

MONHAGEN TIMES

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PARENT'S CLUB LETTER

Dear Parents,

I am writing to invite you all to get involved in the Monhagen Middle School Parent's Club (PTO). Similar to the PTA, except we do not pay a portion of our dues to the national organization.

Melinda Choros has been the Parent's Club President for the past 4 years, keeping the Club's activities going—even when her children moved on to the High School. Her efforts and commitment are greatly appreciated.

The Parent's Club meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 7PM in the school library. Mrs. Sorrentino tries to schedule a speaker each month, bringing important information to our attention. The next meeting is on February 17th and the speaker will talk about Internet Safety. Children are welcome to sit quietly and read if bringing them makes it possible for you to attend.

We are all busy working parents, but if we can get a group of parents together then we can each do a little to bring a lot to our children, teachers and school.

Please come to the Parent's Club meetings and bring your ideas for activities we can work on. Our next activity is the Valentine's Day Dance on February 19 from 7PM to 9PM. We need 6 parents to help chaperone and work at the snack table.

The PTO has an email address which is mmpto@ecsdm.org and if you send me your email address we will be able to communicate easily. Let me know your child's name and their grade as well. I will be attending monthly meetings with Dr. Kenneth Eastwood and other PTO Presidents so email me if you have any questions or concerns that I can bring to his attention. You can also reach me at 342-6399.

Thanks for your time and

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Sincerely,

Leslie Ritter
Parent's Club President

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- > Mid City Bus Company (845) 343-4702
- > Sign Up For School Messenger System
- > Monhagen Information/Emergency Line (845) 326-1829
- > Monhagen Fax Machine (845) 326-1701
- > March 5th Interims
- > Valentine Dance 2/19
- > Monhagen Pops Concert 6:30 PM 3/2

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL
Tracey Sorrentino

1. Honor Roll Ice Cream Social for 2nd Quarter 2/26/10
2. Please remember to update your family emergency form
3. Schools will be closed February 12 & 15
4. Parent Conference Day March 23rd

MONHAGEN DRAMA CLUB
PRESENTS



GREASE

Performances will be held in The Monhagen Middle Auditorium.

Friday, February 26th at 7:00PM

Saturday, February 27th at 7:00PM

Sunday, February 28th at 3:00PM

Directed by:

Antoinette Gravagna

Choreographed by:

Bette Bonitz

Artistic Design by

Janet Andrews-Coyle



THE GREAT MIDDIE GUMBALL CHALLENGE!

Students "chews" good books to read between February 1 and April 15.

If 5000 books are read in each building, a bubble-blowing contest between Mrs. Sorrentino and Mr. Dean will take place Fri-

day, April 16 (the day of Monhagen's Great American Read Aloud). Students will witness the completion both live and via videoconferencing in their respective buildings. Library staff in each building

will track and tally books read. Students will receive a bubble gum scented bookmark and a gumball at the close of the **Big Event**. A Gumball Machine Trophy will be awarded to the school of the winning principal

"Monhagen
Vs.
Twin
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READING RULES FOR CHALLENGE!!

- Challenge is for students only...sorry no staff.
- Students may check out or read a book in Monhagen Library.
- Students may read books checked out from Thrall Library.
- Students may read fiction, non fiction books, graphic novels, comic books and picture books.
- Novels read as a class count.
- Magazines and newspaper do not count.
- Books read before February 1, 2010 do not count.
- Classroom teachers may sign student reading forms for books read pertaining to their discipline.
- English/Literacy teachers and library staff may sign for any book read.
- All reading forms must be returned to library to be included in tally.

