



THE PTA PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

I want to begin by thanking all of you for a wonderful first year! People who have chaired or co-chaired committees, people who have signed up to volunteer and those who have attended PTA events have all come together to make it a great year of academic and social enrichment for the students of Karigon.

- ◆ The Young Authors committee celebrated our students as authors and culminated its activities with a visit from none other than Marc Brown!
- ◆ Cultural Arts provided programming for our students this past year to support their curriculum, to entertain and excite them and to introduce them to opportunities that they might not have otherwise.
- ◆ The Journal, Website and Weekly E-mails kept us all informed about the goings on at school and in our community. Thank you to all who made it possible to go paperless! If your e-mail has changed or you haven't gotten onto our distribution list, please let us know at KarigonPTA@gmail.com.
- ◆ Our colorful Yearbook highlighted our students and their many activities, both school and PTA-sponsored. It's theme was "Our Time to Shine," and the students truly do shine on its pages.
- ◆ Kaleidoscope, Bowling Parties, Saturday Science, and Family Science Night continued to be well-loved events that the PTA strove to provide at cost.
- ◆ Holiday Shop and Binky Patrol were once again enjoyed by volunteers as well as our students.
- ◆ This year our Book Fair committee added a third sale during our Field Day. This Buy One Get One Free sale helped our students have as many summer reading opportunities as possible.
- ◆ Student Art was a fundraiser this year but prices were only slightly increased on the old favorite gifts to allow for our families to purchase their children's art while helping to support the PTA programs for the school.
- ◆ McDonald's Night continued to be successful as a fundraiser and in giving the Karigon community, both students and parents, an opportunity to have time together.
- ◆ Fall and spring fundraiser earnings decreased due to the economic climate, but the hard work put in by the committees did raise enough to allow us to continue to provide the programs that the Karigon community knows and loves.
- ◆ Monster Mash went on as scheduled, free of charge, despite the illnesses that the Shen community was suffering at the time. A big thank you to the volunteers that made that event a success during that difficult week.
- ◆ Our Button, Sunshine, Hospitality and Improvements committees kept us connected to each other by welcoming new kindergarteners with fun buttons on the day of their screening and new PTA members with our welcome coffee; sending cards and gifts to acknowledge and thank those who work to make Karigon the wonderful school community that it is; providing a holiday dessert and a thank you luncheon for the teachers and staff to express our gratitude for what they do every day for our students; and keeping our visitors aware of everything that is going on in our school with beautiful visual displays at our entrance and lobby windows.

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- ◆ Student Banking taught our students the importance of saving and R.I.S.E. supported the educational services of the library and computer lab with their volunteers.
- ◆ Our membership approved our new bylaws in January and our bylaws committee is investigating ways to make our organization work more efficiently for the betterment of our school.
- ◆ Our teachers made us proud by their display of team work and sportsmanship at our first experience with Almost March Madness – GO KARIGON COUGARS!!
- ◆ Odyssey of the Mind was another new experience offered this year to all 3rd-5th grade students at Karigon. Twelve students participated to compose two teams rising to the challenge of solving spontaneous and long-term problems at the Shen hosted Region 7 event of this international problem solving competition.
- ◆ This year's Reflection entries showed us what "Beauty is..." Next year we look forward to see what our students' show us is possible with their entries for the 2010-2011 Reflections competition themed "Together we can..."
- ◆ We ensured that all students in need would be able to participate in programs as well partake in our fall school portraits.
- ◆ Thank you to everyone who volunteered on behalf of Karigon's PTA for programs that were not dedicated specifically to Karigon: Odyssey of the Mind concession stand, Kindergarten Orientation, as well as selling Relay for Life suns and moons.
- ◆ This year we honored Lori Bennett and Christy Wightman at the annual Founder's Day Dinner for the many years and many wonderful things that they have done for our Karigon community.
- ◆ We also awarded two scholarships for Shenendehowa seniors who have attended Karigon.
- ◆ Our 5th grade had a busy year with DARE – thank you to our 5th and 4th grade committee chairs for helping to put on a reception for their DARE graduation. The 5th grade students were able to show us that 5th Grade's Got Talent at their talent show supported by the 5th grade teachers and the 5th grade Activities Committee. The evening was a big success in raising funds for the gift that they will donate to the school, for showing the students that they can make a difference as they were actively involved in all aspects of the event, and for providing a fun evening for everyone that attended. As the school year wound down, the 5th Grade Activities Committee continued to plan for the moving up ceremony at the end of the school year.
- ◆ Our current membership committee did a great job this year and next year's committee is already planning for another great membership drive.

So I thank you again for everything that we have accomplished for the students at Karigon. Have a great summer and we'll see everyone in September!

Sincerely, Tammy Learn

Congratulations to
Eric Brenner and Danika Simonson
the recipients of this year's PTA Scholarships!



PTA COMMITTEE CHAIRS NEEDED!

These committees are open and we are looking for a chairperson or co-chairs to help with the following committees for the 2010 – 2011 school year.

If you are interested in more information, please email Tammy Learn at nylearns@msn.com or call 877-8564.

Thank you!

BANKING PROGRAM – (First Niagara Bank) - This program promotes saving among our students in 1st through 5th grade. Children are given an opportunity to bank Tuesday morning before classes begin. Volunteers are needed Tuesday morning for approximately one hour.

CULTURAL ARTS - Karigon's PTA sponsors a wide variety of Arts in Education programs and presentations to supplement and enhance the educational experience of our students. The PTA also provides grade level classroom programs throughout the year. Another co-chair is needed to assist the chairperson on this committee. The co-chairs will help plan events for full-school assemblies and assist parent volunteers who will work directly with the teachers.

HISTORIANS - Each grade level at Karigon has two Class Historians who are responsible for collecting and archiving photographs of school activities and events as students progress through their years at Karigon. The photographs for each class will then be compiled into a presentation when the class is in 5th Grade. All families are encouraged and welcome to submit photographs to their class historians. In addition to a chair to oversee the Historians, we also need historians for Kindergarten and 2nd and 3rd grade.

SHEN INVENTORS - This annual event provides students with the opportunity to create an invention that solves a problem of their choosing. In addition, it provides a forum for displaying their invention (in past years this location has been the Clifton Park Center Mall). Volunteers are needed to help coordinate evening informational meetings, distribute information, answer questions, and assist at the event.

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KARIGON PTA FALL FUNDRAISER



The Karigon PTA is excited to inform you that we are planning to try a new and unique fundraiser for the fall of the 2010-2011 school year. Our goal is to host an event that is fun for the students and family oriented. Many parents have expressed an interest in financially supporting the goals of the PTA in a way that does not require them to buy or sell items and we have decided to try a new approach that we believe will reach this end. We are in the beginning stages of developing a fun run or fitness activity to raise money for the Karigon PTA.

WE ARE HOPING THAT THIS NEW FUNDRAISING CONCEPT WILL SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL'S CHARACTER EDUCATION PROGRAM IN ADDITION TO CREATING EXCITEMENT ABOUT BEING ACTIVE AND HEALTHY WHILE RAISING MONEY THAT THE PTA WILL USE TO SUPPORT THE KARIGON SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

This event will have the students seeking pledges from family, friends and neighbors based on their participation in the fitness based activity. If it is successful, we are hoping that it will be our only fundraiser for the school year.

Please look for details at the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year for this exciting new fall fundraiser. If you are interested in being involved in the committee for this new venture, please contact Brad Piziali at bpiziali@yahoo.com or 248-417-9384.



Don't forget those Box Tops!

All of your efforts really showed in a terrific collection this school year. Congratulations to all our contest winners. Together we helped raise \$2,237!

Great job!

Summer is upon us and with all the shopping, outdoor cooking, and partying – REMEMBER THOSE BOX TOPS!

Tell your family, neighbors, and friends that the money our school collects helps to pay for all those wonderful classroom programs sponsored by the PTA.

We need their help!



Have a great summer!



REFLECTIONS 2010

***Bored over the Summer?
Looking for something to do?***

Why not begin thinking about your *Reflections* project? The theme for the coming year is “*Together we can .*”

Remember you can submit entries in Photography, Visual Arts, Literature, Film Production, Choreography and Musical Composition.

Please refer to the National PTA website to learn more about the 2010-2011 Reflections Program and look for information to come your way in September. Have a great summer!

Lisa Burkhammer

Anita Scott

Co-Chairs, Karigon Reflections Program

Tentative Dates for September Activities

EVENT	DATE	TIME
First Day of School	9/7	
Rosh Hashanah - No School	9/9	
Superintendent's Conference Day - No School	9/10	
PTA Welcome Coffee	9/15	9:00 AM
PTA Welcome Coffee & PTA Meeting	9/15	6:30 PM
PTA Committee Chairs Meeting	9/17	9:00 AM