



# “Happenings”

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*Serving all SJS Families*

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## Home and School “Happenings” Newsletter Debut

This newsletter is brought to all SJS Families with the main purpose to keep all families informed as to the “happenings” with the Home and School Association.

## Leadership Positions Filled

At the beginning of the school year this organization had no leadership – meaning no President, Vice President or Secretary. Fortunately Joanne Blaylock and Pam Perry stepped up and volunteered to be co-presidents. Linda Lytle accepted the position of Secretary. Gina Langin is the Treasurer with assistance with Rich Hopkins from the Business Office.

Before school started this fall Barb Hilton met with Mr. Crum to ensure that committees were in place and the traditional activities were being taken care of. Thanks to Barb for doing all of that.

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## 2010 Fall Fundraiser Facts

**Sarah Pritza – Chair**



The fundraiser for this fall is officially complete.

- The students sold 4626 items either from the brochure or online for a total profit of \$25,472.
- 331 students turned in orders.
- 36 students sold 40 or more items making them eligible for a ride to lunch at Valentino’s in a limo.
- The top seller was the Bybee family who sold 85 items.
- Mrs. Koch’s classroom was the top selling class with \$3494 in sales. The students each received a treat bag and Mrs. Koch received tickets to the Community Playhouse.
- The top four selling classrooms received sky balls to use on the playground. These were rooms 401, 301, 303 and 203.
- John Crosse, the MRZ/Red Apple rep, provided all the prizes, the limousine and lunch for the kids. This helped keep the expenses to \$25.87.

## Fundraiser Delivery Day News

**Bernadine Cutsor – Chair**

Six employees from the Kohl’s store at Eagle Run on Maple volunteered their personal time to come help. In return Kohl’s will donate \$500 to SJS. It’s a pretty good deal and we really appreciated all of their help.



Twenty-two Moms and Dads helped unload the trucks, sort the boxes and distribute boxes to families. A group of Jr. High students helped after school. We also had several families donate drinks and snacks for the volunteers. *Thank you all!!*



## ” “Eagles Wings”

Each month a different grade hosts a luncheon, organized by parents from that grade. Between 70-75 teachers and staff attend each month for great food and fun!

The Birthday Club is a sub-group of Eagles Wings who create gifts for all the teachers and staff, including the pastors and associates. Parent volunteers ensure that the recipient gets their gift on his or her birthday. This year theme is “Popcorn”.



Every year Eagles Wings hosts Staff Appreciation Day. This is a special day where parents provide snacks and drinks in all three lounges at school to show our appreciation for everything they do for the students. Last year’s theme was Mardi Gras since it was during that time frame. This year it is scheduled for February 16, however a theme has not yet been decided.

Also, since Parent/Teacher Conferences are such a busy time at school, Eagles Wings provides food for the dinner hour since the teachers are there so long. This way they don’t have to worry about their evening meal.

In addition, the group acknowledges teachers at events like First Communion and Class Programs with flowers or another token. They also send a special gift or card if someone has a birth, wedding or death in their family.



*This fall Home and School purchased playground balls, hula hoops, jump ropes, soccer balls, 4 square balls, basketballs, Nerf balls, footballs and bags for each class to the put the equipment in. Thanks to Pam Perry for her time to help get these ordered.*

## FEED A NEED

**Feed A Need (FAN) is what “Adopt A School” used to be. It is where area vendors host the school for an event and in return donate a portion of those evenings’ proceeds back to the school.**

**Since most FAN opportunities are restaurant related – there is the FEED. Since the schools needs money to support projects – there is the NEED. Since we are SJS Families – we are all FAN’s!!**

**Previously monies donated have been earmarked for transportation for class field trips. This year funds received from FAN nights will be allocated to the teacher stipends.**

**Proceeds so far from this school year are:  
Godfathers Pizza (108<sup>th</sup> & Maple) - \$60.05  
Runza (172<sup>nd</sup> and Maple) - \$283.79  
Dairy Queen (132<sup>nd</sup> and Maple) - \$115.39**

**Proceeds from Putting Plus (90<sup>th</sup> & Maple)  
Arby’s (90<sup>th</sup> and Maple) are not available yet.**

**Many THANKS to Barb Hilton for being the liaison with the vendors and promotion of the FAN nights!**

## DID YOU KNOW...

~That each year Home and School budgets \$100 stipend per classroom (\$3700 total) for the teacher to use as needed for their room or program?

~Christi Mordesen and Karen Wilmes organize those who volunteer in the cafeteria every day?

~That Barb Hilton puts together the school directory ALL BY HERSELF? (well, with a little help from the office ☺)

~Last year SJS earned \$2300 from Box Tops for Education? That’s a lot of Box Tops!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### FAN NIGHT WITH MANGIA ITALIANA THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4



For location and menu go to <http://www.mangiaitaliana.com/>

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### FINAL DAY TO CONTRIBUTE TO CHRISTMAS APPRECIATION FUND FOR TEACHERS, STAFF AND ADMINISTRATORS. MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Reduce your shopping time!! Contribute today!! Home and School collects donations from all families to purchase HOPE certificates. Gifts range from \$25-50 depending on total amount that is contributed. If you haven't donated, please send your money to school in an envelope marked "Home and School – Christmas Appreciation" or contact Kathy Kloewer at 571-6269.

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### EAGLE'S WINGS LUNCHEON – SPONSORED BY 6TH GRADE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

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### FAN NIGHT WITH HONG HING 90TH AND FORT

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

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### HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING

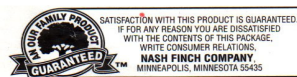
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22 @7PM IN THE MEDIA CENTER AT SCHOOL (AKA SCHOOL LIBRARY)

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### Help Needed Please Christmas is coming....

Home and School is looking for someone to coordinate the Christmas Cookie Project for our SJS Neighbors. This would entail recruiting bakers to donate cookies, purchase materials to assemble the cookie plates, schedule a time and location for the cookies to be delivered and organize parents/students to deliver the cookie plates. 2009 was the first year for this project and it was well received by all the families that live along the streets that border the SJS school property.

## PRODUCT PARTNERS



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Please clip and save the UPC bar codes – that's all we get credit for. Last year we earned \$900!

### Tyson A+ Labels

Each label clipped is worth 24¢ and we can submit 100 at a time.



Proceeds from Our Family and Tyson will be applied toward playground equipment.

### Campbell's Labels for Education

Soup, Spaghetios, and Gold Fish bags – they all have 'em so please clip 'em! Points earned will be used to purchase art and science supplies.

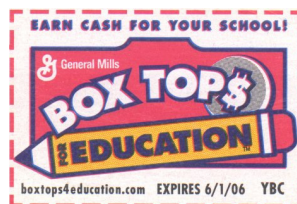
Clip and send in UPCs. See the examples shown below:



### Box Tops for Education

Each is worth 10¢ - and believe it or not – they add up! Find them on cereal, fruit chews, Kleenex, granola bars and many other items.

Funds earned will be applied toward tuition reduction. So far this year 18,600 labels have been turned in, for \$1860.



Land O Lakes® Save Five for Schools



When you buy gallon bottles of Land O Lakes milk, chocolate milk, or orange juice with the "LAND O LAKES® Milk Save Five For Schools™" sticker on the cap, save the caps and turn them in. We can get 5¢ for each cap if we can collect 2,000 or more.

Many Thanks to our **Product Partner Parents** - Patty Bales, Kathy Kloewer, Dale & Sandra Krupka, Linda Lytle and Teresa Maxwell who collect the labels, store them, trim and submit for money or products for the classrooms.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Q. What is Home and School?

*HSA is a parent-run organization that is involved in a number of activities that have a direct impact on our school both financially and functionally. The mission of HSA is to serve as a network of parent volunteers whose purpose is to provide an environment of support and communication between the administration, teachers and students.*

### Q. What is the purpose of the Fall Fundraiser?

*The Fall Fundraiser is the major fundraiser that the Home and School has each year. The amount of funds earned has varied each year. Our goal is typically \$30,000. This year we did not reach that goal. The reasons are many; the number of students/families that participate, the amount of profit that SJS earns from each item sold varies and we are all aware that the current economy has affected how much people are willing to spend. We will be holding cookie sales in March to help reach our \$30,000 goal.*

### Q. What do the profits of the Fall Fundraiser pay for?

*Many things –*

- *Two wireless computer labs.*
- *New gym floor.*
- *Air conditioners for the classrooms.*
- *New table and bench tops for the cafeteria.*
- *Books for the media center.*
- *Lockers for the Junior High.*
- *Equipment for the kitchen.*
- *Desks for the new Kindergarten and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade rooms that were constructed a few years ago.*
- *The clock system in the school (so now all the rooms have clocks with the same time).*
- *This year's funds are earmarked to purchase a new sound system and window coverings to prevent glare in the gym.*

Have a question? Submit them to Home and School either by sending a note to school or an e-mail to:

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### Questions/Comments Regarding HSA?

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Through HSA there are many opportunities to volunteer, for one evening, a small project or a school wide event. If you are interested in volunteering, please send your contact information to our email address or contact any of the officers listed above.



Open positions:

- Coordinator for Fall Fundraiser Delivery Day 2011 (training will be provided)



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January 30 – February 5, 2011