Bianchi at [Zimbalistbianchi@gmail.com](mailto:Zimbalistbianchi@gmail.com).



## Information for Inclusion in *Bridges*

If you have information about a school or community related project or activity, event, meeting or fundraiser and would like to include it in the next issue of *Bridges*, please forward a short summary including: date, time, place, participants and purpose, along with contact names to *Bridges* Editors: Michele Gregson, [michelegregson@me.com](mailto:michelegregson@me.com). The deadline for the March/April issue is February 11th.

## In Our Next Issue

Young Writer's Conference

Family Bagel Breakfast

SB International Film Festival

Chappaqua Green Schools Fair

SB Book Fair

## Bridges Staff Members

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## Just One More Thing...

For more information on how to get involved in the SBPTA, contact PTA Chair Kim Logan([7Bridgeshchair@gmail.com](mailto:7Bridgeshchair@gmail.com)) or the PTA Vice-Chair, Suzanne Lindelof. The SBPTA also has grade-level coordinators who are available to answer question and hear your comments, concerns or ideas about specific grade issues. The SBPTA grade-level coordinators are:

### 5th Grade

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