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### Important Dates

**January 3:** School Banking: Also on 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31.

**January 10:** Lego Club, Southgate Cafeteria, 6-7 pm.

**January 11:** PTA Planning Committee Meeting, 6:30-7:15, PTA General Meeting to follow, Southgate Cafeteria. Childcare will not be available for these meetings.

**January 31:** Permission slips due for After School Enrichment Programs (spring offerings to come)

**January 31:** Vendor Applications due for PTAs First Annual Splendor Blendor

### Upcoming events

**February 6-10:** Go Green Week

**February 9:** Entries for Go Green Poster Contest due (contest guidelines to come)

**February 14:** Valentines Day classroom celebrations

**March 1:** General Mills Box Tops due

**March 1:** Third Annual Barnes and Noble Event

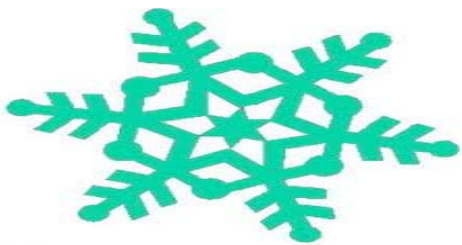
**March 31:** Splendor Blendor! See below for details

**\*\*\*Congratulations to PTA member and Southgate Librarian Jan Parmalee for achieving National Board Certification.\*\*\***

**Important Notice Regarding  
City Book Coupon Books:**

Families need to either return the City Books sent home in November as part of the PTAs Fall Fundraiser, or send in a check for \$20 to cover the cost of the coupon books.

The PTA is accountable and responsible for payment for each City Book distributed. If you have a City Book at home that you would like to purchase, please send a check for \$20 in an envelope labeled "Southgate PTA-City Book." Thank you!



**Yearbook**

**Calling all Southgate photographers!** The Yearbook Committee has been busy putting together the 2011-12 yearbook and needs photographs! Please send printed pictures in an envelope marked: PTA - Yearbook c/o Jen Dentinger or send them digitally to [southgateyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:southgateyearbook@gmail.com).

**Letter from the  
Co- Presidents**

We know it will be a great second half of the school year and are excited about some of the upcoming events on our PTA calendar such as Go Green Week, our Barnes and Noble event and a new fundraiser we're trying out this year on March 31-Splendor Blendor!

On Wednesday, January 11th at 6:30pm, we will have our first Planning Committee Meeting. We welcome your attendance and participation in a casual conversation to share ideas and suggestions. Please send us an email ([Gallagher.pta@gmail.com](mailto:Gallagher.pta@gmail.com)) to be included on the agenda, which is announced prior to the meeting.

Immediately following the Planning Committee Meeting is PTA General Meeting. This meeting will begin at 7:15pm. Bring any membership dues and forms with you, if you still need to be counted as a supporter of the PTA. We look forward to meeting more of the great Southgate community that night.

Here's to a great 2012!  
John and Barbara G

## PTA Sponsored Field Trips— Where is your child going?

The PTA is pleased to announce that all of the PTA sponsored field trips for this year have been identified. So, where is your child going? Here's the list:

**Kindergarten:** CMOST on April 26, 2012

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade –** Proctor's Theater:  
"ImaginOcean" on March 30, 2012

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade –** The Palace Theater: "Nate the Great" on May 23, 2012

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade -** Proctor's Theater:  
"ImaginOcean" on March 30, 2012

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade -** Mabee Farm on May 23, 2012

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade –** The Palace Theater: "Freedom Train" on March 19, 2012

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade -** Proctor's Theater: "Mummies" on November 18, 2011



## Fundraising

**What is the Splendor Blendor??** The first annual Spring Splendor Blendor is an event being hosted by the Southgate PTA where vendors may display/advertise/sell their goods or services to the Southgate School and Splendor Blendor attendees.

Vendors can be members of the Southgate community selling real estate, jewelry such as Silpada or Lia Sophia, home products such as Pampered Chef, local shops or travel agents.

This event will take place on Saturday, March 31, 2012 from 10 am to 3 pm. Vendors will have additional time for set up on Friday night 5-7 and Saturday morning at 7:30 am.

To become a vendor, please complete the application on the Southgate PTA website, and include a check payable to "Southgate PTA" by January 31, 2012. We will confirm with you via email/phone if your application has been accepted. Mail application to Southgate Elementary School, 30 Southgate Rd., Loudonville, NY 12211, Attention: PTA Vendor Application. Internal applications can be sent to school in an envelope marked "PTA Vendor Application, c/o Michael Genito 3H"

Advertising for this event will be through the vendors themselves, signs and flyers in the community, SNN and the Channel 9 Community Board. This event will raise funds for Southgate PTA activities.

## Rewards and Incentives

### THE DEADLINE FOR BOX TOPS IS MARCH 1.

Start sending your box tops in today so the counting of them can begin!

\*Southgate earns 10 cents for each **General Mills Box Top**. Clip them off product boxes and send them into school with your child. Log on to [www.boxtops.com](http://www.boxtops.com) to earn extra points for Southgate!

\*Your **AdvantEdge card** doesn't just earn you money for gas! It can earn points for Southgate as well. Register your **Price Chopper AdvantEdge Card** at [www.pricechopper.com](http://www.pricechopper.com). Southgate's school code is 15969.

Questions about the PTA's Rewards and Incentive programs should be directed to Kara Bonds at [kwandalo@yahoo.com](mailto:kwandalo@yahoo.com).

## PTA Membership

Our PTA Membership Drive comes to a close at the end of this month and we are thrilled to have close to 100% classroom teacher participation this year. It is another example of our teachers continued dedication to our children's educational success through their support of the Southgate PTA.

There is still time to become a PTA member and support the programs and services the PTA provides. The PTA membership application is posted on the Southgate website.

## Help Wanted

The School Banking Committee is looking for additional volunteers for banking, Tuesdays from 8-9 am. Training will be provided to collect deposits from the students. Contact Donna Palaszynski at [annodlynn@aol.com](mailto:annodlynn@aol.com) if you are interested in helping out.

The PTA is also looking for a new Communications Committee Chair for next school year. If interested in this position, please contact Susan Sheppeck at [ssheppeck@gmail.com](mailto:ssheppeck@gmail.com).

## Note of Thanks

Thank you to **Joanne Caropreso** and **Kim Lorini** who bargain shop all summer to help stock our school store with much needed pencils, erasers and notebooks. They are both very dedicated to keeping the store going every week during the school year while greeting the students with a smile!

The PTA appreciates the efforts of **Helen Matz, Shelley and Jeff Luks, Carrie DeGroff, and Christina Schramm** for organizing, compiling, and distributing our school-wide fall fundraisers.

Thank you to **Johanne Petersen and Debbie Jojo** for planning and distributing the merchandise for our apparel sale. The students look great in purple and white!

We would like to thank our school nurse **Jodi Chiovetta** for reviewing each food item with respect to allergies during our holiday parties, along with a big "thanks!" to all of

the **room parents** who made our children's  
holiday parties so special!