

**Daly HSA General Meeting
March 16th, 2010**

I. Guest Speaker – Dr. Irene Virgilio, Daly PEP (Port Enrichment Program) Teacher

- a. Discussed Enrichment at Daly
 - i. Dr. V does staff development; school-wide enrichment (6wks per class); challenge workshops (3rd and 4th graders at recess – 6 wk. units); core group (students identified by teachers through evaluations).
 - ii. Math Olympiads – open to 4th graders.
 - iii. Challenge Workshops – this is open to 3rd and 4th graders during their recess periods. Kids select the workshops and work in small groups.
 1. Examples of workshops: digital photography, mystery science, science lab.
 - iv. Core Group – children are identified beginning at the end of 2nd grade with a teacher evaluation, which is given again in the beginning of 3rd grade.
 1. Children can also get into Core Group after 3rd grade when their ELA scores are in. The number of children in Core Group increases as the children get into 5th grade.
 2. Core Group enhances and challenges student learning.
 - a. The group meets 2 times a week for 1 hour and 15 minutes each time.
 - b. 5th graders in Core Group put together a Power Point presentation.
 - v. To reach Dr. Virgilio or find out more about the PEP program, you can go online to the District PEP website, or contact Dr. V directly at 767-5214.

II. Budget

- a. Talia Senders – went over the shaded items on the budget as those were the only items that changed since last meeting.
- b. Beth Lipset and Denise DePalma gave an update on the status of our 501(c)(3) incorporation.

III. Fundraising Update – Nancy Haberman, Stefanie Hiller, Sue Jarman, & Melissa Vissicchio

- a. Ongoing Events – Daly Wear, Rebates, Popcorn
- b. Upcoming Events:
 - i. Bar Method – March 25th
 - ii. Spring Plant Sale – April 22 - coincides with Specials Night and Earth Day.
 - iii. Daly Social – April 30th – biggest fundraiser of the year.
 - iv. Long Island Ducks – June 13th – in conjunction with all Port Elementary Schools. Will be held at Nassau Coliseum. Want to sell tickets before break, but sales will be ongoing.

IV. General Update – Beth Lipset and Denise DePalma

- a. Playground Initiatives/Fundraising – Jane Stevens
 - i. Have raised money from magnet sales and bake sales, want to do an auction of artwork at the Go Green Expo, Pledge Drive will begin once we get 501(c)(3) status, have looked into purchasing bricks for donations.
 - ii. Playground Planning – want a natural playground on Avenue C – will be getting designs and prices; want to add equipment to the Rockwood Avenue playground.
- b. Outreach
 - i. Haiti – being coordinated by a parent with connection to a school there. Some of the money from talent show will go towards this.
 - ii. Spring Clothing Drive – March 22nd-26th. Volunteers are needed to sort and hand out clothes. Contact Kimberly Siciliano or Andrea Boico.
 - iii. Talent Show – March 19th – coordinated by the Daly Paraprofessionals. Funds go to Habitat for Humanity – Haiti and Playground.
 - iv. Nutrition Week – March 15th-20th.
 - v. Math Night – April 8th
 - vi. Specials Week – How children play in countries around the world.
 1. April 19-23rd – contact Sheryl Spring at Sheryl@springroc.com to volunteer.
 - v. Staff Appreciation Luncheon – May 13th – need volunteers to help cook and clean.
 - a. Contact April Furst or Susan Edelblum.
 - vii. Go Green Expo – May 13th in the evening – taking place in conjunction with Compact Science Night – will highlight the green efforts in our town.
 - viii. Visitor’s Day – May 14th
 - ix. Budget Forums – cancelled – Next Meeting May 11th to have a discussion of the budget. Guest speaker: Mary Callahan will speak about the budget.

V. Community Updates

- a. Note New Testing Schedule Sent Out:
 - i. 3rd Grade: April 26-27; May 5-6
 - ii. 4th Grade: April 28-30; May 7-11; May 24-27; June 1-3; June 7th
 - iii. 5th Grade: November 16-17; April 26-27; May 5-6.
- b. Parent Council – Friday, April 23rd, 9:30am
- c. AGATE – see website for updated information (agatepw@gmail.com), Monday April 19th.
- d. SEPTA – see website for updated information (septapw@aol.com), Thursday, April 15th.
- e. Board of Education Meeting – March 23rd, 8pm