



Used Goods Drive Beats Goal & Earns Cash!

We beat our goal of over 200 bags. In fact, we collected over 2000 lbs. of goods and earned \$567.00 from our inaugural Used Goods Drive! The money will go toward funding cultural arts programs such as the Day of the Arts afternoon performance, library story-tellers, the Hartford Stage visiting teaching artists and more.

Thank you to everyone who participated. We plan to hold another "Spring-Cleaning" drive this spring. Please start saving your goods now! Hopefully we can double our earnings!

An additional, special thank you to **Calamari Recycling** for donating the storage container!

Donations Still Sought....

We are looking for [Raffle Items](#) for Bingo Night. These items could come from individuals or businesses. Past donations include: gift cards, handmade baskets and gift certificates.

For more info please contact Bingo Chair, Jim Delano at 227-1159

All PTO functions and events are supported by donations and volunteer time. Thank you in advance for any donations and time you can provide!



Up-Coming Events/ Important Dates

11/10: 9:30am Veterans Ceremony
DRES

11/10: Early Dismissal

11/11: No School

11/14: 7pm. 'Talking about the Pre-School Years'. Full day kindergarten will be a topic. Chester Elementary School

11/17: 7pm. DRES Board of Education Meeting. DRES Library

11/10-17: PTO Food Drive. Bring items into school to donate to the local food bank.

11/18: Family Bingo Night. All ages welcome for bingo, snacks, prizes, raffles and more. JWMS

11/23: Early Dismissal

11/24 & 25: Thanksgiving Recess

12/1: Joint BOE Meeting. 7:30pm JWMS

12/9: Early Dismissal

12/12-16: Holiday Fair

12/21: Winter Solstice

12/23: Early Dismissal

12/26-1/2: Holiday Vacation

1/3: Back to School



Winter Enrichment Programs Coming Soon

The DRES 2011/2012 Enrichment Program has been launched. Look for paperwork for winter session within the next few weeks.

If you weren't able to sign up for the first session of activities please look for the next set of offerings:

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



Did you know....

- That Bingo Night is for all ages? It's a family event with pizza, baked goods, raffles for all ages and of course BINGO! Some examples of past raffle items are: iPods, scooters, family dinner gift certificates, gift baskets and more! Bring the whole family and join the fun!

Bingo Night Fundraiser
November 18th
JWMS
6pm

PTO Food Drive November 10th-17th

Please bring non-perishable items into your child's classroom or place in boxes in the hallways. In addition to food, items such as shampoo, razors, and soap are also needed and accepted.

Volunteers are needed from 3-4pm on Thursday Nov. 17th to help load and sort food. Children welcome! Meet in the hallway outside of the library.



The Goal is 650 items!

A Dragon cake with wings, a cake in the shape of a Pumpkin?

That was the scene at the Fall **Book Fair** and **Cake Walk!**

The two events raised a total of \$2000.00. Thank you to volunteers who helped with the book fair and to those who provided the cakes. We will do it again in the Spring!



October Books for Birthdays Recipients



<u>Book</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Donor</u>
<i>Big Nate Strikes Again</i>	<i>Christopher Morales</i>	<i>Mom & Dad</i>
<i>Olive's Ocean</i>	<i>Francesca Pisanzio</i>	<i>The Pisanzio Family</i>
<i>Maximum Ride School's out Forever</i>	<i>Tyler Colvin McCormick</i>	<i>Wendie Colvin</i>
<i>Otis</i>	<i>Jaden Barclay</i>	<i>Chris Barclay</i>
<i>Star Wars Anakin in Action</i>	<i>Russel Wills</i>	<i>With Love, Mom & Andrew</i>
<i>Magic Treehouse Fact Tracker Dog Heroes</i>	<i>Elizabeth Tulledge</i>	<i>Sarah Tulledge</i>
<i>The Buddy Files: The Library Monster</i>	<i>William McLachlan</i>	<i>William McLachlan & Family</i>
<i>Birdie's Big Girl Dress</i>	<i>Charlotte Jacobson</i>	<i>The Jacobson Family</i>

Happy Birthday to All!

What Happens at PTO Meetings?

We often get the question “Why should I come to a PTO meeting?”

PTO Meetings are held once per month as a venue for the DRES public to learn about what the PTO is doing to support the school.

The agenda always includes:

- Presidents Report
- Secretary Report
- Treasury Report
- Fundraising Report
- Principals Report
- Board of Education Report

In addition, we review old business and new business. Some items might include: upcoming events, requests for volunteers, request for feedback on spending priorities, suggestions for fundraising etc.

These meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Library. We encourage new people and feedback. All are welcome!

Unable to Volunteer or Participate in Fundraising?

You may make a contribution directly to the PTO in lieu of volunteering or participating in fundraisers. Simply send a check made out to the DRES PTO to:

**Deep River Elementary School,
12 River Street, Deep River CT
06417
Attn: PTO**

Your tax deductible contribution will be acknowledged with a letter.

What's coming up This Year?

During the summer and fall, the PTO coordinates with the faculty at DRES to plan activities for the year. Below are some exciting activities to look forward to:

- *Hartford Stage Visiting Artists*
- *Library Story Tellers*
- *Day of the Arts Visiting Artists*
- *Day of the Arts School Assembly*
- *Thula Sizwe Dance Troop*

In addition, the PTO is behind the scenes supporting various school related items such as:

- *Providing extra clothing for nurses office*
- *Assistance with purchase of Band parade uniforms*
- *Supplementing teaching costs for enrichment programs*
- *Supplementing Field Trips*
- *Purchasing teacher/parent communications folders*

These programs and behind the scenes activities allow us to support and enrich our school. *We appreciate your continued support of fundraising efforts that make this possible.*

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.