



Sea Gate Elementary School

“2008 National Blue Ribbon School”

PTO Newsletter



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Happy New Year!!!

The PTO welcomes back our students, families, teachers & staff for an exciting new year! Thank you for all your support so far this year! Last month’s Sea Gate night at CPK raised \$400. **Next up, fun and food at Red Brick Pizza on Thursday, Feb. 16.** Red Brick Pizza, owned by the **Trombino** family, will donate 20% of food & drink purchased that day to Sea Gate. Come on out and support your school! Be sure to mention Sea Gate when you order. Enjoy karaoke and a book reading/signing in the courtyard. Thanks **Alicia Kelley**, for organizing these fun events! Lastly, openings exist on next year’s PTO Board—please see **Michelle Lippert** for more details.



Walk-a-Thon

The **Seahorse Sunset Shuffle** will be Friday, March 16, at 5 p.m. We will walk the scenic 2-mile round trip route from Sea Gate to Clam Pass. Lots of fun activities are planned back at school, including dinner, silent auction, cookie walk, book signing and more. Many volunteers are still needed. Contact chairperson **Lisa Mair** at **293-0534** or at **lisamair@yahoo.com**. Also, if you would like to donate a service or item to the silent auction, please contact Lisa. **Join us on January 31 to assemble pledge envelopes for students to take home.** Walk-a-Thon is always great fun for our families & friends—mark your calendars and see you on the boardwalk!!

Grandparents Week



Grandparents Week will kick off on January 23rd and run all week. We encourage grandparents and special visitors to come for lunch with their Sea Gate grandchildren. Lunch with Kindergartners will be Monday, 1st graders on Tuesday, 2nd graders on Wednesday, 3rd graders on Thursday and 4th/5th graders on Friday. Check with your student’s teacher for their correct lunch time on your day. Lunch can be purchased by visitors for \$3 or you can bring lunch in. If you have questions or would like to help, please call **Stephanie Waltebillig** at 435-9970 or **Emily De St. Pierre** at 592-5390. We need parking lot help, lunch greeters & beverage and snack servers in the cafeteria. See you there!

*The next **PTO meeting** will be held on Monday, February 13, followed right after by a presentation for parents to learn more about an exciting enrichment opportunity for their children. Information will be discussed on several new websites that are both engaging and motivating for children. Come learn more about these new educational tools. You’ll be glad you did!*

*Keep those General Mills **Box Tops** coming in! We received a check from Box Tops for \$1,700 so far this year. Thanks, **Sarita Castillo**, for overseeing this great program to raise funds for Sea Gate! Our goal this year is \$3,000. Last month’s winner was Mrs. Pitt’s 5th grade class. Clip those coupons and send them in by Jan. 31!*

Special Treats

Teachers and staff enjoyed breakfast at school after the holiday break on Wednesday, Jan. 4, put on by the PTO. Next up, the popular “Souper Staff Day” on Friday, Feb. 3. Please bring in your crock-pots/warmers of soup (or salads/sandwiches) for our teachers & staff to enjoy at lunch. Please have them to school by 10 a.m. Sign up in the office, or call **Kim Miller** at **514-7380** if you can bring something in for our Super Staff.

Yearbook

All 5th grade baby photos are due now, so please send those in to the front office. Contact **Diana Bird** with questions at DBIRD5221@gmail.com. The yearbook is wrapping up and looks to be another great book!! Ads are also due—look for info to come home soon. Thanks to Diana and her volunteers for another great effort. Look for Diana as paparazzi during Grandparent's Week!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

1/13 EARLY RELEASE
Student led conferences
for grades 2-3
1/16 & 17 NO SCHOOL
1//23 Grandparents Week
2/3 Souper Staff Day
2/8 EARLY RELEASE
2/13 PTO Meeting
2/16 Red Brick Pizza Night

*Everblades Hockey Night at Germain Arena will be on Saturday, January 28, at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$12.50 and are still available through **Carole Flegel** at **643-0491** until Jan. 25. Sea Gate has purchased a block of 200 seats, so come on out and enjoy a great night with other Sea Gate families. Pine Ridge Middle School will be there that night, too. It will also be fun to watch **Nate Zeitler** ride the *Zam-boni*! Thanks, Carole, for organizing this fun Sea Gate evening!*

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Enrichment Update

The very popular **Florida Studio Theatre** was just here, presenting skits and holding playwriting workshops for our 4th and 5th graders. This theatre group visits every year and does a great job. On January 30, popular story teller **Jim McKenna** kicks-off 4 days of entertaining book reading at Sea Gate. Also, plans are being finalized for all grades to visit the Golisano Children's Museum when it opens in March, and all grades continue to visit the Naples Museum of Art. Thanks, **Karen Hanlon**, for coordinating these terrific programs. And, we report that the Organic Garden is doing great!

Publishing Center

Lhara Hintz, Publishing Center Coordinator, reports that the Publishing Center is running smoothly, with several volunteers using the center and its equipment to publish books for our students. Any questions, call Lhara at 293-3694. The Publishing Center is located in the PTO office, Room 1-108.

Treasurer's Report

In December, the PTO presented each Sea Gate teacher with \$50 to use in his/her classroom; we purchased Seat Saks for all second graders; we funded \$1,700 in gift cards for our families in need; AND we funded a technology pilot program with 13 MOBI's, an interactive tool the teachers love already. Exciting ways your PTO dollars help our school! If you have any questions about the PTO budget and expenditures, contact **John Moll**, PTO Treasurer, at jmm1603@hotmail.com. John presents PTO financials at each meeting—come learn about where your PTO dollars are being spent.

*Special thanks to the **Waldorf Astoria Naples** (formerly the **Naples Grande**) for allowing us to host our PTO holiday breakfast in their lovely resort. Good food and holiday fun was had by all!*

If you would like to include an item in the PTO newsletter, please call **Lisa Trebilcock** at 597-5077.

Business Name

This year's **Movie Night** showing "Kung Fu Panda" will be on Friday, Feb. 20. from 6 to 9 p.m., including dinner, crafts & more. The cost is \$25 per child, or \$50 for 2 or more children (all must be Sea Gate students). All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society and Relay for Life. Call **Cynthia Dreyfuss** at 417-8510 or see teacher **Laura Burke** (co-chairs) if you can help. Look for info to come home soon.