

DRES PTO NEWSLETTER

December
2011

Happy Holidays! Wishing you peace, health and happiness throughout

BINGO!



It was a wonderful evening of fun and games at Family Bingo Night. Thank you to all who participated, volunteered and donated at the event. **Our goal was to earn \$800 for the school. Our actual earnings were \$1275!** Please be sure to visit the businesses below or thank the individual raffle prize donors!

2nd, 3rd & 6th Grade- The Deep River Toy Company
4th Grade- Movie Night Bucket
5th Grade- North Cove Outfitters
Adams Supermarket
Anchor & Compass
Appleby Plumbing
Auto Plus/ACME
Tom Albin, Westbrook Honda
The Beauty Barn
Dr. Thomas Brady
The Brown Eyed Girl
Celebrations
The Chowder Pot III
Courtside Café
Mr. & Mrs. Courtmanche
Deep River Hardware
Deep River Constable
Deep River Park & Rec. Program
Deep River Rent All
DiVinci's Pizza
Dooney & Burke
I Found Fitness
Interstate Battery
Ivortyton Playhouse
Cathy Kehlenbach
Leatherman
Old Saybrook Sandwich Company
Pet's choice
Dr. Pietrick
The Barber Shop
Starbucks
Staples
Squared Circle Studio
Susanne Cristan
The Sweet Shoppe
Tiberios Restaurant
Valley Shore YMCA
The Whistle Stop



Up-Coming Events/ Important Dates

12/9: Early Dismissal

12/9: Student Council **COLORCLASH** & **Cookie Platoon**. Remember to dress children in the color for their grade and bring in cookies for our troops!

12/12-16: Holiday Fair

12/16: **DEADLINE**: Mitten Tree Donations

12/16: Holiday Craft Making Evening- Deep River & Chester Elementary Schools. 6-9pm
Chester Elementary School Gymnasium

12/21: Hanukkah

12/21: Winter Solstice

12/23: Early Dismissal

12/26-1/2: Holiday Vacation- **Enjoy!!**

1/3: Back to School

1/10: PTO Meeting, 7pm DRES Library

1/16: No School-Martin Luther King Day

1/17: No School- Professional Development Day



Winter Enrichment Programs

Look for paperwork for **Winter After-School Programs** within the next few weeks.

Winter Session: Jan. 22- Mar. 5th
Spring Session: April 15th- May 21

If you are interested in running a volunteer after-school program or have an idea for a topic/program, please contact Enrichment Chair, Elizabeth Salemi at 526-1330 or salemiem@comcast.net

Shop at Stop & Shop and earn Cash for DRES!



The PTO has added the Stop & Shop Reward Program to our fundraising!

Simply register your card at www.stopandshop.com/aplus

or

1-877-275-2758

Use school id # 11128

Attending to this simple process makes a huge difference to our school.

We need your support!

Chorus Cares!

Come watch the 3-6 grade chorus students perform their *2nd Annual "Chorus Cares" Winter Concert*. They will raise their voices in song, in hopes that you will help them raise donations, in the form of gifts, for the children in the shoreline area who are less fortunate.

Admission is free but they are asking those who can to donate one new, unwrapped toy to make a local child's holiday season a littler brighter.

Come listen to over 160 children's voices and participate in a holiday sing-a-long!

What better way to bring cheer as we head into the holiday season?

CHORUS CARES!

December 13th

7pm

**Deep River
Elementary School**



November Books for Birthdays Recipients

<u>Book</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Donor</u>
<i>Judy Moody Girl Detective</i>	<i>Emma King</i>	<i>The King Family</i>
<i>Pixie Trick Double Trouble Dwarfs</i>	<i>Katherine Morrissey</i>	<i>Miriam, Dan, Madeline & Jonah Morrissey</i>
<i>Hothead</i>	<i>Zachary Gilbert</i>	<i>Mom & Dad</i>
<i>Otis</i>	<i>Tommy Rapp</i>	<i>Jeanie and Jonathan Rapp</i>
<i>Kitty Corner Duchess</i>	<i>Violet Lavezzoli</i>	<i>The Lavezzoli Family</i>
<i>Golden & Grey Nightmares that Ghosts Have</i>	<i>Macklin Miezejeski</i>	<i>Alan, Laura & Liza Miezejeski</i>
<i>Wait Til Helen Comes</i>	<i>Addie Byars</i>	<i>Cassie Pallon</i>
<i>Catching Fire</i>	<i>Addie Byars</i>	<i>Jenn & Tim Byars</i>
<i>Gilbert Goldfish Wants a Pet</i>	<i>Mia Alio</i>	<i>Christine Alio</i>
<i>Dolphin Tale The Junior Novel</i>	<i>Corinne Fowler</i>	<i>Stacey & James Wells</i>
<i>The Battle of the Red Hot Pepper Weenies and Other Warped and Creepy Tales</i>	<i>Michael Roise</i>	<i>Michelle Roise</i>
<i>Lego Harry Potter & Star Wars Character Encyclopedia</i>	<i>Bo Cain Zanardi</i>	<i>Erin Cain</i>
<i>National Geographic Little Kids 1st Big Book of Dinosaurs</i>	<i>Aulden DeLano</i>	<i>Dad</i>
<i>Waiting for Normal</i>	<i>Ava McLachlan</i>	<i>Ava McLachlan & family</i>

Happy Birthday to All!

Holiday Craft Making **Friday Dec. 16, 6-8 pm** **Chester Elementary Gym**



This year we will be joining Chester Elementary School for a wonderful craft night for kids. Children will make holiday ornaments, crafts and decorations. This is a not a fundraiser, just a night for kids to get out and make fun handmade things at various craft tables. It is organized and run by parent volunteers.

Volunteers are welcomed in the following areas:

1. Crafter volunteers to run a craft table
2. Helper volunteers to assist crafters
3. Craft ideas --even if unable to do craft personally!
4. Donations of supplies
5. Donations of snacks

If you have questions, a craft idea, would like to organize a craft or have materials that can be used for a craft, please contact Sarah Gustafson-Spaner (sarahprints@yahoo.com).

**All ages welcome to this fun,
festive evening!**



We have been asked to remind all those who drive children to school to please not park in the drop off zone. This creates backups and delays. If you want to park your car please do so in parking areas.

Thank you!

PTO Budget Update

The DRES PTO passed the 2011-2012 budget at our November meeting. We plan to raise over \$14,000 to enhance the Deep River Elementary School community. The money is used to pay for Cultural Arts programs, grade level field trips, Field Day, 6th Grade graduation, the PTO Directory, Yearbooks, and more.

As of Oct 31:

Income: \$10,761

Expenses: \$5,422,65

The budget is available and reviewed at each meeting. If you have any questions regarding the PTO budget, please contact the PTO Treasurer, Doug Gingrave or any other PTO Board member.

The PTO Food Drive collected 474 items.

Thank you to all who donated!

If you weren't able to donate during the drive, please remember that you can drop off items at the Tri-Town Building behind the school.

It's been a tough year for many families- every donation helps!

Contact Us!

If you have any questions about PTO activities, feel free to email us drespto@dres.k12.ct.us or drop a note into the PTO mail box in the teachers lounge. We will be updating the DRES PTO webpage, which is on the DRES website (<http://www.dres.k12.ct.us/>) under the Our Schools tab and the Deep River Elementary School Tab, on a regular basis. Please check back there for more information about DRES PTO activities in the future.