



# Latham Ridge PTA



February Newsletter

Vol. 5

Welcome to Latham Ridge PTA NewsLetter!

*We are almost there! Will the groundhog see his shadow and will there be 6 more weeks of winter or not and Spring is soon to be here?*

*All we know is that the PTA has another exciting month of events lined up!!*

## February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

### UPCOMING PTA EVENTS:

02/02 - Groundhogs Day! (what do you predict early Spring or Longer Winter?)

2/01: Lego Club Grades 1,2,3

2/02: Chess Club

2/03: Family Dance

2/08: Lego Club Grades 4,5,6

2/14: Valentines School Parties

2/15: Lego Club Grades 1,2,3

2/15: PTA Meeting (6:30)

2/16: Chess Club

2/29: Lego Club Grades 4,5,6

### Family Dance ( 2/3 6:00—8:00 )



Dust off your dancing shoes, put on your favorite team shirt, grab your family and come join us for a Friday night fun filled event of Family Dancing!!

Just \$7.00 for the family at the door!

Featuring Todd Moffre

Pizza from Purple Pub and refreshments will be available for a small donation!



Chairperson: Tina Shufelt

**Did you know Latham Ridge PTA is now on Facebook! Like Us today!!** (Latham Ridge Elementary PTA)

**Volunteers** still needed for the following events:

Rollerskating

Family Dance

Lego Club

Chess Club

Family Fun Night

Family Dinner

Just send PTA an email of what you might be able to do!

**PLEASE HELP!!**

### \$\$ Come Bank With US! \$\$

Every Thursday Morning "Student Savers" go to auditorium to make their deposits!

Every 4 deposits the student will receive a little "gift" as a little incentive to regular savings habit.

If your child is interested please check out the website: [www.capcomfcu.org](http://www.capcomfcu.org) or call Ryan Falzo, Manager at the Latham CapCom Branch (458-2195) if you have any questions.

Chair: Ann Miller

### Chess Club (2/2 & 2/16 3:15)

Our Chess club is in full thinking mode and so far a success!

The club has moved from 6pm now right after school.

Kids seem to be really enjoying the challenge of chess. We have had many newcomers to chess that enjoyed it and are getting better at each meet.

Its never too Late to join, please contact our

Chairperson: Mangala Pai

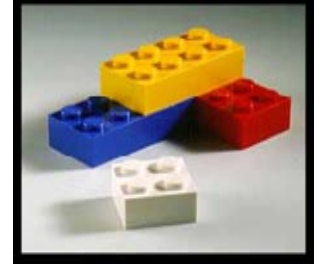


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## Lego Club (Group 1: 2/1 & 2/15, Group 2: 2/8 & 2/29 3:15-4:15!)

The Lego Club is in full building mode! This month we have both groups attending for two sessions each. See calendar for when your child will be going. Here's to our future contractors, architects, managers and all the team building skills they are learning!

**Chairperson: Peggy Connors**




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## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NOV/DEC BOX TOP WINNERS !!!!!



Each grade had a winner in the box top contest!. The winning class earned "game day". The winning classes will work with Coach Caschera and Coach Harvey to pick a game to play for that gym period that week.

Overall, all classes combined, collected 2,413 box tops. **Great job!**

Remember the class that collects the most box tops in total for the school year will win a desert party at the end of the year so keep those box tops coming and look for the next announcement coming soon for the next contest.

KE - 74

1B - 179

2M - 239

3C - 117

4L - 539 (4R in close 2nd with 354 - it was a battle to the last day of the contest)

5G - 127

6C - 90



**Congrats to the winning classes!**

**Chairperson: Lori O'Connor**



## Operation: Latham Ridge has Heart

### Valentines cards for the Military

The PTA would like to make this Valentines Day a memorable and meaningful for others in our community. The PTA would like to invite each of the children of Latham Ridge and the teachers to make special Valentine for members of our military suffering illnesses. All the cards will be placed in a specially decorated mail box located next to the regular PTA mailbox in the school office before Valentines Day. On Valentines Day we will be delivering the special cards to the hospitalized veterans at the VA Medical Center in Albany.





## Show the Love – Carnation Sale for Valentines Day!

The PTA will be selling Carnations for \$1.50 each and quantities are limited. Pre Orders MUST be received by 2/8. To pre order send an email to Rose Valenti (rvalenti2@nycap.rr.com) or Denise Trudeau (wetrudea@nycap.rr.com) subject line include: Valentine Flowers. Wish someone special a Happy Valentines Day! (all proceeds will go towards the Spring Fling T-shirts for the students!)

## PTA Events for the 2011–2012 School Year & Members

### **Volunteers Needed & Appreciated!!!!**

In order for the PTA to have these successful and most importantly fun & exciting events for the kids, we need volunteers to

help keep them going!

Please consider helping out for any of the following upcoming events through out the school year. Even if it's an hour or pitching in to set up or getting stuff, as

they say *"many hands make light work!"*

The following is a list of the entire years events and the people that have accepted to chair the event. Please contact the PTA or Chair for more information of the event.



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### **Food Drive for November:**

Lori O'Connor

### **Staff Appreciation:**

Megan Peterson-Tice & Sheryl Guidi

### **Panther Pride:**

Lisa DeMarco & Christina Weary

### **PARP:**

Karen Ehlinger

### **Roller Skating:**

Melissa Razzano & Lisa Tyrka

### **School Supplies:**

Melissa Martuscello

### **Giving Tree:**

Aimme Greklek

### **Cultural Arts:**

Mr. Futia & Mrs. Buckley

### **Fall Book Fair:**

Donna Landy & Dave Tatum

### **Box Tops:**

Lori O'Connor

### **Campbell Soup Labels:**

Denise Trudeau

### **Directory:**

Melissa Fraley

### **Spring Book Fair:**

Tilna Drozd

### **Turkey Shoot:**

Lisa DeMarco & Carrie Naylor

### **Banking:**

Ann Miller

### **Bake Sale (election Day):**

Beth Flores

### **Fundraiser:**

Rose Valenti

### **Hospitality:**

Karen Ehlinger

### **Garage Sale:**

Paige Rossi, Cathy Freitag & Cindy Mero

### **Chess Club:**

Mangala Pai

### **Published books:**

Anne Miller & Aimee Greklek

### **Children's Holiday Shopping:**

Katie Kane

### **Classroom Parties:**

Melissa Martuscello & Rose Valenti

### **Used Book Sale:**

Cindy Devendorf

### **Family Dance:**

Tina Shufelt

### **Family Dinner:**

Lisa DeMarco & Sheryl Guidi

# THANK YOU'S

The PTA will like to extend a [BIG THANK YOU](#) to **OLYMPIC LANES** in Menands for a successful and totally fun Family night of Bowling!! Please show your patronage and go bowl there soon!

Family Night Bowling was a great success! We had a great group of families that loved bowling, enjoying pizza/soda and some good old fun!



Thank You to Chris McCabe who organized the Bowling Night!

Thank You to Donna Landy and JoAnne Foglia who helped get the designated area ready for the families as they came to Bowl.

Thank You to all the parents that brought there kids to enjoy the bowling night!

Thank You to Melissa Razzano and others for another successful Roller Skating afternoon.

A Special Thank You to Mr. D Ron Von Dell and Mr. David Rosenthal for coming to our January PTA meeting to speak about the upcoming board election.

*A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue,  
but the parent of all other virtues*

## PTA Executive Committee

Lisa DeMarco - Presiden  
Chris McCabe - VP

Donna Landy - Treasurer

Megan Peterson- Correspondent Secretary

JoAnne Foglia - Secretary

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### Join Latham Ridge PTA!

Studies show that children perform better in school if their parents are involved in some capacity. We have the perfect way for you to become involved. Join the Latham Ridge PTA and take part in the many functions available to your students and family. We are always looking for new ideas and new people to enhance our PTA. If you are interested in joining please contact Latham Ridge PTA today!

Thank you!

**We are on the web!**

[http://www.northcolonie.org/lathamridge/LthmRdge\\_pta.htm](http://www.northcolonie.org/lathamridge/LthmRdge_pta.htm)

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