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President's Message



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I'm sure you've all heard the saying about raising kids that goes "The days are long but the time is short." The saying certainly applies to the school year! It seems like just yesterday that we were eating Kona Ice and waiting for class lists to be posted and now we're counting down the hours until we can take our kids out to celebrate the end of the school year.

I want to thank everyone who joined PTA this year and/or volunteered with our many projects. Our children are so lucky to have such a committed, engaged group of people working on their behalf. Whether you changed the letters on the sign out front, called our elected officials' offices, planned an event, brought in a casserole for staff appreciation, bought a candle from a student, or graded basic facts your contribution is very much appreciated. Many hands make light work, so the more parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles that contribute, the more we are able to accomplish!

I have really enjoyed serving as your president this year and hope you are pleased with the PTA's contributions to your child's education. I couldn't have made it through the year without the help, support and encouragement of several key people including Erica Seib, Kiran Tiwari, Lauren Hanna, Paula Romero, Chuck Benjamin, Jenn Fuss, Suzanne Hsu, Kari Hill, Humana Khan-Haque, Mrs. Thorne, and Mr. Wynne. Thank you!

Carrie Palsson

Dr. Sally K. Ride ES PTA President



Please plan to attend our summer planning meeting!

July 14, 7 pm, Panera (near Wegmans) All are welcome!

Check skr-pta.com for our August meeting date.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2015-2016 Executive Board

The SKR-PTA held elections at the May meeting.
Your 2015-2016 board is:

President, Carrie Palsson

Vice-President, Lauren Hanna

Treasurer, Jody Estey

Correspondence Secretary, Kiran Tiwari

Recording Secretary, Paula Romero

Incoming Kindergarten Playdates

If you know someone with an incoming Kindergarten, please let them know that we are having several playdates throughout the summer. The full schedule is on the front page of our website at www.skr-pta.com. If you want to attend and would like to be e-mailed reminders, please let Carrie know at carrie@skr-pta.com.

HAVE A GREAT
SUMMER!



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Help Needed!

Many of our key volunteers are moving on to middle school at the end of this year. If you have thought about being more involved in the PTA but weren't sure where to start or if you were really needed, I'm here to tell you that now is the time to get involved!

We need help in the following areas:

—**Open House planning committee.** Last year we brought the Kona Truck in for a little fun before the school doors open. This year we'd like to take it a little farther and organize some games for the kids while we wait. Can you help?

—**Book Fair co-chair.** Sue has done a great job with our book fairs, but she is looking to pass on this job. She would like to train you during the fall book fair with the goal of you taking over the spring book fair. Our kids LOVE the book fair, so please consider helping out here!

—**Membership.** Membership is a big job that really needs to be taken care of by a committee. We need someone willing to take care of the bookkeeping aspects of membership: collecting applications, entering them in the database, printing membership cards, etc.

—**Sweet and Treats.** This is our biggest event each year! The format has been refined over the years, so we just need someone (or a group of someones) to step in and execute the plan. Of course, the new chair is always welcome to change things up, as well! Sweets and Treats takes place in October.

—**Sock Hop.** We need someone to chair this event. You would need to hire a DJ and organize concessions. The event takes place in May.

Please call or e-mail Carrie if you can help.

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Congratulations to our Volunteer of the Year

Erica Seib

Erica has been active in many committees during her many years at Sally Ride. Most recently she has been the treasurer, co-chair of Sweets and Treats, and an integral part of the fifth grade end of year celebrations.

We proudly present The Lifetime PTA
Achievement Award to

Chuck Benjamin

Chuck has served on the board as president, has headed up many committees, and has provided an amazing amount of support to the SKR-PTA. We are honored to present him with this award.

And a big thank you to all our other volunteers!

Bagale Abatcha
Madiha Abbasi
David Adamson
Derrick Allison
Cecelia Allman
Kimberly Amarillo
Karina Anchiraico
Christopher Anderson
Lilian Anyanwu
Wandji Bassi
Nigel Baylor
Erika Baylor
Danielle Bell

Debbie Benjamin
Susan Bennett
Ana Bentiez Miranda
Brittney Bland
Matthew Bland
Frederick Blanton
Daisy Bob
Codey Bob
Emmialine Boers
James Bradley
Udeeli Brdaragamage
Andrea Breitenbach
Bonnie Bright

Keiyel Bright
Delores Carter
Cynthia Castillo
Candy Cermeno
Chenda Chrin
Conia Coccaro
Arthur Coleman
Denise Crowe
Gregory Derrick
Angela Diaz
Guillaine Djofang
Jana Dove
Michelle Dove

Christopher Dowdell
Angelina Dwemoh
Fancisco Emperador
Elizabeth Escobar
Maria Espinoza
Dana Estey
Anne Faist
Nancy Farhood
Nicolette Fass
Vanessa Figgers
Nathan Fisher
Jackelien Fitzpatrick
Even Fitzpatrick

And even more volunteers!

Leah Flory	Maria Jurasek	Hang Nguyen	Paula Romero
Jon Fuller	Janeka Kackley	Ngoc Nguyen	Kithsiri Rupasinghe
Jennifer Fuss	Alison Kapetanovic	Victoria Nkrumah	Nathalie Scott
Barbara Galasso	Humana Khan-Haque	Chioma Okoro	Erica Seib
Ella Gang	Christina Kraisas	Kimberly Pagliarulo	Bhuvana Selvarangam
Yanique Grant	Ilene Krom	Carrie Palsson	Daydette Sesay
Angela Gray	Patricia Lake	Jincal Patel	Soyeon Shin
Deanna Greene	Sara Lane	Hareshkumar Patel	Mycal Showell-Davis
Francia Groman	Melissa Lewis	Jaymi Patel	Elvia Silva
Barbara Hanna	Miral Likaria	Lajuan Payton	Katie Simms
Lauren Hanna	Leticia Lynn	Rosa Paz	Brooke Snider
Susan Hansen-Marshall	Shazze Mahomad	Toby Perkins	Susie Solis
Stephanie Haske	Janet Malinsky	Martha Pierre	Lisa Sponaugle
Tarek Hassan	Jamie Malone	Shirnetta Poindexter	Anthony Stephens
Carlos Herboso	Nancy Malone	Sarita Pokharel	Loretta Stimmell
Kari Hill	Eleonore Mambou	Ingrid Portillo	Zahar Tareen
Cynthia Hoes	Elizabeth Mann	Sharon Pritchett	Michelle Taylor
Angela Hoffman	Monica Mathews	Martha Pulido Jimenez	Kiran Tiwari
Suzanne Hsu	Roxana Matos	Mayra Quintanilla	Carol Toombs
Nancy Huamani	Rebecca McGaffin	Jessie Ragland	Rachel Villondo
Jonathan Hurtarte	James McGuigan	Delonta Randolph	Stacey Walker
Shalandra Hutton	Marguerite McGuigan-Shuster	Shalandra Randolph	Leo Wandji
Fanta Ibrahim	Blanca Mendoza	Aleila Rhea	Brittny Woods
Hined Ibrahim	Melisa Meyreles	Shawn Riley	Harrison Woods
Patricia Jarquin	Shazeede Mohamed	Michelina Ristic	Barbara Wraback
Sahid Jarr Koroma	Nancy Molina	Lizbeth Rivas Garcia	Chia Ci Wu
Yovetta Jennings	Melesha Nembhard	Christina Rivera	Roberto Yanez
Heather Johnson	Manunga Ngulungu	Claudia Rodriguez	Soly Zdanis

STAFF APPRECIATION

THANK YOU to all of our wonderful volunteers who prepared food, donated gift cards, helped set up/clean up and made the staff lounge look festive for our 2015 Staff Appreciation Luncheon! It was a great success and we got great feedback about the food, decorations, and all of our efforts to pamper our excellent SKRES staff! Thanks also to everyone who has helped to provide snacks for the bi-monthly staff meetings. Your efforts and donations have been much appreciated!

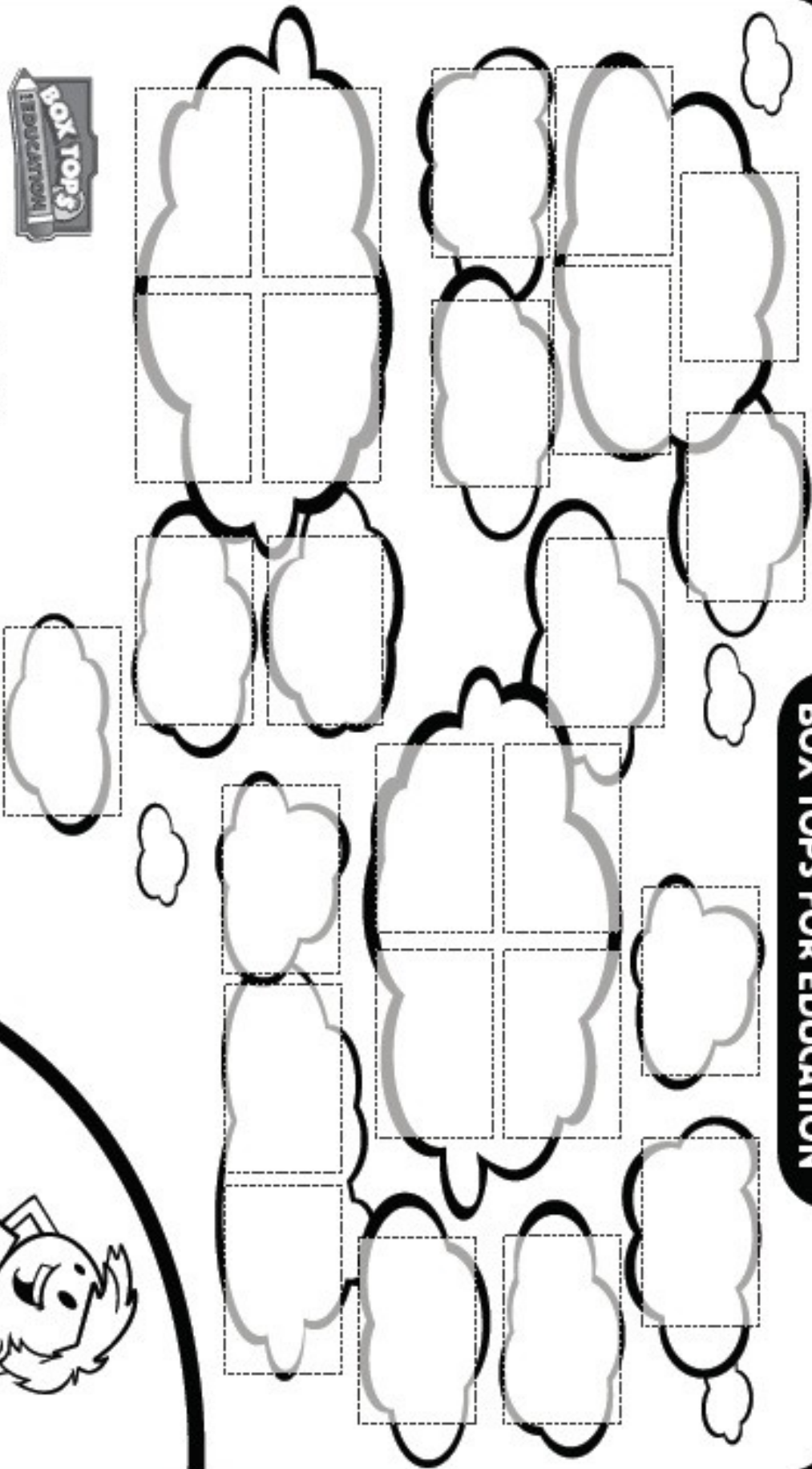
Staff Appreciation will be "at it again" with the annual staff breakfast, which will be in August. Stay tuned for more information when we're "past halfway" of summer break!

Jen and Humana, Co-Chairs, Staff Appreciation

WHAT DID OUR PTA DO THIS YEAR?

hosted fall and spring **BOOK FAIRS**, enabling us to **DONATE BOOKS** to the media center • provided a **THANKSGIVING FEAST** for the kindergartners • cheered as our kids read over one hundred and twenty thousand minutes in our **READ-ATHON** • paid for an **AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITY BUS** so students could participate in extracurricular activities • watched a movie at the **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT** • fed our teachers **SNACKS** at all staff meetings • highlighted the diversity at our school with our **INTERNATIONAL NIGHT & CULTURAL SHOWCASE** • thanked the students who help keep our children safe with the annual **PATROL PICNIC** • kept members of our Yahoo Group informed about **CURRENT LEGISLATION** affecting our school • gave **SCHOLARSHIPS** to help students attend field trips, take classes and attend patrol camp • honored our teacher with **STAFF BREAKFASTS, LUNCHESES, AND DINNERS** • gave students a sugar rush with the annual **SWEETS AND TREATS** event • took a trip through time with our **TIME TRAVELERS CLUB** • danced the night away at the **SOCK HOP** • provided **TREATS** and volunteers for **FIELD DAY** • supplied classrooms with **ACADEMIC** and **FUN EXTRAS** not included in the school budget • hosted a **FIFTH GRADE CARNIVAL** • celebrated students with a **BIRTHDAY BOARD** • gave incoming kindergartners **NEW BOOKS** • paid royalties for the **DRAMA CLUB's** annual play • gave students the opportunity to **SWAP BOOKS** • donated funds to **EACH GRADE LEVEL** • sold cool **SPIRIT WEAR** • hosted the annual national **PTA REFLECTIONS** art contest • provided shirts, snacks and fun run fees for our **RUN CLUB** • raised money for the **FIFTH GRADE FIELD TRIP** • supplied **SNACKS** to our Ruth Rales students • hosted an amazing **SCIENCE INQUIRY FAIR** • paid **STATE** and **NATIONAL PTA** dues • focused on **ADVOCAY** for **CHILDREN** • rented **ROOMS** for all **EVENTS** • played games at **FAMILY GAME NIGHT** • graded thousands of **BASIC FACTS** • chaperoned **FIELD TRIPS** • and so much **MORE!**

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT WITH
BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



Box Tops can really add up! The more you clip, the bigger difference you can make for your school!

NAME _____

GRADE _____

TEACHER'S NAME _____

