

## Harvest Moon Festival a success!

What a tremendous event - with activities galore! Tara Jordan, Sondra Hall and Mena Genetti were absolutely on top of the planning of this long-awaited event. This year, not a minute was without a game, contest, event or activity. So many wonderful community members were also on hand to represent the heart of the black dirt region, farming. The pot luck buffet is always such a great way to experience local flavors. The silent art auction was a perfect example of our local "homegrown" artists displaying their harvest-themed work. This year, the Pine Island Chamber of Commerce also shared their photo contest winners with a beautiful display. While there were too many activities to list, some included pumpkin decorating contest, a bake sale, a scavenger hunt, crafts, a donut eating contest, and, of course, the largest Pumpkin Pinata ever in Pine Island school history. It was a very special event and a terrific time was had by all. There a few special thank-you's to the following people who gave their time to help make this event run so smoothly: Cresslyn Driscoll, Lisa Pacelli, Kim Walsh, Kate Palmieri, Patti Garrety, Lori Duma, Diane Nicholson, Mrs. B. and Beth; our fabulous greeters who always do whatever they can to assist. and to those who are not listed, your efforts were most sincerely appreciated.

## Pies, pies, pies!

Market Day kicked off the school year with their back-to school sale, and followed right along with the October sale. For November, let's all have a look at the mouth watering pies the November sale is promoting. An order of 4 pies will get you a bonus of a handy, lined food tote bag, which is sturdy and capable of taking all those delicious selections to your holiday celebrations. Market Day pies are of the highest quality and are an easy way to bring "something extra" to the table- yours or someone elses!

## Membership report...

Thanks to the ongoing efforts of Carrie Calacanis and Millie Forbidussi, we have just shy of 200 members to date this year in our PTA. Through the sale of T-shirts, and sweatshirts, our school spirit and colors can be seen all around town.

## We need YOU!

The Pine Island PTA will be having their next meeting on **Tuesday, November 13 at 4:30 PM**. We will provide childcare for the kids that currently go to Pine Island Elementary school, however, those with younger kids are absolutely welcome to bring them to the meeting where they can color, and play quietly with the other preschoolers attending. Additionally, we provide snacks and beverages. We do all this to promote attendance at our meetings. Your input is what fuels our future! So please... grab your kids, tell a friend, and join us! Participation in your child's school activities will be remembered by them for years. Please don't lose sight of this, especially in the chaos of the upcoming holiday season.

## 2007-08 PTA Officers

President: Millie Forbidussi  
Vice President - Suzanne Rupp  
Treasurer: Christine Smith  
Secretary: Tracey Pietrzak

## Book Fair

Hats off to Kersten Konopka, who once again chaired the VERY wonderful Book Fair. It is always such an exciting place to be, and to watch the kids pouring over all the selections is very rewarding. And, making money for the school by the purchasing of books seems to be a win win situation.



## It's a wrap!

Thank you, Marlene Caraballo, for once again leading the wrapping paper drive. While the PTA has many different fundraisers during the year, this one is one of our biggest. The selections were festive and plentiful and we hope that everyone was pleased with the choices.

## Save the date!

Saturday, December 1 - Pine Island goes to the Movies! Back by popular demand, another movie outing has been planned. This time, prepare to be "**Enchanted**" as we watch a great family film with our friends and family from the community. More info to follow...