

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MAY/JUNE NEWSLETTER

It is really, really hard to believe that this school year is almost over. We have had a very busy and I think productive year thanks to all our school families. I would like to THANK YOU for allowing me to serve as your President this year. I have learned a lot about how hard it is to run a parish and a school. I have come to value ALL the Board members and school families for their support and encouragement. We would not have the great school and parish community without all of you! I would also like to wish Kris Moore and her Board for next year the Best of Luck in all the events that are already planned. I will remain very involved on the Board as Past President for next year and continue to help where ever I am needed.

As for the events and fundraisers we hosted, the lottery was a great success as was the Mother/Son event at Sports Zone. Unfortunately the River Sharks game was not a sell out and we have picked another game to try to sell remaining 30 tickets. The new date is Sunday June 20th, Father's Day at 1:05 PM. This day is a Family Fun Day and there will be ice cream sundaes after the game. Please call Margie Martin if you want to purchase tickets. It would make a great Father's Day gift! The Rita's Celebrity Scoop night was a great success and everyone seemed to have fun just "hanging out" with friends. Please look for pictures of this event in the back of Church. It was also mentioned in the Catholic Standard last week. Randi Schaller from Rita's said as a whole we were the nicest group she has ever had at Rita's. She also donated the 3 water ice parties that we raffled off that night. Kindergarten, first and fourth grades will enjoy Rita's at school one afternoon. The quart fundraiser was also well received. In total we raised \$625.00 with the 2 Rita's events!! WOW!

Coming up the last week of school will be Field Day. This year it is a half day and Home & School will serve Rita's water ice to all the students and faculty before dismissal. We have also approved funding to have the Math Room painted before school ends. The Challenge Math students figured out square footage of room and calculated how much paint was needed and cost. We will fund the \$160.00 for the paint and the supervised students will paint the room.

Please remember over the summer to continue collecting and saving Box Tops. The first turn in deadline for the fall will be in October. Look for another classroom contest for the most Box Tops. Mrs. Posey's class won both this year, there has to be some competition out there somewhere.

This school year, we have sponsored/hosted so many events and raised enough money to pay \$9,000.00 for the music program, continue with School Reach Program, purchase upgraded memory for the computer lab, purchase all new laser printers for the classrooms, send Mr. Bellantoni to the Principal's conference, provide a program from Briar Bush for the pre-school, purchase DARE t-shirts for the 6th grade, support the Diocesan Capital Campaign, fund all activities for Catholic Schools Week, provide refreshments for several Open Houses, provide breakfast and flowers for Grand Parents Day, advertise in local papers, fund Field Day treat, fund Math Room project. We will also have enough to set aside money for replacement ink cartridges for all classrooms for next year, start up money to fund the Fall events planned, and purchase a math program for students in 4th through 8th grades. With the economy being in such a slump and our fundraising down, I think you should all be commended for being so generous in your support of our school. We couldn't do any of this without YOU!!!

Please have a fun and safe summer and look for OLHC at the Abington Night Out on August 2nd. Again, THANK YOU for all you do to make OLHC THE PLACE YOU WANT TO BE!

Dolly Verdon, Home and School President