

O' Rourke Middle School

President's Piece

Wow, is it really June already??? Where did the year go? Thank you to all of you who so selflessly gave of your time and talents and helped make this a great year for our children. With out our incredible volunteers, we would never have been able to provide programs like: Rec Nights, Odyssey of the Mind, Book Fair, Craft Fair, and I could go on. I have mentioned many times this year how important I believe our "influence" is. Though, I will be passing on the role of president to another, I still intend to use my own "influence" to make a difference here at O'Rourke. I look forward to volunteering myself, and helping the new president and board members in the next school year. I am confident that who ever

takes on the role of president will do so with great success. I know that there is someone in our midst who has ideas, an energetic spirit and a confidence that will energize our PTA and lead us in a new direction, where our gifts and talents will soar.

I honestly don't believe you can say thank you too much, and there are so many of you who deserve to hear those words. It is not as important how much you helped, but the fact that you did that counts. I would like to list everyone who helped this year, but I do not want to accidentally forget someone, so this is to all of you, from membership to sunshine, newsletter to year book, rec nights to staff appreciation luncheon, thank you, thank you so much.

I would like to close with a final thank you to our PTA board: Mary Carrier, Christina Longo Porter, Cheryl Zatt, Kim Sprenger, Don Germain and the many members who regularly attended the meetings and supported me as I tried my best to lead our PTA this year. Each of you used your "influence" and made my year so much more memorable and one I will look back upon with great fondness.

Again, thank you,
Beth McKeone



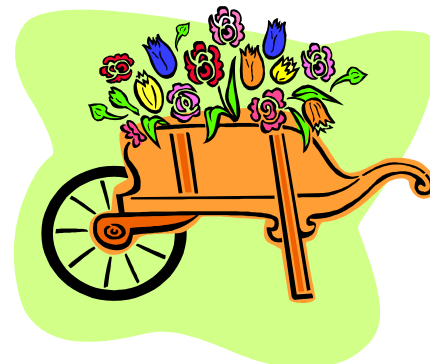
Principal's Corner

As the school year draws to a rapid close, we have many reasons to celebrate a successful middle school experience for our students. They continue to perform at exemplary academic achievement levels, meeting or exceeding all local and state standards of excellence. Approximately 75% of our students participate in extra curricular activities such as athletics and the performing arts, where they

continue to reap the benefits of these outstanding programs. Many individual students and academic teams have received honors for their performance at regional, state and national competitions. The Capital Region Business Review rates us as a District as one of the best in the area, consistently finishing in the top five. This achievement is the result of a community dedicated to

excellence in education for their children. It is the result of highly qualified staff members who are committed to serving the personal needs of each child. It is the result of a strong, well articulated curriculum and program that provide students with a broad learning experience.

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SPECIAL ATTENTION: PURCHASED ENJOY THE CITY COUPON BOOKS HAVE YET TO BE CLAIMED!!!!!!!

Please review the names below, they were listed on order forms from students (no student name appeared on order form) that were never claimed. If you recognize these names as people you ordered for, contact me at 399-7024 so that I can get you your books. They are still good throughout the summer months and into the fall. (Lots of summer fun coupons)

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call. Thank you, Beth McKeone

NAMES ON ORDER FORMS ARE:

1. Ted Merrill, Scotia (1 book to claim)
2. Linda Neals, Michelle Preston, and Amanda Knaggs, All of Scotia (3 books to claim)
3. 3. Karen Grieco, Latham; Nancy Chrysogelus, Albany
And Steve Schwaller of Clifton Park (3 books to claim)
4. Lindsey Renz, Sara Butt (sp?) and Mike Needham all
of Newkirk (2 books to claim)



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Principal's Corner Continued

Congratulations to everyone for embracing educational excellence and supporting one another as we serve our children.

Construction: An extensive construction project will be taking place at O'Rourke this summer beginning on June 25th and continuing into early September. This project includes roofing work, window replacement, HVAC control work, and paving. Due to the expansive nature of this project, the school will be closed for summer activities and programs. Only limited access to the school

will be available during the construction window. The main and guidance offices will be open. However, we are asking that should you need to visit the school to conduct business, please call ahead. Should you have any questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact the main office at your convenience.

