

Daly HSA General Meeting
September 21st, 2010

- I. Welcome Back and Welcome Principal Graves – Denise DePalma and Lilie Charno.
- II. Principal Remarks and Q & A – Principal Drew Graves
 - a. Introduction – Prior to coming to Daly, Mr. Graves was the Assistant Principal in the William Floyd School District. There were 850 students in his school, 50% of whom received free and reduced lunch. Before that, he was a teacher for 4th-6th grade students in an inclusion class.
 - b. Dismissal Procedures – due to parental concern, dismissal procedures are going to be looked at closely. May create a parent sign-out room. Parental feedback is welcomed.
 - c. Test Scores – the test scores went out last Thursday. They will be reviewed and discussed at the Nov. 9th meeting. Detailed score reports will be sent out from BOCES in October. The State changed cut off points between 2, 3, and 4 from last year, so teachers and administrators will be looking at how children compared to the old cut-offs.
 - d. Theme of the Year – was determined by Mrs. Ajello, was to be “Daly Takes Responsibility”. Thinking about changing the wording to “Daly Steps Up”.
 - e. Words of Wisdom – Each morning will begin with a quote from a famous person about responsibility, respect, honesty, etc. The whole school community is invited to sign up for a day to read the morning announcements (including parents).
 - f. Pledge of Allegiance – Students will be reading this over the loudspeaker.
 - g. Port Washington Children’s Center – After school program will be at Daly this year due to roof repairs at Sousa. It will run from 2:45-6pm, and will use the back of the building.
 - h. Quote of the year: “Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success”. Henry Ford
 - i. Home/School Partnership – Mr. Graves has an open door policy and encourages everyone to participate in the HSA.
- III. Budget – Talia Senders
 - a. The budget runs from September-August. The income side is everything we do to make money, and the expense side is everything we use the money for.
 - b. Went over line by line.
 - c. Vote on approval of giving \$5,000 to playground fund from last year’s profits – passed.
 - d. Vote on overall budget for 2010-2011 – passed.
- IV. General Update – Denise DePalma and Lilie Charno
 - a. 501 (c)(3) status – approved in June. It will have an impact of contributions to Daly, as people will be able to write off donations, and

companies will be able to do corporate matching. People need to keep their cancelled checks as receipts.

- b. Playground Update – Meeting on Oct. 14th
 - i. Lower playground – Avenue C – had outdated equipment. Will focus on raising money to design the playground and buy equipment. Want it to be a “natural” playground. Will have traditional equipment with a natural feel.
 - ii. Design plans will cost between \$5,000-\$10,000. Then we will mark fundraising dollars to acquire specific equipment.
- c. Website Update – DalyHSA.org – also linked to Portnet site. Want more communication to be made through the website.
- d. Volunteers are needed – please sign up in the purple book.
- e. Upcoming Events:
 - i. Sept. 23rd – 9:30 am – Committee Chair Meeting
 - ii. Sept. 30th – 7:00pm – Open House
 - iii. Oct. 29th – 2:00pm – Halloween Parade
 - iv. Oct. 1st – Friday – first Popcorn and Spirit Day (wear Daly shirt to school)
- f. Please note that blue flyers that are sent home are from the HSA.
 - i. We are trying to create a one flyer per family policy, so each family only gets one flyer, regardless of the # of kids they have.

V. Fundraising Updates

- a. Gift Wrap – deadline is Monday, Sept. 27th – may extend it another week.
- b. Retail Gift Cards – Oct. 22nd deadline – make checks to Daly HSA Inc.
- c. Rebates – make sure to re-register for Stop n’ Shop cards, and to register for Target if you haven’t already (no need to re-register for Target). This fundraiser begins Oct. 1st.
- d. Upcoming Fundraising Events:
 - i. Oct. 15th – Pumpkin Sale – asking for people to send in reusable bags to carry home pumpkins.
 - ii. Oct. 19th – Picture Day
 - iii. Oct. 25-29th – Book Fair

VI. Community Updates

- a. Pride in Port – Oct. 2 – meet behind Carlos to march as a school.
- b. AGATE – see website for updated information (agatepw@gmail.com)
- c. SEPTA – see website for updated information (portsepta.org), Tuesday, Sept. 28 – 11:00am – breakfast at Ayhans Fish Kebab.
- d. PWEF (Port Washington Education Foundation) – Mara Silverstein
 - i. 8th Annual Grant Awards Ceremony – Thursday, Oct. 21 at 3:30 in the Slade Performing Arts Center at Schreiber (behind the auditorium). Please come to learn first-hand about the projects in your schools and the grant recipients who created them.
 - ii. The PWEF Amazing Race – Saturday, Oct. 23rd at 6:00pm – begins at Om Sweet Om. This is a really fun adult scavenger hunt.

Teams will stop at designated merchants along Main Street and up Campus Drive to perform fun tasks (not all are athletic). Teams can be 5 or more people and it's \$75 per person. Sponsorship opportunities are available. You can sign up as a team or be assigned to a team. No cars or wheels of any kind are allowed.

- iii. Two charity shopping days coming up. Oct. 3rd at Lord and Taylor, and Oct. 20-21st at Bloomingdales. Tickets are \$5 for Lord and Taylors, and \$10 for Bloomingdales.
- iv. Grant applications will be distributed in January, and there will be more information about applications later in the fall.
- e. Parent Council – October 18 – 9:30am – PW Public Library. Stephanie Joannon will talk about how to discuss drugs and alcohol with your kids.
- f. Board of Education Meetings – Oct. 5th, Nov. 2nd – 8:00pm – Schreiber Auditorium.
- g. Next HSA Meeting – Nov. 3rd – 10:30am (discussing the hazards of texting while driving), and Nov. 9th – 8:00pm (will review test scores).