

Annual Report

Hopkinton Parent Teacher Association

2009 - 2010

The HPTA Mission

To support the enrichment and betterment of the Hopkinton Public Schools through direct volunteers and donations and by providing a forum of communication between parents, teachers, administrators and community.

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**Hopkinton Parent Teacher Association
Town-wide Board Members
2009-2010**

HPTA Town Board Positions	Name
President	Cindy Bernardo
Vice-President	Karen Sylvester
Treasurer	Jenni Schroeder
Assistant Treasurers	Vicki Holt and Lisa Yaggy
Secretary	Madelyn Joyce
Communications	Amy Ritterbusch
Membership	Liz Pomeroy
School Council Coordinator	Cate Doherty-Waldeck
Preschool Liaisons	Marsha Birtwistle and Michelle McGowan
Scholarship	Jen Blake
Hospitality	Laurie Sullivan and Donna Hawkins
Parent Programs	Meg Parduhn and Lee Burns
Grant Writing	Esther Driscoll
Source Book	Amy Ritterbusch
Runner Co-Editors	Jill Delasco and Jim Montalto
Town-Wide Reporter	Jean Cann
Photo Editor	Bernadette Markey
Reflections	Selina Paolucci and Deb Kelly
Hopkinton Heroes	Jane Wojcik
Webmasters	Amy Ritterbusch and Jim Montalto
Signs and Banners Coordinator	Robin Doherty
Wish List Coordinator	Celine Chabot O'Rourke
Fundraising Chair	Cindy Bernardo
Creative Team Coordinators	Clare Kirk and Christy Mahoney
Media Liaisons	Julie McNamara and Lisa Hicks
Corporate Programs Coordinator	Cindy Bernardo
Wellness Coordinators	Deborah Dionne and Mary Mann

The Hopkinton PTA: An Overview of the Organization and Its Role

The goals of the Hopkinton Parent Teacher Association (HPTA) are to support the enrichment and betterment of the Hopkinton public schools through direct service volunteer work, advocacy and donations. The HPTA also provides a forum for communication among parents, teachers, administrators and the community. For the 2009/2010 school year, the HPTA plans to directly contribute over \$135,000 to education through the Hopkinton public schools. In addition, HPTA members will complete hundreds of volunteer hours assisting with a variety of education-related needs.

The HPTA is a town-wide organization of parents, teachers and other community members. Our HPTA has a Town-wide Board, which focuses on system-wide fundraising, parent education, communication (such as our online blog, website, eflyers and weekly correspondence to our members), and teacher support (i.e., classroom materials and special event planning). Specific needs of each school are addressed via school-based co-Vice Presidents who lead a school-based board and represent their school on the Town-wide Board. These school-based boards focus on their school's activities and needs such as enrichment programs, extracurricular activities and volunteer help. Each board recruits volunteers as needed and determines how their HPTA school budget should be allocated.

Volunteers are the heart and soul of the HPTA. Their energy and talent know no limits! Each year new members add to the creativity and direction of the organization. The HPTA is an ever-changing organization – one that adapts to the evolving needs of the school system and one that welcomes fresh perspectives and ideas.

Fundraising enables the HPTA to fully carry out its mission. Proceeds go into the general HPTA budget, from which funds are then allocated based upon input from our members, the HPTA Board, the Superintendent of Schools, and the School Principals. An underlying philosophy is that the funds be used to support ALL Hopkinton students. The individual HPTA school-based boards receive 45% of the budget and, with the approval of the town-wide board, allocate the funds as needed. The remaining 55% of the HPTA funds are used for system-wide activities such as technology, professional development, scholarships and parent programs.

This structure has been in place since the early 90's but parental involvement in Hopkinton schools goes back even further. Prior to the formation of the HPTA, the Hopkinton Home School Association (HHSA) served students at Center and Elmwood schools (at that time, Kindergarten through sixth grade) and later a separate Parent Support Organization (PSO) evolved to serve middle and high school. As the town grew, individuals active in school-related affairs devoted time and energy to determine how to best meet the needs of a changing town. In the early 90s, it was decided to merge the HHSA and the PSO and form a town-wide PTA. The national PTA viewed a town-wide PTA as somewhat unusual but town activists stressed the desire to keep cohesiveness to our school system. It was also felt that a PTA membership would help our schools be aligned with a national organization that provides greater access to resources and materials. Since that time, the HPTA has been able to budget over **\$2,019,507** for the Hopkinton School System.

The Year in Review

The HPTA has been able to accomplish so much this year because of our amazing volunteers. Thank you!

We started last summer with the help of our tech friends to decide what online registration system to purchase that would meet all of the HPTA's needs. After much review, we decided on League Athletics' package to offer our members an online registration tool that would provide the ability to sign their children up for their extracurricular classes, their membership, to volunteer in the schools, fill out surveys, and purchase items from our store and various fundraisers. We have received amazing reviews from our members and the community on its ease of use and convenience. This was a HUGE improvement from everything being completed by hand and paper.

Our theme this year was "Teacher and Parents – Partners in Education" - working together with our teachers to ensure we meet the needs of our children throughout the year. From the monthly meetings with their principals and attending staff/team meetings throughout the year, our School Based VPs were able to receive direct feedback from the teachers on their needs in the classrooms.

We partnered with many organizations this year to create a more community feel to the HPTA. We worked with the HAA and sold marathon merchandise, combined our Mini Marathon with the Sharon Timlin Race, co-ran the HopSwap with the Mom's Club and co-ran the Spelling Bee with the HEF. We look forward to working with more organizations next year.

We combined many great programs for our parents this year with our General Meetings including our back to school meeting where we had a local nutritionist come and speak about "Fueling our Kids for School and Sports". We had two local community members present "A Historical Look of Hopkinton" which was amazingly informative at our job fair in February. And a HPTA volunteer provided our members with a look on "Building the Next Green Generation" which explained what things we put into and on our bodies that are not healthy for us amongst many other things. We also brought back our Hopkinton Heroes program and awarded 13 different heroes this year ranging from Boy Scout and Girl Scout leaders, big sisters, police officers and teachers.

Our year would not be complete without the tireless but fruitful work of our fundraising. We had some really great new events this year, like the Bottle/Can Drive, Chili Cook-Off, Carnival, Lord & Taylor event and 'Are You Smarter than A 4/5th grader?' We also brought back many of our tried and true events as well like the Silent Auction, Online Auction, Wizards, NSTAR sale, SchoolKidz and so many more. With the help of these events and so much more, we are able to provide **over \$135,000** to the Hopkinton schools this year.

With the use of an online survey and the support of our Executive Board, the HPTA is able to provide **\$33,000** towards technology for the district. This money will support at least one Smartboard for every building next year and an Apple laptop cart with 30 laptops for the High School. We are also providing **\$11,000** for Professional Development to support the district's Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum. Included in the \$135,000, we are also able to continue to fund over **\$50,000** for enrichment programs to support each grade's curriculum, **\$5,000** for Scholarships, and provide many worthwhile parent programs throughout the year.

Without our volunteer's support, time, money and energy, none of this would be possible. Thank you so very much! Enjoy your summer!

Cindy Bernardo
HPTA President

Karen Sylvester
HPTA Vice-President

**Hopkinton Parent Teacher Association
2010-2011 Budget**

SCHOOL BUILDING BASED EXPENSES

	Preschool	Center	Elmwood	Hopkins	Middle	Total
Enrichment		\$5,000	\$7,000	\$9,000	\$15,000	<i>\$36,000</i>
Appreciation		\$600	\$600	\$600	\$1,000	<i>\$2,800</i>
Grade Level Activities		\$500	\$250	\$250	\$750	<i>\$1,750</i>
Miscellaneous	\$1,000	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	<i>\$1,400</i>
New Principal Gift				\$1,000	\$1,000	<i>\$2,000</i>
Total	\$1,000	\$6,200	\$7,950	\$10,950	\$17,850	\$43,950

High School Budget

Appreciation	\$2,125
Enrichment & Activities	\$15,775

School Based Budgets

\$61,850

TOWN WIDE EXPENSES

Advocacy	\$1,000
Center School Folders	\$391
Hopkinton Heroes	\$600
Online Registration/Annual Fee	\$1,535
Online Registration/Credit Card Processing Fees	\$4,000
Operating Expenses	\$3,500
Parent Education/Support	\$300
Professional Development	\$11,000
Professional Fees	\$2,000
Reflections	\$300
Scholarships	\$5,000
Technology	\$33,000
Town Wide Hospitality	\$1,000
Nowlin Family Gift	\$10,000

Subtotal

\$73,626

Total Budget

\$135,476

Hopkinton Parent Teacher Association
Secretary
2009-2010

The role of Secretary included ordering note cards, envelopes, letterhead, etc. as needed by the Board. I was also involved in the creation and distribution of HPTA Sponsor/Supporter signs for the businesses in town that participated in the HPTA Advantage Card program.

Along with Cindy Bernardo, I organized the HPTA closet at the Middle School, which houses the many supplies and decorations needed for HPTA sponsored events; such as 8th Grade Celebration and the Silent Auction. Working with the students of Keefe Tech, we arranged for them to make new cabinets for us. Items were placed into storage bins and organized in these new cabinets. In order for the new cabinets to be installed, I also facilitated the removal of a stainless steel hot tub. A special thanks to Joyce Plumbing and Heating and RHB Removal for removing and disposing of the hot tub.

Along with Karen Sylvester, I organized our General Meeting in February, which was held at Ciao Time with a special presentation by Chuck Joseph and Kathleen Culler and included hors' d'oeuvres and desserts.

Respectfully submitted,

Madelyn Joyce
HPTA Secretary

**Hopkinton Parent Teacher Association
Fundraising
2009-2010**

Our fundraising coordinators and volunteers did an amazing job this year, exceeding our fundraising goals by over **\$41,000!!** Congratulations team on a job well done! It was another year where the economy was not in a great position and we really did not know how fundraising was going to end up. However, this year has proven that if you change up your fundraising ideas, become more creative, add in the generosity of our community and we can truly make a difference for our children and our schools! We raised in fundraising alone (not including membership, interest and extracurricular) **\$127,276!!**

Fundraising Event	Goal	Actual Profit	Event Chair(s)
Fall Fundraisers			
Book Fair	\$9,000	\$8,257	Jen Joyce along with school coordinators
Harlem Wizards Basketball Game	\$4,000	\$4,475	Holly DiNicola, Paige Lind, Abbie Rosenberg, Beth Feather, Dena Pavone
Genevieve's Gift Wrap Sale	\$1,500	\$4,247	Jen Blake & Cindy Bernardo
Spelling Bee with HEF	\$3,000	\$3,896	Stephanie Whelan and committee
Kid's Night Out	\$500	\$1,420	Amy Holler & Melissa Abate
Lord & Taylor Event (NEW), Pinz Summer Event (NEW), Plant Bulb Sale (NEW), Halloween Costume Sale	\$1,400	\$971, \$303, \$370, \$623 Total (\$2,267)	Esther Driscoll, Cindy Bernardo, Jackie Potenzzone, Amy Watson
Winter Fundraisers			
Silent Auction/Online Auction	\$40,000	\$44,047	Cindy Bernardo, Laurie Fromer, Madelyn Joyce, Mary Holden, Kathy Reynolds, Amy Ritterbusch, Raman Arora, Nancy Cavanaugh, Grace Sage, Karen Sylvester, Amy Markovich & committees
NSTAR Lightbulb Sale	\$2,500	\$3,068 *	Kathleen Dustin
Chili Cook – Off (NEW)	\$1,000	\$2,662	Adrienne McKenna

Fundraising Event	Goal	Actual Profit	Event Chair(s)
BJs Fundraiser, Hopkins Pinz Day, Are You Smarter than a 4/5 th Grader? (NEW), Elmwood Bruins Night	\$400	\$362, \$484, \$268, \$295 Total (\$1,409)	Michelle Weilding, Jean Bertschmann, Lynne Auslander
Spring Fundraisers			
Carnival (NEW)	\$2,000	\$17,606	Joanne Lucas, Elizabeth Murchie & committee
Square One Art	\$6,000	\$8,242	Diane Lindon, Kristin Kane, Mary Pawela, Sharon McCabe
Mini Marathon with The Sharon Timlin Race (NEW)	\$2,000	\$2,000	Liz Pomeroy
SchoolKidz	\$2,000	\$1,852	Jodi Furlong, Kelly Asherman
HopSwap with Mom's Club	\$2,000	\$1,555	Jill Delasco
Sale of Marathon Merchandise with HAA (NEW)	\$0	\$1,510	Cindy Bernardo & Joanne Lucas
Ongoing Fundraisers			
No Bake Sale	\$3,000	\$6,447	Meg Parduhn
Bottle/Can Drive (NEW)	\$3,000	\$2,400 **	Cindy Bernardo
Global Child, Notes From Home, Water Bottles, Online (Amazon/Target) (NEW)	\$400	\$15, \$434, \$647, \$212 Total \$1,308	Cindy Bernardo
Corporate Programs			
Web Advertising (NEW)	\$0	\$5,514	Cindy Bernardo
Colella/Guida	\$2,000	\$1,644	
Hopkinton Cultural Council grant (NEW)	\$0	\$1,450	
Totals	\$85,700	\$127,276	

* For the NSTAR Lightbulb Sale, the HPTA worked with the Freshman class and dedicated all of the funds sold by Freshman to be returned to them and not the HPTA. This amounted to **\$1,032**.

** The Bottle/Can Drive is ongoing all year long so this number does not include the June 26 collection amount.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Bernardo
Fundraising Chair

Hopkinton Parent Teacher Association Silent Auction 2009-2010

It wouldn't be another year without our Annual Silent Auction, our single largest fundraiser for the schools. This year's main event along with the ever-popular Children's Gallery was held at the Doubletree Hotel in Westborough on March 6, 2010. We also had our 2nd Online Auction with BiddingforGood that ran for one week prior to the main event. And we had our 2nd Encore Auction where you could purchase some great bargains two weeks after the main event. All four events raised over **\$44,000** for our schools this year, surpassing our goal of \$40,000!

Our 2nd Annual Online and Encore Auctions raised over \$18,000. This year we almost doubled the number of items we put online from last year and reaped the benefit of doing so. The online component allowed bidding on select items prior to the event. The Online Auction provided an opportunity for people who live outside of Hopkinton to support our schools. Due to their success, the online component will be greatly enhanced next year.

Our theme this year was "Take a Chance at the HPTA's 27th Annual Silent Auction". With this theme in mind, we had a "Money Machine", "Lollipop Tree" and Zhu Zhu Pet Raffle for children to 'Take a Chance' to win raffle tickets and lollipops at the Children's Gallery Preview during the afternoon. Hundreds of families were able to take advantage of the free ice cream sundae bar, "Clarity" the Clown, face painting, balloon characters and arts and crafts. Families were awed by the amazing display of themed baskets and autographed items that were made with donations collected from each grade.

The main event attracted a crowd of over 250 who enjoyed an evening of socializing with neighbors, sampling hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, and a chocolate fountain. Along with our theme, we brought the following games for our guests to test their luck - "The Money Machine", "Hopkinton Plinko", "Ace in the Hole" and "The Wheel of Prizes". By using many of our 500 plus donations as game prizes, we were able to free up space for our floor plan this year. Many people walked home as winners.

Chris Zito from 103.3 WODS did a fabulous job as our emcee for the evening as he ran our Live Auction with amazing items such as a signed "Sean White" picture, \$500 apple iPad gift certificate, DMI Powerball Foosball table and 3 piece bistro set.

The auction would not have been made possible without the help of our amazing committee - Raman Arora, Nancy Cavanaugh, Laurie Fromer, Mary Holden, Madelyn Joyce, Amy Markovich, Kathy Reynolds, Amy Ritterbusch, Grace Sage and Karen Sylvester. Thank you so much!

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Bernardo
Silent Auction Chair

Hopkinton Parent Teacher Association
Membership
2009–2010

Total Membership: Increased 15% this school year to reach an all time high for Hopkinton.

Current membership stands at 609 paid members this year as compared to 529 in the prior year.

Family Memberships: We had a total of 572 family memberships in 2009-2010. This represents a 21% increase over prior year (*469 families in 08-09*).

Utilizing the data we had in iContact we were able to email all members from 2008-2009 and request that they renew their membership.

Teacher Memberships: Teacher memberships totaled 37 this year, a decrease of 23 members from prior year's total of 60.

As in previous years, we sent membership requests to all faculty and staff. These emails included what the HPTA is able to accomplish annually and a link to the membership registration system. Additionally, postcards were made and distributed to teachers at HPTA sponsored events. The postcards solicited membership and highlighted the funds allocated for enrichment programs, professional development and teacher appreciation events.

iContact/League Athletics

In the fall of 2009 a new system was introduced which enabled people to register for the HPTA and pay membership dues online (League Athletics). Most of the current membership took advantage of the convenience of this new system and paid for 2009-2010 online. Approximately 30 or so members chose to submit a hard copy membership form and check. Those members were added manually to the system.

iContact is also still being utilized as a membership database and is the primary tool used for communications with members. The email tracking functions in iContact are much stronger and allow for the Communications Chair to track the success of our communications and surveys. The data from League Athletics is merged over to iContact before a new communication is sent out so we can ensure that we have an up to date list of our members.

Going Forward

It is expected that by utilizing these state of the art systems which provide more efficient communications, that our membership numbers will further increase. The ability to communicate with past and present members electronically is a great benefit and will allow the Membership Chair to more easily run contests and membership drives.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Pomeroy
HPTA Membership Chair

Hopkinton Parent Teacher Association
Parent Programs
2009-2010

This year, the HPTA Parent Programs hosted four events, in addition to having a New Parent Resource Table at the HPTA General Meeting in the fall. One of these events was coordinated with SPEAC to maximize resources, talent and audiences. Being new Co-Chairs to Parent Programs this year, we spent the year learning the ropes and thinking about new ideas for next year.

In September, instead of offering a New Parent Orientation program before the General Meeting (which had traditionally been done in the past) we set up a New Parent Resource Table at the HPTA General Meeting. For a third year, we used the DVD format -- highlighting the many organizations that support the education of our Hopkinton students. We invited each organization to reuse or re-tape their segment as they determined appropriate. We then aired the presentation during the month of October on our local cable access, HCAM-TV.

On Monday, October 19th, HPTA Parent Programs partnered with SPEAC to present "Beating the Homework Wars". The program was facilitated by Caroline Maguire of New England Coaching Services. The workshop was designed to help parents learn how to use reward systems, structure and clear rules to inspire motivation in order to create homework success. The program was held at HCAM studios in order to maximize the viewing options.

On Tuesday, January 19, 2010, we brought Ron Foisy back by popular demand to present his College Funding Workshop for a **fourth** year. It was held at HCAM studios as a live call in show and taped to be aired later. His program was full of practical information on how to navigate the college funding system, including tips like:

- Ways to get thousands of dollars for the college of your choice, even if you make a good living.
- How to double or even triple your eligibility for financial aid.
- How to pick colleges that give the best financial aid packages.
- The 5 greatest myths about college funding, and many other inside college funding secrets.

Even though this is Ron's line of business, he did not try to sell anything during the presentation. He provided a very informative and energetic presentation. He encouraged the participants to sign up for one free consultation meeting during the week following the program. We would like Ron to speak next year and are trying to plan it with another college planning event.

On April 13th, Parent Programs hosted the third annual Step-Up-To-Kindergarten Park Outing at EMC Park, in conjunction with the Hopkinton Moms Group. Families with children who are entering Hopkinton Kindergarten next fall were invited to a casual gathering at EMC Park. Various members of the nominating committee were on hand to tell incoming parents about the HPTA, to encourage membership, and to describe volunteer opportunities with the HPTA for the upcoming year. Refreshments were provided for both adults and children, including coffee, pretzels, bottled water and juice boxes.

On April 26 Parent Programs hosted Jayashree Dattar (an HPTA volunteer and HPTA Green Committee Chairperson) to present Building A Green Generation. It was held at HCAM studios. Jayashree spoke about what products we were putting inside and outside of our body and its effects on us, recycling and re-using and how important they are to our Earth and to teach our children these ways to live for the future as they are our future.

It was a great first year learning the ropes of Parent Programs. We have started planning our events for next year. To accommodate busy schedules we plan on offering our events in conjunction with other events for next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Burns and Meg Parduhn
Parent Program Co-Chairs

**Hopkinton Parent Teacher Association
Corporate Programs
2009-2010**

Our Corporate Programs were busy this year as we created two new initiatives – the HPTAdvantage card and web advertising.

This year we took the initiative and created a 'win-win' for various local businesses in town to promote their businesses as well as provide more perks for our members. In doing so, we created the HPTAdvantage card. It is free for being an HPTA member and it gave various discounts to local businesses in town, i.e., free soda at Bill's Pizza with the purchase of a slice of pizza or 20% off a purchase of \$40 or more at Garden Gate Florist. We are analyzing this program currently, to see if we will continue it for next year.

We also created another new program for the HPTA this year, our web advertising program. We generated almost \$6,000 by providing businesses a way to advertise with the HPTA on our website, through weekly emails and e-flyers. Many businesses jumped on the band wagon very quickly for this program as we priced ourselves lower than other advertising mediums in town. We will be continuing both of these programs in the next school year.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Bernardo
HPTA Corporate Program Chair

**Hopkinton Parent Teacher Association
School Council Coordinator
2009-2010**

The 1993 Mass Ed Reform Act mandated the creation of a School Council for each school. The School Councils are comprised of the school principal, a parent and a teacher representative for each grade level, a member of the community who does not have a child in that school and at the secondary level, a student. The School Councils are not a sub group or attached to the HPTA in ANY way. The term for each member is 2 years (with the exception of 8th grade, which has traditionally only been one year). Parent members progress with their children, so the Kindergarten representative parent becomes a First grade parent representative and so on through the schools. Vacancies were advertised in the local newspapers, Hopnews, school websites/ listservs and by word of mouth. For those positions with more than one applicant, elections were conducted at each school's back-to-school night. Candidate's biographies were sent to parents via the school listserv (when approved by the principal—not all schools allowed a listserv notice) and were available at the election. Principals of each school mentioned that voting would take place that evening. This process seemed to be well received by all parties.

TIMELINE:

April

- The HPTA School Council Coordinator should send a reminder to each building principal to determine what positions will be open for the following school year.
- During the April meeting of the School Council, the principal should ask each member if they are eligible and/or willing to return the following year.
- During the April meeting of the School Council, the principal should ask each member for suggestions of potential candidates to contact regarding the following year's School Council. The list of names should be forwarded to the HPTA School Council Coordinator.
- A listing of all vacancies should be sent to the HPTA School Council Coordinator.

May/June

- A description of the School Council, together with a listing of vacancies for the next school year, should be sent to the Communications Chair to be included in The Runner Blog and on the HPTA websites. Interested candidates should be directed to forward their name and contact information to the HPTA School Council Coordinator.
- The HPTA School Council Coordinator should send an e-mail reminder to all school principals to include School Council information, vacancies, and application details in any summer correspondence with parents.

July

- The HPTA School Council Coordinator should send an e-mail reminder to all school principals to include School Council information, vacancies, and application details in any summer correspondence with parents.
- Each principal currently sends at least one letter home to incoming students for their respective schools. School Council information, vacancies, and application details should be included in these letters.

August

- A description of the School Council, together with a listing of vacancies for the next school year, will be sent to all local papers by the Communications Chair. Interested candidates should be directed to forward their name and contact information to the HPTA School Council Coordinator.
- The HPTA School Council Coordinator will contact all candidates with deadline information regarding Candidate Statements. Deadline is included in the Sourcebook.

September

- The HPTA School Council Coordinator will prepare ballots, compile and copy candidate statements, and arrange with each principal the location and details of voting. Voting will take place at each school's Back to school or curriculum night and tables may be staffed by the school's HPTA Vice Presidents.
- Voting will be done by grade at the elementary level, and by school at the Middle and High Schools.
- If only one candidate is running for an open position, a vote is not necessary.
- The HPTA School Council Coordinator will tally all votes and report results to the school principal.
- The school principal or HPTA School Council Coordinator will inform the candidates regarding the outcome of the elections.
- The school principal will identify the teacher representatives for the School Council.
- The school principal will coordinate the first meeting of the School Council, not more than 40 days after the beginning of school.
- Any vacant positions will be the responsibility of the School Council to fill.

Respectfully submitted,

Cate Doherty-Waldeck
HPTA School Council Coordinator

Hopkinton Parent Teacher Association
Scholarship Committee
2009-2010

The Scholarship Committee consisted of 9 members this year, a mix of veteran and first-year members: Jennifer Blake, Chair; Liz Abernethy; Cindy Bernardo; Patty Doshier; Cheryl Elder; Barbara Henise; Amy Holler; Peg Lindquist and Michelle Weilding.

The application underwent some minor changes as a result of discussions following last year's meeting. The application now stresses that the HPTA is looking to recognize and reward "the spirit of volunteerism" in the students' high school activities. These activities can benefit the school community, the town of Hopkinton, or the national or global community.

The paper applications were delivered to the High School Guidance Office in January. The application was also available on-line via Naviance and the HPTA web site. The deadline for applications was set for the end of March, and then extended following the death of a member of the senior class. Publicity for the scholarship was turned over to the Communications Chair.

We received 22 applications for the HPTA scholarship this year and were able to award five scholarships. Due to the extra money generated from fundraising this year, the HTPA was able to fund (5) \$1,000 scholarships versus the traditional (3) in the past. The winners were announced at the Senior Recognition Night on June 3. The other candidates will receive a letter to thank them for their applications and for their time. The recipients for this year's HPTA Scholarships were: Cecily Boyce, Anthony DiMare, Meghan Krueger, Lauren O'Loughlin, and Kate Richardson. All of these winners demonstrated the Spirit of Volunteerism!

Last year's winners, Hope Helberg, Lindsay Kramer and James Paras have all received their scholarship checks upon successful completion of their first semester of college.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Blake
Scholarship Chair

**Hopkinton Parent Teacher Association
Hopkinton Heroes
2009-2010**

Once again, the HPTA sponsored its Hopkinton Heroes program – which allows students in grades K – 12 the opportunity to recognize someone who has made a difference in the lives of others. This year, a marathon theme was adopted for our local heroes – those who always go the extra mile to make a difference in the community. In keeping with the theme, the Heroes reception was moved to April and held at the Marathon Restaurant.

This year the HPTA received 15 essays submitted by students to nominate 13 heroes for consideration in the 3rd annual Hopkinton Heroes essay contest. We were touched by all of the essays – and by the extraordinary efforts made by our local heroes.

Our local heroes include teachers, scout leaders, a wonderful big sister, and a police officer – all who have made a difference in the lives of a child by going the extra mile! The 2010 Hopkinton Heroes and the students who recognized them include:

Hopkinton Hero	Nominated By
Nancy Barton – SPARKS art studio	We received three essays for Nancy from: Aren Arakelian (grade 3), Adrina Arakelian and Alyssa Souza (grade 1), and Jason Zaharis (grade 3)
Officer Tim Brennan – Hopkinton police	John Simes (grade 3)
Tom Dawson – Boy Scout leader	Andrew Hayes (grade 7)
Olivia Dumas -- HHS student (grade 11)	Charlie Dumas (grade 5)
Mrs. Feldman and Mrs. Groccia -- Hopkins 5 th grade teachers	Sasha Hagan (grade 5)
Amy Hansen – Daisy Troop leader	Isabelle Simes (grade 1)
Craig Hay – music teacher	Olivia Dumas (grade 11)
Liz Jurasek -- Girl Scout leader	Jane Stilwell (grade 3)
Mrs. Kane – Center School teacher	Nominated by her entire class and their families!
Barbara Puglisi – Elmwood School Teacher	Callie Rose Ronan (grade 2)
Tim Sanford – Center School teacher	Isabelle O'Rourke (grade 1)
Margie Wiggin – Elmwood School staff and Girl Scout leader	We received two essays for Margie from: Elise Miller (grade 3), and Jane Stilwell (grade 3)

The students and heroes were honored at a reception held on April 15th at the Marathon Restaurant featuring a dessert buffet. Thanks to HCAM for preparing a video production of the students reading their essays for viewing at the reception and CDs were provided as a take-away for the heroes. It was a special evening of laughs, tears and lots of sweet treats.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Wojcik
Hopkinton Heroes Coordinator

Hopkinton Parent Teacher Association Communications 2009-2010

Communication is key to the success of the HPTA and is a part of our mission. Our goal this year was to provide clear, consistent communication to the parent community through all communication channels: weekly correspondence emails to members, the Source Book, e-flyers, *The Runner* blog, bulletin boards, community bulletin boards, website, HCAM TV, Facebook, signage and newspaper outlets. We advertise upcoming events/activities and provide a recap following the HPTA sponsored events/activities.

HPTA Member Email Correspondence

As Communications Chair, Amy Ritterbusch prepared and published "HPTA Correspondence" member emails weekly through the use of the iContact mass email software, which we have been using since the Spring of 2008. The formatting is similar to the look of the website which supports message consistency. The iContact program allows us to send messages to the HPTA board and/or whole member community. Reporting is a key benefit of the system. We are able to track how many messages are opened, which links are the most often clicked and if any members' emails are bouncing. iContact also allows us to create online surveys. The cost of iContact is \$120.96 for 1 year with a 1000 subscriber limit. All emails sent to the membership were coordinated with and approved by HPTA President, Cindy Bernardo, before sending out. Jill Delasco was a huge help with proofreading these emails before sending, often on short notice.

Electronic Invitations

This year we began utilizing MyPunchbowl.com to send online invitations and track RSVP's for our general meetings, parent programs and special events, such as the Silent Auction and Carnival. We paid \$14.95 for a 1-year ad-free subscription to MyPunchbowl, so that we could link our invitations to our public website without exposing the public to ads uncontrolled to the HPTA.

Website – hptaonline.com

Amy Ritterbusch has continued as HPTA Webmaster working primarily on the www.hptaonline.com part of the website. The home page includes a sidebar calendar fully integrated with our online Source Book calendar as well as short blurbs and graphics about upcoming events and deadlines. Website content includes General Info (Annual Report, Board List, Budget, Job Descriptions, Meetings, Membership, Town Budget Info, Where to go for School Info, link HPS district site, link to Mass PTA and link to National PTA), Communications (The Runner Blog, Source Book Calendar, E-Flyers, Listserv), Fundraising (Corporate Programs, Fundraisers, Family Fun Events, Ongoing Ways to Help), HPTA @ Your School (Preschool, Center, Elmwood, Hopkins, MS and HS), Programs (Enrichment Programs, Extracurricular Classes, Family Fun Events, Hopkinton Heroes, Parent Programs, Reflections PTA Program, Scholarships, School Council, Volunteering, Wellness, Wish List). The cost of the domain registration and web hosting for www.hptaonline.com was \$113.59 for one year.

Website – Online Registration System

Amy has also worked closely with Raman Arora, Chris Tourigny, Ruth Pagliuca and Shelly Carbonneau on the new online registration system portion of the website hosted by League Athletics at <http://www.leag1.com/?org=hptaonline.com>. Ruth was the project manager over the summer of 2009 for the process of selecting and implementing an online registration system. Chris Tourigny managed the online portion of extracurricular registration and also helped set up the volunteer forms at the beginning of the year. Raman set up the online membership form and helped with other miscellaneous forms throughout the year, such as fundraising ticket sales. Shelly Carbonneau stepped up to help at the end of the year with various online forms and surveys.

The Source Book

For the first time this year, we used a dynamic web-based calendar for the Source Book. We selected the freeware brand "WebCalendar" by Craig Knudsen, Source Forge Open Source Software. We selected WebCalendar primarily because it worked well for multiple users, allowing us to create a separate calendar layer for each school. WebCalendar also prints more nicely than some of the other calendars we considered. Each school, the HPTA and HPS Administration had their own login and could enter their own calendar dates independently, yet at the same time could view the other users' dates to avoid conflicts. Upcoming events from the Source Book calendar feed directly into the HPTA, HPS and each school's home page, so that the dates are always current. Users were also able to change their dates and times during the year if something changed after printing. Parents and community members were able to import the Source Book calendar into any iCal compliant electronic calendar, such as Google calendar to view online or on a mobile smartphone. The informational pages of the Source Book were also available to view online. Printed copies of the Source Book were available for purchase at Action Copy Plus for \$7.50 each. Approximately 50 hard copies of the Source Book were purchased at Action Copy during the 2009-10 School Year, which represents roughly 2% of the families with children in the Hopkinton Schools.

The Runner Blog

Jim Monalto and Jill Delasco were *The Runner* co-editors this year. Jill edited and produced a final print edition of *The Runner* which was mailed to all Hopkinton Public School family households in mid-September 2009, which was designed to be a preview of the coming year and had a tear out "Desktop Facts" section to help ease the transition to an online only Runner. The final print edition was simultaneously published online at <http://hptaonline.blogspot.com/> and all future articles throughout the year were published directly to the blog. Early in the year we settled on a schedule of publishing to the blog bi-weekly on Sundays. Jim and Jill took turns editing stories, adding photos to the blog and scheduling posts. Reporters for *The Runner* this year were Jean Cann, Beth D'Alleva, Jen Nolte, Marilee Mackertich, Kelly Asherman, Heidi Krapf, Barb Ludorf and Jackie Potenzzone. Stories from *The Runner* are fed directly into the HPTA home page and all the HPTA @ Your School pages, so you can see the most recent news about your school from *The Runner*. Anyone can subscribe to receive *The Runner* Blog by email. We have 438 subscribers to date.

Photo Storage

Our photo editor this year was Bernadette Markey. Bernadette helped keep our photos organized with Google Picasa and also took photos of HPTA events. Reporters can email photos directly to our Picasa account for use in *The Runner* and for other publicity purposes. Photos from Picasa can be embedded into the HPTA website as slideshows.

Newspaper Coverage

Newspaper coverage was spearheaded by Media Liaison, Lisa Hicks. Lisa did a fantastic job getting the HPTA message out to the local papers and HopNews. Both articles highlighting upcoming events and those spotlighting past events were carried. We had a "HPTA Corner" in almost every issue of the *Independent* and a "HPTA Events" section in almost every issue of the *Crier*. Coordinated by Co-Media Liaison, Julie McNamara, HopNews posted our events to its Virtual Common and Online Calendar. They also posted our colorful slides about upcoming events from time to time. Also contributing to our coverage this year were staff writers for the Hopkinton Independent and HPTA members Nancy Cavanaugh, Jean Cann and Christy Mahoney. For our larger events, Lisa Hicks also submitted blurbs and/or calendar entries to the boston.com calendar, bostoncentral.com calendar and craigslist.

Facebook

Before the school year started the HPTA Facebook page had 82 fans. We have doubled that number and now have 163 fans! After we reached 100 fans we were able to create a vanity facebook url. We selected <http://www.facebook.com/hptaonline>. Amy Ritterbusch and Lisa Hicks managed our Facebook page, mainly posting reminders about upcoming events and useful links and updates for parents. They used Hootsuite software to schedule Facebook posts in advance, scheduling several at a time for efficiency.

HPTA Signs and Banners

Robin Doherty coordinated our signs and banners this year under the direction of Cindy Bernardo and Amy Ritterbusch. Banners were coordinated with the schools' buildings and grounds department. Robin changed the sandwich board regularly in front of the Middle School. Robin also changed the little signs around town on a regular basis. The printer who used to change the little signs for us is no longer in town, but Robin was able to change the signs by using waterproof stick-on letters. Mary Rooney painted a new wooden sandwich board for us to use at the monthly Bottle & Can drive. The sign was placed by the Colella's parking lot entrance a few days ahead of each drive to remind residents that the date was coming up again.

HCAM TV

Our membership with HCAM TV has allowed us to use their message boards and calendar to advertise our events to the whole community. The HCAM staff has helped the HPTA by facilitating/airing the State of the Schools Forum and providing taping services for Hopkinton Heroes DVD and The New Parent Orientation DVD and several Parent Programs throughout the year.

E-Flyers Communication

Over 112 HPTA e-flyers were approved through the Superintendent's office and sent to the parent community through the optional e-flyer email list. We sent only about seven backpack flyers this year, greatly reducing our paper usage and expenses. The weekly e-flyer email is sent to over 1200 email addresses once a week during the school year on Fridays. This represents a little over half of all school households. Using information submitted by HPTA board members to the Communications Team, our colorful e-flyers were created this year by Clare Kirk and Christy Mahoney.

Community Bulletin Board Electronic Slides

Our Creative Team Members, Clare Kirk and Christy Mahoney, also created over 23 colorful slides which we submitted to HCAM, ISVA and HopNews.

School Bulletin Boards

School Bulletin Boards were more effectively utilized by the bulletin board teams at each school. The Communications Chair provided a monthly schedule of events and news at the beginning of the year to aid the Bulletin Board Coordinators in the updating process. Creative displays using recycled materials, minimal cost items and lots of pictures proved to be very successful. Thank you to all the Bulletin Board Coordinators: Patty Hood, Courtney Zaharis, Rene Smith, Allison Brookes, Julie Day and Robin Bloomer. Amy Ritterbusch posted flyers at the Integrated Preschool since there is no bulletin board coordinator at the preschool.

HPTA Happenings Bulletin

A new type of correspondence this year was a monthly "HPTA Happenings" email. Approved by the Superintendent, it was sent out once a month on the first Wednesday of the month by email to the over 1200 e-flyers subscribers. In order to differentiate this email from Members weekly HPTA Correspondence and *The Runner* blog, we decided the Happenings email would contain info on enrichment programs and other non-fundraising information from the HPTA. During the week we send the Happenings email, there is no regular HPTA Correspondence email sent out. The information for these long Happenings bulletins was solicited and compiled by Amy Ritterbusch, with proofreading by Jill Delasco.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Ritterbusch
Communications Chair

Hopkinton Parent Teacher Association
HPTAConnect
2009-2010

In early 2010, HPTA set up **HPTAConnect**– an Online Discussion Forum and Classifieds section on BigTent, which is open to HPTA Members only! HPTAConnect facilitates and encourages parent to parent communication and interactions among HPTA members. Discussion forum promotes discussions pertaining to school, town, and children related matters, seek recommendations and advice. Classifieds give an option for parents to sell/exchange school and children related items within the local community.

Raman Arora is the moderator for HPTA Connect. At this time there are over 140 members. The activity on the Discussion forums is picking up and we are looking forward to it expanding.

Respectfully submitted,

Raman Arora
HPTAConnect Moderator

Hopkinton Parent Teacher Association
Wellness Programs
2009-2010

In the fall of 2009, I approached the HPTA to request the development of a new HPTA position, HPTA Wellness Programs. The HPTA board approved the position and Mary Mann and I became co-coordinators for HPTA Wellness.

In its fledgling year, the HPTA Wellness coordinators met with Jill Leach, director of Wellness for Hopkinton Public Schools to determine her "hot projects" and to brainstorm ideas for the Annual Wellness Fair. The Wellness Fair, held in March 2010, was the signature event for Wellness Programs for the 2009/2010 school year.

Although general attendance was down at the 2010 Wellness Fair, the HPTA Wellness Programs booth had steady traffic. Draws to the booth included: an online, onscreen, interactive "self-test" to determine "Are you addicted to TV and Media?"; and a raffle drawing for families who pledged to be TV Free during TV Free Week April 19 – 25 (school vacation week). Our slogan encouraged families to "Think Outside the Box", and information on TV free activities, such as: hiking, geocaching, biking, etc. was promoted.

Additional programs are in development for the 2010/2011 school year, including: communication with parents about:

- Nutrition [specifically the Wellness Policy]
- Physical Activity [in conjunction w/March Wellness Fair]
- Substance Abuse [in conjunction w/Safe and Drug Free Schools grant/Be Free Project]
- Healthy Emotions [in conjunction w/Parent Programs for autumn "Give Me Guidance" event or "Bully Prevention" program]

Possible mediums for reaching the parent audience will include:

- Updates to the Wellness Page link on the HPTA homepage
- Creation of a lender's library or "backpack home" kits

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Dionne and Mary Mann
Wellness Program Coordinators

**Hopkinton Parent Teacher Association
Grant Writing
2009-2010**

A grant for \$1,450 from Hopkinton's Local Cultural Council (HCC) was applied for and approved to support ARTQUEST – Where Two Cultures Meet. This enrichment program was performed for all fifth graders at the Hopkins School on December 14, 15 & 17 and January 5, 7 & 8. The cost of the program was \$3,820. The net cost to the HPTA was \$2,370.

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Driscoll
Grant Writing Chair

**Hopkinton Parent Teacher Association
Hopkinton Public School Green Committee
2009-2010**

To continue the 'green' efforts started by the HPTA last year, the HPTA formalized their role to the School District's Green Committee (formerly known as the Recycling Committee) by providing a representative from the HPTA to this committee. As a mother and resident of Hopkinton and passionate about green and sustainable living, I was honored to represent the HPTA as a core member of this Committee.

HPSGC (Hopkinton Public School Green Committee)

By the beginning of this school year, recycling bins donated by Harvey were in place at each classroom across the school district. Schools began consistent recycling of commingled containers and paper. In addition, cardboard-only dumpsters were placed at each school by Harvey in February. All cardboard was previously trashed, hence this made a huge positive impact on recycling numbers.

While HPSGC's initial goal aligned with the district's Strategic Plan of a 30% increase in recycling by 2014, the baseline recycling survey conducted in December 2009 forced us to take a broader outlook. The measurements taken over an 8 week period by head custodians at each school revealed a total average of 3,770 lbs of paper and 473 lbs of commingled containers being recycled per week across the school district. It quickly became apparent that the schools should seek opportunities to reduce, reuse and compost in order to minimize their waste.

As the town of Hopkinton revved up its efforts to obtain designation as one of Massachusetts Green Communities, the HPSGC worked diligently to crystallize its mission and establish itself as a governing body for all green initiatives in the Hopkinton school system. A program plan was put in place to guide the group as we defined green goals for the school district, roles and responsibilities for Committee members and nominated Green Coordinators from each school.

The Committee agreed to adopt a Green Curriculum for the 2010-11 school year in order to encourage Hopkinton students to respect the environment, adopt 'Reduce, Reuse and Recycle' practices and work with the community on green initiatives. The curriculum directors and school faculty will be working with other HPSGC members to make appropriate changes to the curriculum this summer.

In April, the Green Committee met with the School Green Coordinators to communicate our objectives. They in turn communicated these goals to the principals and faculty at each of their schools. In June, the Chairman of the Committee, Geoff McDonald will be updating the Superintendent, the Admin Council and School Committee on the HPSGC's progress to date and our plans for the upcoming year.

The HPTA received a \$5,000 grant towards green curriculum and recycling supplies for the 2011 school year from a private trust in Hopkinton. We are grateful for the donation and look forward to building a greener generation of students.

Hopkinton was officially designated as one of MA's Green Communities by Governor Patrick Duval on May 25th, 2010. As the town steps into the spotlight with energy efficient building projects, a new building stretch code and the commitment to building a greener community, the HPSGC hopes to match its efforts through a green curriculum, a green awareness campaign and eco-friendly projects woven through the art, science and other curriculum components next year.

Green Booth at Wellness Fair

The HPTA, HopGreen and the High School Environmental Club worked together to produce a green information booth at the Hopkinton High School's Wellness Fair in February. Information ranged from tips for a greener home, toxins in makeup and dry-cleaning solvents, healthier options and a presentation on reduce, reuse and recycle practices. Attendees signed green pledges, participated in a recycle sorting game and signed up to turn off their lights for Earth Hour 2010.

Building a Green Generation

In late April, in honor of Earth Day, I presented a one-hour television workshop hosted by the HPTA at the HCAM studios entitled **Building a Green Generation**. The show began with the screening of Annie Leonard's film **The Story of Stuff**, a thought provoking documentary that highlights the impact of our habits on the environment. This was followed by a presentation on healthier, non-toxics options for cleaning products and cosmetics as well as tips on reduce, reuse and recycle practices.

HPTA Green Website and e-Pledge

As a follow-up to the HPTA Building a Green Generation show, Jayashree Dattar worked with Amy Ritterbusch to develop content and create a HPTA Green page www.hptaonline.com/green.html which includes information from the show as well as resources and links to green websites. I also started a Hopkinton Goes Green e-pledge to gather grassroots support from the school and wider Hopkinton community towards a greener, more sustainable culture in Hopkinton.

With every small incremental step, we hope to continue infusing our students and larger Hopkinton community with a greener mindset and promote sustainable practices that lead to a profound impact in their lives.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayashree Dattar
HPTA Rep. to the Hopkinton Public School Green Committee

**Hopkinton Parent Teacher Association
Town-Wide Vice President
2009-2010**

One of the major roles of the HPTA Vice President this year was to ensure consistency amongst some of our school based programs - enrichment, extracurricular, cash back coordinators, and volunteer coordinators. Along with Cindy Bernardo, I was the point of contact for all of these programs and coordinators.

During the year, we reviewed many policies, procedures and forms to ensure consistency amongst the schools. This was a change to how things were done in the past, as each position worked within their own school. Some tasks included generating, sending and compiling survey data to insure that our time and budget were being spent effectively, both within and outside the school system. I also maintained spreadsheets to track all of the survey results. This new strategy worked well for us, receiving positive feedback from our volunteers who were pleased with the across the schools approach.

Respectively submitted,

Karen Sylvester
HPTA Town-Wide Vice President

Center School Board 2009-2010

Vice President	Allison Murphy
Vice President	Carol Quinlan
Volunteer Coor. (K)	Dena Pavone
Volunteer Coor. (K)	Christina Perlov
Volunteer Coor. (1)	Niki Battikha
Volunteer Coor. (1)	Becky Hakansson
Enrichment	Joanne Lucas
Enrichment	Liz Murchie
Extracurricular	Marie Boyle
Extracurricular	Christine Tourigny
Appreciation	Laura Barry
Appreciation	Colleen Souza
Appreciation	Kim Cooper
Library Coordinator	Liz Leighton
Cash Back Coordinators	Judy McGrail
Cash Back Coordinators	Sue O'Connor
Book Fair	Jackie Potenzzone
Book Fair	Liz Jurasek
Reporter	Beth D'Alleva
Reporter	Jen Nolte
Square One Art	Kristen Kane
Bulletin Board	Patty Hood
Community Service	Jayashree Dattar
Community Service	Alexis Miller

**Hopkinton Parent Teacher Association
Center School Vice Presidents
2009–2010**

The Hopkinton Parent Teacher Association for the 2009-2010 school year was represented at Center School by a dedicated and enthusiastic group of parents. There were sixteen new volunteers on this year's Board and five returning members. The Board was able to utilize the experience and assistance of current and former board members to put forth another successful year of HPTA involvement at Center School.

The HPTA provided financial assistance in support of the students and administration. The majority of its funding was spent on enrichment programs and technology. Additionally, funds were spent on teacher appreciation events and grade level activities.

Over the course of the 2009–2010 school year, the Center School HPTA was instrumental not only in providing financial support for the many Center School programs and events, but in providing the manpower to help coordinate and staff those events. Hundreds of volunteer hours were spent in coordinating and staffing enrichment programs, coordinating the extra-curricular programs after school, coordinating and staffing the library, coordinating and managing the Box Tops program and coordinating and staffing the many grade level activities including: Field Days, Bedtime Story Hour and Literacy Fun Fest and Walk-a-mile. Returning for a second year was the Incoming Kindergartener Ice Cream Social, and Johnny the K which was a family night opened to all students and family members which promoted core values.

The Center School Board provided support in many capacities within the school. Listed below are the major items that the Board contributed to:

Enrichment Programs

The team of Joanne Lucas and Liz Murchie provided the administration of six outstanding enrichment programs over the course of the year, all of which were closely correlated with the Center School curriculum.

Beginning in November and running through April, the programs offered both kindergarteners and first graders the opportunity to learn and be entertained by incorporating a wide variety of presentation styles and formats. The children were entertained by writer and marine biologist, Michael Glaser, who introduced a variety of sea creatures to the children by allowing them to touch and hold snakes, reptiles, crabs, etc. while learning about the animals' lifestyles and habitats. Storyteller, Len Cabral, a perennial favorite, regaled the children with his colorful stories while carefully incorporating appropriate morals or words of wisdom. Historical Perspectives presented the children with a reenactment of the struggles and triumph's of Laura Ingalls Wilder. Other enrichment programs included: Native Americans, Black Snake Woman and traveling Medicine Dog, who shared stories about Native Americans while showing the children a wide array of genuine Indian artifacts; Animal Adventures and Bugworks. Total cost for these programs were \$5,652.50.

Appreciation

The Appreciation team of Laura Barry, Kim Cooper, and Colleen Souza artfully conveyed to the Center School teachers and staff, how much the students and parents truly value and appreciate them. The appreciation team started off the school year with a terrific back-to-school luncheon. They continued to coordinate and host events throughout the year including a wonderful holiday dessert bar. They also provided, a teacher appreciation luncheon held during teacher appreciation week. The appreciation team also recognized the Custodians and Cafeteria workers with a small gift at Thanksgiving time. Also recognized were special holidays such as Nurses Day, Administrative Assistant's Day and Principal's Day, by presenting creative and unique gifts to administration and staff.

Cash Back for Schools Program

Judy McGrail and Sue O'Connor did a terrific job coordinating the Box Tops for Education program and collecting the empty printer cartridges fundraising programs at Center School raising money for the school. The classrooms collecting the most Box Tops during the school year received extra recess time.

Book Fair Program

Liz Jurasek and Jackie Potenzzone were the point people organizing the Book Fairs held in the Fall and Spring at Center School. They were responsible for recruiting volunteers and successfully managing the overall logistics of the fair. This was the first year Center School held a Spring Fair and raised almost \$1,700.

Extra-curricular Programs

Chris Tourigny and Marie Boyle coordinated the ever-popular extracurricular programs at Center School. The HPTA offered two sessions for First graders during the school year. The programs enjoyed by the students included Dodgeball and Sports classes by F.A.S.T., Karate by Villari's, and a theatre class from Enter Stage Left. This was also the first year where you were able to enroll online for the after school programs.

Volunteer Coordinators

The volunteer coordinators worked very hard this year to plan, staff and coordinate the many grade level activities at Center School. The Kindergarten volunteer coordinators, Dena Pavone and Christina Perlov did a terrific job coordinating both the classroom volunteers and the grade-wide events. The Bedtime Story Hour continues to be a huge success. The children and parents enjoyed the stories and a sing-a-long. Kindergarten Field Day, which uses relay races and games encouraging the use of both fine and gross motor skills, continues to be a highlight of the Kindergarten year.

The First Grade volunteer coordinators, Niki Battikha and Becky Hakansson and also did a terrific job coordinating all the first grade activities including the First Grade Family Event "Seussapalooza", where some classes performed plays and other classes played bingo. They also coordinated the First Grade Field Day.

Library

Liz Leighton coordinated the library volunteers this year and, did an excellent job ensuring that the library was well-staffed, well-organized and well-supplied. The adopt-a-book program was successful this year; meeting its goal of adding new books to the Library.

Reporter and Bulletin Board Coordinator

Beth D'Alleva and Jen Nolte were the Co-Reporters this year for Center School. Their talented writing skills were displayed in their enrichment write-ups and contributions to the Runner Blog and town papers. They wrote articles keeping parents informed about the Enrichment programs, Principal Coffee discussion highlights, and other school news.

Patty Hood was wonderful at keeping the Center School bulletin board located in the main lobby updated for all to see.

Square One Art

Kristin Kane was the point person for this fundraiser for Center School. Kristin and several parent volunteers assisted the art teacher in the classroom while the children created their artwork using bar-coded paper. Kristin checked to make sure all first grade students completed their artwork and that it was submitted to the Square 1 Art Coordinator in class folders. Kristin was also responsible for making sure that all Square 1 Art customized order forms were delivered to each artist along with their free gift "Squickers". She also collected return orders and verified that they were complete and correct payment received. Finally, once the orders arrived at Center School, she separated them by classrooms and made sure each artist received their correct order.

Community Service Coordinators

Jayashree Dattar and Alexis Miller were the Community Service co-chairs this year for the two drives held at Center School. The Kindergartners and First Grade students were asked and encouraged to earn a dollar by doing chores at home. The money collected from the Kindergarten drive of \$164.10 went directly to the Senior Center which was used to purchase supplies. First Graders collected \$250.74 from their drive and that went to Birthday Wishes, and organization that provides birthday parties for homeless children. Jayashree & Alexis worked closely with Jen Parson and Janeen Sheelen to organize the details, make posters and announcements, collect money and purchase and deliver the donations to Birthday Wishes and the Senior Center.

As Vice Presidents of the Center School HPTA, we supported the mission and goals of the HPTA. We discovered how we, as parents, can truly make a difference in our children's education. This year we continued the school wide Cubby Wear clothing sale for both the children and the staff. Each was able to purchase clothing with the Center School logo on it. It was a tremendous success and it was great to see so many children showing their school spirit in their Center School clothing and in fact that some of the money spent on the clothing was given back to the school. Also, new this year was a Family Fun night for Center School families which was held at Pizzeria Uno.

Thanks to the enthusiasm, energy and support of Jen Parson and her Assistant Janeen Sheelen. We would like to thank them along with the Center School secretaries Concie Kniager and Kim Piquard for their commitment to the HPTA. Finally we would like to thank our wonderful Center School board for their dedication, endless hours of hard work and support that helped us to accomplish our goals this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Murphy and Carol Quinlan
HPTA Co-Vice Presidents, Center School

Elmwood School Board 2009-2010

Vice President	Joanne Lucas
Vice President	Michelle Weilding
Appreciation	Jenni Schroeder
Appreciation	Stephanie Whelan
Appreciation	Sheri Cesnek
Book Fair	Susie Estella
Book Fair	Andrea Hasbrouck
Book Fair	Alice Crochiere
Bulletin Boards	Patty Hood
Bulletin Boards	Courtney Zaharis
Cash Back	Cathy Schaefer
Cash Back	Holly DiNicola
Enrichment	Dawn Ronan
Enrichment	Deb Dreschler
Extracurricular	Sarah Donnelly
Extracurricular	Liz Murchie
Library	Heather Kelley
Reporter	Beth D'Alleva
Reporter	Jen Nolte
Volunteer (2nd Grade)	Donna Orellana
Volunteer (2nd Grade)	Christy Mahoney
Volunteer (3rd Grade)	Karen Sylvester
Volunteer (3rd Grade)	Ashley McNamara
Art Room	Brian Karp
Square One Art	Mary Pawela
Wee Deliver	Cheryl McIntire
Wee Deliver	Lynn Hargrave
Wee Deliver	Michele Rogers

**Hopkinton Parent Teacher Association
Elmwood School Vice Presidents
2009-2010**

The Hopkinton Parent Teacher Association for the 2009-2010 school year was represented at Elmwood School by a dedicated and committed group of volunteers. Each performed their roles with professionalism while putting in countless hours of hard work. As Vice Presidents, we were extremely fortunate to have been given this talented, enthusiastic board.

The Elmwood Board provided support in many capacities within the school. The HPTA provided financial assistance in support of the students and administration. The majority of its funding was spent on enrichment programs. Additionally, funds were spent on teacher appreciation events and grade level activities.

Over the course of the 2009–2010 school year, the Elmwood School HPTA was instrumental not only in providing financial support for the many programs and events, but in providing the manpower to help coordinate and staff those events. Hundreds of volunteer hours were spent in coordinating and staffing enrichment programs, coordinating the extra-curricular programs after school, coordinating and staffing the library and the art room, coordinating and managing the Box Tops program and coordinating and staffing the many grade level activities.

Listed below are the major items that the Elmwood Board contributed to:

Enrichment:

2nd Grade:

High Touch-High Tech	\$ 3757.50
Joel Warren Concert	\$ 450.00

3rd Grade:

Techsploration	\$ 1,388.50
Plimoth Plantation	\$ 1,442.00
David Coffin	\$ 900.00
Paul Revere House	\$ 2,100.00

The Town-Wide Vice President distributed an enrichment program survey to all Elmwood teachers and parents immediately following each program. The results of these surveys were used for future planning and to confirm that each program continued to have a connection to the curriculum. We were able to determine the programs the teachers would like to have eliminated to protect expenditures or teaching time. This survey will continue to be used annually.

Appreciation: Through the coordination of the Appreciation Committee, we provided three luncheons for faculty and staff throughout the year - one lunch prior to the start of school, one during the holidays (December), and one during Staff Appreciation week. In addition, we recognized the Custodians and Cafeteria workers with small gifts at Thanksgiving time. We also honored the Secretaries, Nurse and Principals with gifts and a special lunch on their "appreciation days" in May.

Extracurricular: We offered a wide variety of extracurricular activities to the children at Elmwood School. All of these activities were held after school and required a fee for participation. Attempts were made to keep the fees for each program reasonable and fair for all children. Programs offered this year included: Karate, Track and Field, Funky Freestyle, Basketball, Clay Creations, Robotics, Science Explorers and more.

Bulletin Boards and Reporters: Coordinators did a great job updating the bulletin boards with current events and of getting the word out about all the great things going on at Elmwood School and within the HPTA throughout the year.

Volunteer Coordinators: The volunteer coordinators developed a form and compiled lists of the various parent volunteers needed throughout the year. These volunteers were called upon during the school year in many capacities. Our volunteer coordinators provided parents for the Library, Dr. Seuss Day, Colonial Craft Day, and 2nd and 3rd Grade Field Days.

Cash Back for Schools Coordinators: Coordinators did a great job communicating the importance of saving Box Tops and sending in used ink-cartridges. Eflyers were sent out requesting parents to send in their used ink-jet cartridges and collected box tops. They were then responsible for sending in the used ink-jet cartridge, box tops and collected checks for Elmwood School, advertising to the community how much money we had collected.

Art Room Coordinator: The Coordinator was instrumental in soliciting volunteers for the Art Room this past school year. He also sent out numerous communications requesting recycling supplies for the Art Room. The Art Room is in constant need of materials, and parents were extremely responsive to all recycling requests.

WEE Deliver Coordinators: The Wee Deliver Coordinators organized WEE Deliver with a small group of children. The WEE Deliver Coordinators helped the children sort and deliver the mail after school. They did a fantastic job of engaging the children and gathering volunteers. This is always an extremely popular activity for the children that could not take place without the commitment from volunteers.

Square One Art Coordinator and SchoolKidz Coordinators: These coordinators were the Elmwood point people for each of the two HPTA fundraising programs. They were responsible for all the Elmwood orders for, making sure that orders were complete and paid for. And, finally, they had to ensure that all students received the correct order.

Book Fair Coordinators: The Book Fair Coordinators organized the Book Fair held at Elmwood in the fall and spring. They were responsible for recruiting volunteers and successfully managing the overall logistics of the fair at Elmwood School.

Everything we accomplished this year could not have taken place without the unending support of Ilene Silver, Principal of Elmwood School. We would like to acknowledge and thank her, along with Carol Costa, Assistant Principal, Jessica McPhail and Susan Napolitano, for their commitment to the HPTA. Their collective efforts, dedication, and support helped us to accomplish our goals this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Weilding and Joanne Lucas
HPTA Co-Vice Presidents, Elmwood School

Hopkins School Board 2009-2010

Vice President	Lynne Auslander
Vice President	Jeane Bertschmann
Appreciation	Ann Andrews
Appreciation	Lisa Guarino
Appreciation	Jean Hanks
Book Fairs	Tanya Abbott
Book Fairs	Carol Quinlan
Cash Back for Schools	Maria Karlis
Cash Back for Schools	Mary Pawela
Bulletin Boards	Rene Smith
Enrichment	Kathy Laflash
Enrichment	Karen Umans
Extracurricular	Martha Huebner
Extracurricular	Jenn White
Library Coordinator	Maureen Belger
Memory Book	Marilyn Dumas
Memory Book	Kathleen Dustin
Memory Book	Maria Karlis
Memory Book	Maureen Morse
Publicity	Kelly Asherman
Publicity	Marilee Mackertich
Square One Art	Sharon McCabe
Volunteer Coordinator (4th)	Sue Lallier
Volunteer Coordinator (4th)	Liz Pomeroy
Volunteer Coordinator (5th)	Diane Goolgasian
Volunteer Coordinator (5th)	Kelly Loring

**Hopkinton Parent Teacher Association
Hopkins School Vice Presidents
2009-2010**

During the 2009-2010 school year, The Hopkinton Parent Teacher Association was represented at Hopkins School by a dedicated and committed group of women. Each performed their roles with professionalism while putting in countless hours of hard work. As Vice Presidents, we were extremely fortunate to have been given this talented, enthusiastic team of women. We are also grateful to the HPTA for the budget of \$21,500 to be spent on programs at Hopkins School in the 2009-2010 school year.

The Hopkins Board provided support in many capacities within the school. Listed below are the major items that the Hopkins Board contributed to:

Enrichment: Budget - \$18,500

Kathy Laflash and Karen Umans coordinated several quality programs for the Hopkins students in support of their curriculum. Our enrichment offerings included: High Touch/High Tech – Power of Light, James Gelsey and Biomes: How Animals Protect Themselves, for fourth graders; and Techsploration - Structures, Art Quest (Two Cultures Meet, Early America I) and Biomes: Introduction to Marine Animals, for fifth graders. An online survey was distributed to the teachers following each program. In addition, a brief Enrichment Program Survey was distributed to all Hopkins teachers in April with the goal of determining which programs should be offered again, whether there are new programs to be explored or new curriculum areas to be addressed, and whether the HPTA funding level for enrichment is appropriate. A new poetry program is being considered for fourth graders for the 2010-2011 school year.

Reporters:

Kelly Asherman and Marilee Mackertich were very busy documenting and communicating the Hopkins "happenings". They attended and photographed events, communicated the content of the various enrichment programs to the parents of Hopkins students and the Editor of the Runner, and did a wonderful job of keeping us all up to date on the busy year at Hopkins.

Bulletin Boards:

Rene Smith kept the lobby bulletin board fresh and up-to-date with information regarding various HPTA programs, as well as information relevant to Hopkins parents.

Appreciation: Budget - \$800

Through the wonderful talents of Ann Andrews, Lisa Guarino and Jean Hanks, we provided two luncheons and one breakfast for faculty and staff throughout the year - lunch prior to the start of school, breakfast during the holidays (December), and lunch during Staff Appreciation week. In addition, we recognized the Custodians and Cafeteria workers with breakfast and a small gift at Thanksgiving time. We honored the Principals and Administrative Assistants with beautiful hydrangeas and potted plants at the end of April. We also honored Martha Starr by providing beverages and desserts for a reception celebrating her retirement, and were able to provide a small gift for Carol Costa to wish her well in her new position as Principal in Blackstone Valley.

Extra-Curricular:

It has been a big year for changes in the Extracurricular Program! Thanks to Ruth Pagliuca, Chris Tourigny, and Amy Ritterbusch, in particular, the registration process for extracurricular classes was all online. This changed dramatically what the job of Extracurricular Coordinator looks like. In addition to adjusting to this and encouraging parents to use this registration process, the Extracurricular coordinators in all the schools continued to work on making guidelines, deadlines, and policies consistent across the board. We had increased communication with the Facilities Use Department which began enforcing, in earnest, the room rental policies. Much time was also put into defining the level of need for instructor insurance, measuring whose liability was what.

Hopkins offered some "tried and true" classes (*Basketball, Robotics, F.A.S.T. Athletics* sports classes), along with some new classes like *Sports and News Broadcasting* and *Hip Hop Dance*. While we know that you cannot always account for high or low enrollments, we were very surprised that the formerly, very popular *H.O.P.E. Environmental Club* did not generate enough interest to run this year. The content is timely and certainly of interest to students this age, so we'd recommend continuing to offer it or something similar to it, if possible.

The *Robotics* class is a story in and of itself! Registration for the 10 student class consistently filled up rapidly, and some parents who didn't enter into the registration process very early had to settle for putting their children on a wait list. Other classes that run fairly consistently are the *Painting, West African Drumming, Jewelry Making, and Sewing* classes.

Another detail worth noting in this report was the fluctuation in enrollment in the three sessions. Again, you cannot always account for high or low enrollments. However, the fall session boasted 106 registrants for 7 classes. The winter session had 77 students enrolled for 7 classes. The spring session had only 55 students registered for 3 classes. Five spring classes were cancelled due to low enrollment.

Despite the declining enrollment, we continued to receive very good feedback on our program. The offering of challenging, fun, and educational classes at such a convenient time and at such an affordable price will probably always have its fans!

Volunteer Coordinators: Grade Level Activities Budget - \$500

Sue Lallier, Liz Pomeroy, Kelly Loring and Diane Goolgasian coordinated the volunteer effort at Hopkins for the year. The administration of the volunteers was automated this year, greatly improving the volunteer coordinators' efficiency. Paper forms and excel spreadsheets were replaced by an online database (League Athletics). In September, the coordinators evaluated and updated the volunteer needs required at Hopkins. They used the database to coordinate parent volunteers during the school year for different activities and in many capacities. Parents were utilized to copy bus notes, assist with the hearing and vision testing, run 4th & 5th grade field days, work at HPTA sponsored book fairs and help in the library. The parents also helped by providing food donations for Appreciation events. The volunteer form was also used to recruit volunteers for Hopkins specific and town-wide HPTA fundraising events.

Memory Book:

The team of Marilyn Dumas, Kathleen Dustin, Maria Karlis, and Maureen Morse did a wonderful job of compiling the Hopkins Memory Book. This included working with the selected publishing company to meet all deadlines; taking and compiling photographs of the classes/clubs and activities; arranging a cover contest; selling and distributing the books; and numerous other tasks associated with the publication of this book. This is an annual favorite for the students and a wonderful memory-keeper for Hopkins families.

Library:

Maureen Belger did an excellent job training and scheduling the Library volunteers. These volunteers worked in the Hopkins Library assisting the Librarian with various projects and tasks. Scheduling volunteers was a challenge this year, but was greatly improved by the use of Volunteer Spot.com. This website made it much easier for volunteers to sign up and it also sent reminders two days prior to volunteer date.

Cash Back for School Programs

Funding Factory:

Mary Pawela made shipments at 3 different times this year. The exact amount of each box varied since not all cartridges were listed in the on line report. However approximately \$50-\$60 was raised at each mailing giving Hopkins School \$150 this year in points.

Box Tops:

Mary Pawela and Maria Karlis snipped and collected Box Tops from all the classrooms this year. Box Tops were sent in 3 times this year with a total of \$1,702.30 raised for Hopkins School.

Book Fairs:

Tanya Abbott & Carol Quinlan coordinated two book fairs at Hopkins during the 2009-2010 school year. Total profits from the fall sale were \$3,989.81. The cash portion of the profit went directly to the HPTA which was \$2,337.38. The bonuses, etc. went to the school in the form of Scholastic money for a total of \$1,552.43 which was used by Mrs. Starr and several teachers to purchase reading materials. All profits from the spring book fair will go directly to the school.

Square One:

Sharon McCabe worked with the Hopkins art teacher, Emily Edwards, and other HPTA volunteers to coordinate the Square One Art program for Hopkins School. A portion of the materials funds given to Hopkins by the HPTA went to purchase new markers for the art room, to replace markers used up during the Square One Art projects.

As Vice Presidents, we supported the mission and goals of the HPTA while guiding and supporting our Board. Other accomplishments this year included:

- Implement HPTA Board changes which moved Family Fun events to the individual schools:
 - Organized Hopkins Day at Pinz
 - Organized and ran Are You Smarter Than a 4th or 5th Grader?
- Coordinated the sale and distribution of Spirit Wear to the Hopkins students and staff
- Facilitated the transfer of unspent funds to fund much needed technology purchases of document cameras for Hopkins
- Implemented HPTA Board change from funding teacher reimbursements for \$40 each to giving \$2,000 to each elementary school to purchase bulk supplies.
 - Digital Wish Flip Ultra 120 Camcorders
 - teacher websites
 - study carrels
 - art supplies

Everything we accomplished this year could not have taken place without the unending support of Principal Martha Starr and Assistant Principal Carol Costa. We would like to acknowledge and thank them, along with Hopkins School Secretaries Sharon Burdzel and Linda Lee for their commitment to the HPTA. Their collective efforts, dedication and support helped us to accomplish our goals this year. In particular, we wish Mrs. Starr and Mrs. Costa the best of luck as they each embark upon a new phase of their lives – Mrs. Starr in retirement, and Mrs. Costa as an elementary school principal in Blackstone, MA. It was an honor and a pleasure to work with them both.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Bertschmann and Lynne Auslander
HPTA Co-Vice Presidents, Hopkins School

Middle School Board 2009-2010

Co-Vice President	Leda Arakelian
Co-Vice President	Pam Litchfield
Appreciation Coordinator	Teri Darkow
Appreciation Coordinator	Grace Roche
Book Fair Coordinator	Mary Beth Lavoie
Book Fair Coordinator	Amy Satterfield
Bulletin Board Coordinator	Robin Bloomer
Bulletin Board Coordinator	Allison Brookes
Bulletin Board Coordinator	Julie Day
Sixth Grade Enrichment	Allison Cofone
Sixth Grade Enrichment	Diana Lindon
Seventh Grade Enrichment	Kathleen Karpe
Seventh Grade Enrichment	Liz Pomeroy
Eighth Grade Enrichment	Patti Durr
Eighth Grade Enrichment	Donna Plunkett
Extracurricular Coordinator	Nancy Lagasse
Extracurricular Coordinator	Ellen Mace
Library Coordinator	Christine Salois
Reporter	Heidi Krapf
Reporter	Barb Ludorf
6th Gr.Volunteer Coordinator	Melissa Abate
6th Gr.Volunteer Coordinator	Amy Holler
7th Gr.Volunteer Coordinator	Jennifer Blake
7th Gr.Volunteer Coordinator	Kelly Burke
8th Gr.Volunteer Coordinator	Mary Beth Elliott
8th Gr.Volunteer Coordinator	Donna Plunkett
Eighth Grade Celebration	Theresa Brossi
Eighth Grade Celebration	Lisa Cole
Eighth Grade Celebration	Vicki Gresham
Eighth Grade Celebration	Kit Werner

**Hopkinton Parent Teacher Association
Middle School Vice Presidents
2009-2010**

OVERVIEW

The Middle School board members, as well as many volunteers, put forth a tremendous amount of their time and effort in order to make the many events and programs a success. We would like to extend a sincere thanks to all our committees and parent volunteers for making our job as Co-Vice Presidents much easier.

The Middle School Board provided countless hours of support in many capacities within the school. The many hours of service and dedication were greatly appreciated by the entire Middle School staff. Major contributions by the Board are listed below:

Communications and Publicity:

Communication efforts with staff/administrators included:

- Monthly meetings with the Principal.
- Attended team leader and staff meetings.
- Back to school welcome letter to staff.
- Source Book and all bulletin boards updated by HPTA.
- Ongoing coordination with staff about specific activities, such as enrichment programs, and about volunteer needs for events such as back-to-school cook out, team nights, Elder Tea, field days, etc...

Communication efforts with parents and the community included:

- An orientation for parents new to the District and for 6th grade parents new to the Middle School during the IGNITE orientation in August:
 - Both these orientations welcomed parents of students new to the District and new to the Middle school. We provided an overview of the District, the Middle School, ways to stay informed, and key events to watch for. The going green campaign was highlighted. We provided several handouts with information regarding signing up for Listserv, e-flyers and iPass as well as the school website and HPTA website.
- Publicity in the press:
 - The HPTA effectively communicated to parents and the Hopkinton community about the various events at the Middle School via weekly HPTA emails, *the Runner Blog* and other media outlets.
 - A special thank you to our Reporters, Heidi Krapf and Barb Ludorf, for taking pictures and writing the various articles pertaining to the Middle School events and by being part of the newly created town-wide Communications team and staying in touch with this team throughout the year.
- Bulletin boards and literature racks:
 - We continued to maintain the bulletin boards and literature racks at the two entrances of the building which are very useful for parents. The bulletin boards were updated with pertinent information as well as photos. The racks contain flyers and notices of interest to the Middle School community.
 - Thank you to Robin Bloomer, Allison Brookes and Julie Day, Bulletin Boards Coordinators, for keeping the boards updated and interesting all year long.
- E-flyers and Listserv:
 - There were no more paper flyers going home this year. All flyers with advertising of upcoming events went out via e-Flyers once a week on Fridays. Any events that were just for the Middle School were sent to parents via Listserv which is an email to all families by grade. Parents had to register to receive information via both these methods.

Volunteer Coordination:

Thank you to the Volunteers Coordinators for all their hard work efficiently organizing, managing, and successfully marshalling volunteers for all the Middle School programs and events. Volunteer Coordinators received lists of volunteers via our new online registration system in the fall and organized hundreds of parents to support the Middle School in a variety of ways, including: chaperoning; managing cash boxes; scooping ice cream; flipping burgers; filling special staff requests; coordinating the 6th grade Kids Night Out; Elder Tea; shopping for 7th and 8th grade dances; providing names of volunteers to assist with Team Nights, Field Days, etc...

Great thanks go to our outstanding Volunteer Coordinators:

- 6th grade – Melissa Abate, Amy Holler
- 7th grade – Jennifer Blake, Kelly Burke
- 8th grade – Mary Beth Elliott, Donna Plunkett

Volunteers also helped plan and host the year-end 8th Grade Celebration. Theresa Brossi, Lisa Cole, Vicki Gresham and Kit Werner led a team of many other parents to work with staff and students to make this event a success. The team planned decorations, food, and entertainment and coordinated chaperones.

Enrichment Programs:

The HPTA contributed \$17,691 towards Middle School enrichment programs that enhanced curriculum in all grades. The HPTA coordinators scheduled and facilitated the programs presented, worked with the teachers to coordinate each program, and obtained teacher feedback via brief evaluation forms.

Thank you to our Enrichment Coordinators:

- 6th grade – Allison Cofone and Diana Lindon
- 7th grade – Kathleen Karpe and Liz Pomeroy
- 8th grade – Patti Durr and Donna Plunkett

2009-2010 Middle School Enrichment Programs

Program	Month Held	Cost
6th GRADE		
Pyramids & Pharaohs	January	\$775
Odds Bodkin	March	\$1630
ArtQuest	April	\$2070
		Total = \$4475
7th GRADE		
Yoko Watkins	October	\$4500
Eureka! Field Trip	April	\$2000
Grupo Fantasia	May	\$1600
Tim Tingle	June	\$1100
		Total= \$9200
8th GRADE		
Astronomy IMAX trip	October	\$1725
Myth Masters	January	\$652
		Total = \$2377
6th to 8th GRADE		
Paul Martin	February	\$1639
Paralympian		Total = \$1500

Extracurricular Activities and Programs:

There were some great Extracurricular programs offered to the Middle Schools students at the beginning of the year. Thank you to Nancy Lagasse and Ellen Mace, Extracurricular Coordinators, for making these programs possible. However, due to the decline in enrollment, all extracurricular programs have been discontinued at the Middle School.

Appreciation:

We are very grateful to the Appreciation Team, Teri Darkow and Grace Roche, for their creativity, coordination and money management of the many appreciation events. Appreciation volunteers hosted the following special events for the staff:

- Welcome Back luncheon the day before school started
- Pizza Supper for the staff on Open House/Curriculum Night
- Custodian/Cafeteria appreciation gift certificates
- Holiday luncheon
- Secretaries' Day gifts
- Principal's Day gifts
- Teacher Appreciation luncheon
- Retirement party for principal

Also, we are extremely grateful to the many volunteers that responded to the Appreciation team's requests for food donations.

Book Fairs and Library Support:

Thank you to Mary Beth Lavoie and Amy Satterfield, Book Fair Coordinators, who organized a very successful book fair in September and again in June. Thank you also to Christine Salois who supported the library providing volunteers as needed.

Financial contributions:

The HPTA donated over \$22,000 for ongoing support to the Middle School. These funds were used towards enrichment programs, student support, faculty support and purchases of special equipment.

Our Support Team:

We have enjoyed our time representing the HPTA and supporting the Middle School's efforts. We would like to thank Dr. William Lynch, Middle School Principal, for his continued support and dedication. We would also like to thank Mr. Jason Webster, Middle School Assistant Principal, Mrs. Rita Balboa and Mrs. Lori McBride, the school administrative staff, and faculty for their feedback, guidance and support throughout the year. Also, we would like to thank the Student Council and Communiten for their contributions during the various events.

Respectfully submitted,

Leda Arakelian and Pam Litchfield
HPTA Co-Vice Presidents, Hopkinton Middle School

**Hopkinton Parent Teacher Association
High School Vice President
2009-2010**

Vice President	Barb Henise
Appreciation Coordinator	Jen Blake
Appreciation Coordinator	Ann Bettina
Appreciation Coordinator	Jeanne Rodeck
Enrichment Coordinator	Lynn Bono
Reporter	Jackie Potenzzone
Freshman Orientation Coordinator	Cathy Cameron
Freshman Orientation Coordinator	Erin Cooney
Freshman Orientation Coordinator	Cathy McCrorey
Freshman Orientation Coordinator	Melissa Abate
Freshman Orientation Coordinator	Gabrielle Giordano

For over 200 freshmen August 25th, was the official kick-off to the school year. Freshmen Orientation actually starts several weeks prior to the event. HPTA Freshmen Coordinators, Cathy Cameron, Erin Cooney, Cathy McCrorey and Melissa Abate obtained volunteers to help on the day of the event, as well as, volunteers to contribute beverages and desserts. The day started with placing "Class of 2013" water bottles in each freshman's locker and ended with serving a pizza lunch and the taking of the official Class of 2013 picture.

The High School HPTA Appreciation chairpersons are truly amazing, they organized several well-received events over the course of the year for between 80-120 staff and students per event. These events include the Back-to-School, Holiday, and End of the Year luncheons, as well as, coordinating the Transition Day luncheon for approximately 275 seniors and staff, all with rave reviews! Thank you to Ann Bettina, Jennifer Blake, and Jeanne Rodeck for all of their efforts.

The HPTA funded over \$15,000 in student activities and enrichment programs such as; Boys' and Girls' State, Foreign Language lecture series, Scholastic Art Awards, Visiting Artists, Student Government Breakfast, the Post-Prom party, Art All-State, Model United Nations who won Best Large Delegation and the Science Fair competition where three Hopkinton students earned a trip to the International Science Fair in San Jose, CA.

The Admission Game was a new program the HPTA sponsored in conjunction with the Guidance Department. It was an interactive and informative presentation for juniors, seniors and their parents pertaining to the selective college administration process. Many thanks to our long time Enrichment Coordinator, Lynn Bono.

The HPTA also recognized five graduating seniors; Megan Kruege, Lauren O'Loughlin, Cecily Boyce, Anthony DiMare, and Kate Richardson who demonstrated the spirit of volunteerism. They each were awarded a \$1000 scholarship.

Over the course of the year, parent volunteers have been instrumental in helping the HPTA. In addition to providing food and beverages for various student and school activities, parent volunteers have assisted with MCAS testing, served as guides for college fairs, assisted with taking inventory in the library, and helped monitor the American Mathematics Competition testing. Parents, thank you for all your support.

The HPTA is honored to help fund the various programs the High School offers its students and to be a small part of their achievements. My personal thanks to everyone that made this year a success!

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Henise
HPTA High School Vice President