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December 2011 Newsletter

Happy Holidays Hope Valley School Community!

It is hard to believe that the holidays are right around the corner! As we enter this busy season, the PTO wanted to take the opportunity to remind you about our current programs and give you a sneak peek into the activities planned for 2012!

The first movie night featuring “Rio” was a huge success! Over 100 people attended the event and there was a lot of positive feedback about our new projector. Thank you to all of you who attended, baked and especially to Amy Williams for coordinating this special night for our school. We look forward to many more movie nights in the New Year!

The afterschool Art Program was also a big hit! With the talented instructors and access to a variety of materials, many children benefitted from this enrichment opportunity at Hope Valley School! A very sincere thank you to Olga Lerner for organizing this program for our children.

Congratulations again to Hope Valley School for being a recipient of Blue Ribbon Award! The assembly, attended by school faculty and officials, community members, the RI Commissioner of Education and the Director of the Blue Ribbon Program, our beloved Mr. Finlaw and starring the Hope Valley students was an exciting (and press worthy) event here on November 21st. Way to go Hope Valley!

A few notes about our current and ongoing programs:

- **Scrip Gift Cards**- Please keep in mind the Scrip Gift Card program as you complete your holiday shopping. For those families that have not heard about this program, it is a way for you to purchase various gift cards from a variety of retailers and a portion of your purchase goes to the school. It is a great way to get some shopping done and support the PTO at the same time. All orders will need to be placed by 12/14/11 in order to be received for Christmas. Specific details regarding the program, order form and directions are in the flyer that was sent home. Thank you in advance for your participation!
- **Stop and Shop A+ Program**- Please remember to sign up for the Stop and Shop A+ Program. You can sign up online at www.stopandshop.com/aplus. It is an easy (and free) way to support our school!
- **Box Tops**- We are collecting Box Tops *NOW* for the March Madness competition! Please send in the tops trimmed and in groups of 50 labeled with your child’s name and classroom. Thanks!
- **List serve**- If you prefer to receive some of your communication from the school and PTO via email, please update your email preferences on the Chariho website. Please note that you will continue to receive hard copies of some notices (i.e. those that require a response) sent home with your child.

Some things to look forward to in the New Year (if you survive the holidays ☺)...

- Look for information coming home about the next round of the afterschool Art Program that may return in January.
- Family BINGO night is coming on Friday, January 27th! Be sure to mark your calendar! (More information to follow)

- The HOPE Program will return in 2012! This afterschool enrichment program will run for 6 weeks (week of March 6th through the week of April 9th) and offer some old favorites (Nature Nuts, Karate) as well as some new and exciting activities (Biomes, Reading) for our kids. We are still looking for an Art Instructor for the HOPE program, if you know of anyone interested, please contact Tammy Ure at tu028@hotmail.com or 539-0917. And most importantly, the HOPE program relies on volunteers to assist the instructors each week. If are able to help out, please contact Tammy. Look for more details on the HOPE program in the New Year!
- The next PTO meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 19th at 6:30 pm in the school library. Please join us if you can!

Finally, we would like to thank each and every one of the students and families of Hope Valley School for making the first trimester of the year a successful one! We are looking forward to 2012 and excited to offer more activities and programs for our children with your continued support!

Wishing you and yours a happy and healthy holiday season!

Sincerely,

Rachel Marinelli, Erin Anderson, Tammy Ure, Sue Bell and Amy Marcille
Hope Valley PTO Board Members