



Chicago Ridge PTA Newsletter - June 2010

The school year is coming to a close and PTA has kept busy with end of school activities. **THANK YOU** for supporting our Spring Vendor/Craft Fair and Scholastic Book Fairs. Many volunteers are needed for these events and we would welcome any members who are interested in being on the PTA executive board next school year.

Recognition and big thanks is extended to Mrs. Donna Ruge for being the PTA President for the last two years. We appreciate her dedication to the children and schools of the Chicago Ridge community!

Returning PTA officers for next year were installed at our last general membership meeting as follows: Our new leader - Mrs. Laura Allen, President; Mrs. Nancy Martinez, Vice-President, Mrs. Sharon Balich, Treasurer, and Mrs. Julie Ruscitti, Secretary.

Every other year, the CR PTA presents a "Lifetime Membership Award" to honor a community member that works in cooperation with the PTA and who has an interest and dedication to the students and families in Chicago Ridge. This year's recipient of the award is Ms. Irene Ciciora, Youth Services, Chicago Ridge Public Library. Congratulations and thanks! The PTA also supported the library's summer reading program with a donation of \$75.

We again sponsored end of the year classroom parties for the elementary schools with a \$10 donation per class. We prepared hot dogs for the Finley Jr. High activities picnic, and distributed freeze pops to student's at all three schools as an end of year treat. The classroom with the most saved labels for education will each get a party from the PTA. The winning classroom at Ridge Lawn was room 209, Mrs. Mizera's class with 1,180 points collected. Mrs. Ambrose's class, room 211, was the runner-up with 998 points. At Ridge Central the winning classroom was room 38, Mrs. Mallo's class with 604 points collected. Mrs. Hammond's class, room 57, was the runner-up with 500 points. Thank you to the families who collected and turned in labels and box tops. These programs directly benefit the Chicago Ridge Schools.

Due to an increase in the State PTA membership dues and a strain in our operating budget, the membership fee for next year will be \$10 per person. Please consider becoming a PTA member in support of what the organization does for the enrichment and safety of school children in this community and around the nation.

HAPPY SUMMERTIME FROM THE CHICAGO RIDGE PTA - ENJOY IT WHILE IT LASTS