

Sedgwick School Community Newsletter

November 29, 2007

PTF Meeting TONIGHT

The PTF group will meet this evening at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. This is a great way for parents to become involved in the school. Hope to see you there!

Thank You!

Thanks and appreciation is extended to **Anna Fernandez, Sarah Desilvey, Freya Hartmann, Gretchen Cousins, Jennifer Gray, Amy Nowland, Tina Limburner, and Ida Wiesing** who helped serve our wonderful Thanksgiving dinner.

A heartfelt thanks to all the parents who provided excellent snacks for Game Night Plus last Wednesday and to the following individuals who also spent the afternoon with us: **Jennifer Bull, Sarah Desilvey, Gretchen Cousins, Nancy Gale, Amy Nowland, Barbara Allen, Jonathan Allen, Thomas Allen, Bonnie Arendt, Brenda Monteith and Lynnette Grindle.** They were all instrumental in making the afternoon a lot of fun and a success. Parents, thank you, too, for picking your kids up promptly at 3:00 PM. Nobody likes a cranky principal.

Outerwear Donations

If you have winter jackets and/or snowpants that your child has outgrown, you may donate them to the school.

Icelandic Lopi Sweater Raffle

You can still purchase raffle tickets for a hand-knit Icelandic Lopi sweater, size 38/40. It is on display in the school lobby. Contact Beverly Smith at the school or at 359-8895. Tickets: \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. The winning ticket will be drawn December 21.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SEDGWICK

**Coastal Christmas for Kids
Dinner & Music Fund Raiser
Saturday, December 1 - 5:00 PM
(snowdate: December 2)**

This fund raiser directly benefits families in our community by providing them with useful gifts timely to our season.

**PTF Craftmaking
Saturday, December 8
10:00 AM -12:00 PM**

If you have a craft idea or would like to help out with this fun filled event, please contact Gretchen O'Grady at 359-2072.

**Winter Concert
Tuesday, December 11 at 6:00 PM
All Gr. K-4 students &
Gr. 5-8 band & chorus students**

Cookbooks for Sale

If you're looking for a great gift for that special someone, try a school cookbook. The book cost \$10.00 and has many excellent recipes from parents, grandparents, staff and kids. They are available in the school office.

Annual Christmas Party

The Sargentville Thursday Club is making plans for its Annual Christmas Party at the Sargentville Chapel on Friday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m. Invitations were sent to all students in kindergarten through fifth grade. If you wish for your child to attend and have not received a letter, please contact Jan Anderson at 359-8086, so that Santa will have gifts for each attendee. Also, if you know pre-school children who would like to attend, let Jan know.

Thank You for Soccer Gifts ~ Steven and Lisa Theoharidis

We would like to thank the soccer parents and players for their generous gifts, flowers, and goodies. We greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness. We would also like to thank Don O'Grady and John McKechnie for providing dedicated referee support throughout the soccer season.

Budget

Sedgwick Elementary School faces significant budget cuts due to anticipated reductions in state subsidy. Dr. Buckingham prepared a five page memo for the board outlining in some detail the suggested areas to be cut after discussions with staff and parents. At the last school committee meeting the principal presented a list of areas to be cut if the need materialized. These cuts alter the current program and staffing, but may be necessary if there is a significant loss of state subsidy. Staff reductions included combining grades 3 & 4 and 1 & 2 next year and reducing custodial and library time to lower levels. These would be in addition to cuts made to guidance, library, special education, administration and other areas in this school year.

The memo is available on request. Please ask Mrs. Grindle in the office. It will be e-mailed to those of you on our electronic mailing list.

The Week at Sedgwick

Thurs.	PTF Meeting at 6:30 PM
Fri.	End of Trimester 1
Sat.	Coastal Christmas for Kids 5 PM
Mon.	Girl Scouts 3:00-4:30 PM
Tues.	A Teams B Ball @ Brooklin Boys at 3:45 & Girls at 5:15
Wed.	A Teams B Ball vs. BHCS Boys at 4:00 & Girls at 5:30
Thurs.	A Girls & B Boys B Ball vs. DISES Girls at 3:30 & Boys at 5:00

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 - EARLY RELEASE AT 12:30 P.M.