



January 2011

**Message From the Parent Teacher Organization**  
**(PTO)**



Greetings and HAPPY NEW YEAR to all HRA families!! Your HRA-PTO is excited about the wonderful opportunities that this year will offer. First, we would like to thank all parents who participated in the first HRA focus-group held on November 3, 2010! We appreciate your partnership in HRA's commitment to "academic excellence for all students". Second, we would like to thank all parents aka "Weekend Warriors" who participated in Phase I of the Adopt-a-Hallway project. We look forward to working with you on Phase II in maintaining a clean environment for our children to learn.

**EVENTS**

We are thrilled about this new year and the opportunities for the PTO to serve our school, students, as well as the surrounding community! We are beginning the year by sponsoring a delightful "Breakfast with the CAO" on **Wednesday, January 26, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. at the Main Campus**. Enjoy breakfast and a meet and greet with our very own Mr. Stiles Simmons. Bring ideas for improving our campuses! **It is important to RSVP to ensure we have enough food for everyone.** Please respond to the invite that will be sent to the email address you provided to the school. If we do not have an email address and you would like to be added to the HRA-PTO email list, please contact Ms. Edmonds at 202-610-4194.

The Weekend Warriors will be working on Phase II of the Adopt-A-Hallway project, which will be on **Saturday, January 22, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. at the Main Campus**. Join us in beautifying our campus by cleaning the second floor hallway of the main campus. All supplies will be provided by HRA; in addition, light refreshments will be served.

The PTO is happy to announce that we will be beginning ef-

orts to hold a Valentines Day Dance for our students on **Friday, February 11, 2010 from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Main Campus (\$3.00 per student)**. Parents who would like to serve on our dance committee or donate party supplies, food, or chaperone may contact the committee chair, Ms. Ebony Fortune at [efortune@hotmail.com](mailto:efortune@hotmail.com).

Our next PTO meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 11, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Main Campus. All are welcomed to attend! As a reminder, it is not too late to join the HRA-PTO. Please join us every second Tuesday of the month for our meetings. These are informative meetings that give you an opportunity to advance our school as well as address any concerns you may have.

**FUNDRAISING**

Families it is very important that we support our school in every way possible. One important way is through FUNDRAISING. This is why the PTO will be starting the BOXTOPS fundraiser up again. Simply send in all unexpired BOXTOPs that you have and each month the class with the highest number of BOXTOP submission will earn a PIZZA PARTY!! For more information on our BOXTOPS fundraiser, please contact our fundraising chair, Mrs. Sheena Moye at [mrssmoye@yahoo.com](mailto:mrssmoye@yahoo.com).

In addition to our fundraising opportunities, we will also begin a snack shop for after-school purchases. We expect the snack shop to be available daily from 3:00 p.m.-4:15p.m. Any parents interested in volunteering for this opportunity or if you have questions, please contact our fundraising chair, Mrs. Sheena Moye at [mrssmoye@yahoo.com](mailto:mrssmoye@yahoo.com).

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

HRA has recently hired a new librarian! When you get a chance, stop through to say hello and welcome the librarian to our school! In addition, if you are available and interested, on Fridays you can assist the librarian. If you are interested in volunteering in the library, please contact Ms. Tameka Martin at [tamekam@smdi.com](mailto:tamekam@smdi.com).

Thank you for your continued support of the Parent Teacher Organization!

**Sincerely,**  
**2010-2011 PTO Leadership**

*~Parental involvement is crucial to the health and well-being of a child. Each day we have the opportunity to get involved with our children!*