

QMS PAC QMS PAC

**Qualters Middle School
Mansfield, Massachusetts**

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Welcome to the PAC newsletter! Each month we will post a newsletter to our web page to let you all know what's currently going on with the PAC. For reminders and meeting agendas, send an email to qms.pac@gmail.com and you'll be added to our email list.

More Smartboards are on the Way!

The PAC has provided funds to bring the Smartboards to each and every Social Studies classroom at QMS! Last year we funded the Smartboards for each Math classroom, and they'd proven to be key tools and popular for both teachers and students alike. Much of the work of putting in the new boards will be done over the February vacation week. Our district technical director, Lori Letendre, was very instrumental in our efforts to obtain all the Smartboards we needed at a discounted price.

The Hornet Hive

QMS' own literary magazine, *The Hornet Hive*, is buzzing with student submissions! The magazine staff so far has received over 200 visual art and literary pieces. In order to support our students' efforts, the PAC has agreed to provide \$2,000 for the publication of this year's magazine. We hope this will encourage all the creativity we know our children have. Keep those submissions coming! Publication will be in the Spring.



Fall Fundraiser Update

Ever wonder if those postcard booklets your child fills out at the beginning of the fundraiser really help? Well, the PAC has just received a check for approximately \$8,800 from sales generated from those booklets! Considering the economy these days, this is amazing, and it means we are only about 2k down from last year's fundraiser! Kudos to all the students, parents, friends, and families who participated. We could not provide so much for all of our children without you.

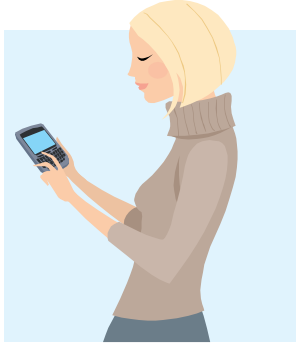
More Funds Provided

In December, the PAC provided funds for two replacement digital cameras for the Theater Arts department.

The PAC covered the annual fee for four membership cards for the Recycling for RI Education program. Teachers can share the cards, and the program provides classroom supplies and materials at discounted prices.

Rachel's Challenge

The student groups are full of a lot of ideas and enthusiasm! Some of the events include raffle baskets to raise money for charity, letters of appreciation for our cafeteria staff, and an upcoming all-group effort to gather donations for our troops overseas!



Upcoming

In the works.....

A representative from Surefire Coffee will be attending the February meeting to tell us about her company's coffee product, as a possibility for a Spring fundraiser.

Volunteer Help Needed

Our Staff Appreciation Lunch day arrives in March. Our coordinator, Sharon Turk, is looking for volunteers to help with decorating, baking, or just two extra hands. Please email Sharon for more info. She can be reached at: apos_main@verizon.net



More News

At January's PAC meeting, we discussed the possibility of having a district-wide system of communication that would enable the schools to call families using a mass-calling program. Lori Letendre attended the meeting to tell us about School Messenger, a company based in Illinois. The School Messenger system can provide our schools with a way to contact each family efficiently in the event of an emergency, cancelled school, conference reminders, etc. It will be further discussed at the February 11th PAC meeting at 7pm in the QMS Library. Please join us if you have any questions, or if you'd like to hear more about it.

The next PAC meeting will be held at 7pm on February 11th in the QMS Library!

