



Tuesday, October 7, 2008
YAPCF Meeting Minutes

Introduction to YAPCF

YAPCF was organized by parents to retain the 1:1 student-teacher ratio after it was eliminated by NY State. This ratio is critical to making our children successful. This is a costly undertaking and the parents are all expected to join and participate to ensure the required \$250,000 a year is raised. There are two events held each year to help us reach our goal: (1) a bar night and (2) a formal annual event. 100% of the money raised directly benefits our children. The board consists of unpaid parents of current students.

Contact Information: **Website:** www.yap-cf.org
E-mail address: yap_cf@msn.com

The Nutty Irishman Event (the "Event") is scheduled for Saturday, November 8th from 5:00 – 9:00 pm. It is located at 60 E Main Street, Bayshore, telephone number is 631-969-9700 and the website is www.thenuttyirishman.com. The Green Machine will be the band playing for the event. WBAB will be publicizing it on the air, as well as attending. The cover charge is \$20. The first prize raffle is a 42" flat screen TV, second prize is the Wii and third prize is a GPS, which is a \$2 per ticket/6 tickets for \$10. At the event, there will be a 50/50 raffle and approximately 60 Chinese Auction baskets. Thank you to Kevin Nitzche for volunteering his time and services as DJ.

Fundraising for the Event:

Raffles have been backpacked home. If you want to sell more than what has been provided, please send an e-mail request to yap_cf@msn.com. Please return the raffles and the contributions to Dennis Gallagher as the representative in Medford and Christine Murphy in Ronkonkoma.

There are several ways for families to help fill the baskets for a Chinese Auction:

1. Each class is assigned a theme for a Chinese basket and parents send in an item worth around \$25 or more along with three (3) lottery tickets and \$10 for petty cash. The list was backpacked home to you;
2. In the event you don't have the opportunity to do the shopping yourself, send along a check to YAPCF and let us do the shopping for you;
3. In addition, send along any contributions of new, unwrapped items (except alcohol). Maybe any items you may want to re-gift; and
4. For any businesses or restaurants you may frequent, please solicit gift certificates or items to complete the Chinese Auction baskets.

Fundraising Materials:

Businesses want to know who is soliciting services, gift certificates or products from them and YAPCF provides you with a letter to bring along with you to explain the foundation and why their support is critical to the success of our children. We suggest bringing along a picture of your child as well as the letter.

Volunteering for the Event:

A list for volunteers to sell raffles, the 50/50 or serve appetizers for that night was circulated at tonight's meeting. Anyone that was unable to attend the meeting and would like to volunteer their time during the event, please e-mail yap_cf@msn.com. We look forward to all families extending their services to make this a lucrative evening for our children.

Gift to Staff (optional): If you are interested in paying for your staff to enjoy the event, a suggestion is to pass along a \$20 check made payable to YAPCF and they may present it at the door the night of the event. This approach will provide you with the tax deduction. Of course if you prefer, you can always provide them with \$20 cash.

Baskets are wanted!! A contribution of any size basket is welcome. Please send them in.

Upcoming events:

Halloween, October 31, 2008: Seeking pumpkins!! Anyone with a connection to a pumpkin farm and can secure approximately 320 small pumpkins for the event, please contact yap_cf@msn.com. Keep in mind the pumpkins aren't required until shortly before Halloween. Most people wanting pumpkins have already gone to the farm to get them.

Sunday Swimming offered by Moriches Rotary Autism Family Fun Swim at St. Joseph's College in Patchogue from 12-2. See the attached for more information.

Other ways to help fundraise:

Redeem your gold for cash: Any gold items that may be broken or unwanted, please donate to YAPCF to benefit our kids. Please see the attached "Cash for Kids" flyer for more information.

If you have any **box tops** for education, please forward them along to Mrs. Jeanie Formisano at the Medford campus and Jennifer Powers at Ronkonkoma. See the attached list for those items that offer the box top label.

YAPCF has **fundraising cans** to be left at your local store perhaps with a picture of your child for people to contribute their change. Another idea is to give these to friends and family members to fill their spare change. You may obtain the cans at YAPCF meetings. The full cans are collected at YAPCF meetings. Thank you Joe and Mary Amodemo for labeling all the cans.

If you are interested in any **YAP apparel**, please backpack your request to Jennie Formisano in Medford or Jennifer Powers in Ronkonkoma.

The **YAPCF car magnets** are available to purchase for \$5. If you are interested in purchasing a magnet or any other YAP-CF related merchandise, please backpack a request to Mary Herrle or e-mail the request to mjh121088@optonline.net.

YAPCF meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month and baby sitting is available for children 2 and older. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 4th. We look forward to all parents coming out to find out how they can help make the Nutty Irishman event a successful one.

Important Dates to Remember:

Every other Sunday beginning in October and ending in April from 12pm-2pm: St Joseph College's indoor pool is available for children with special needs. It is sponsored by the Moriches Rotary.

October 21, Tuesday: Last Day for Nutty Irishman Contributions. YAPCF board members will be in attendance at the beginning of the evening parent training held at the Ronkonkoma campus to collect items. Of course, items can be backpacked into school prior to this date.

November 8, 2008, Saturday: Nutty Irishman Event from 5 – 9 pm @ 60 E. Main Street, Bayshore.

December 7, 2008, Sunday: Children's Holiday Party to be held at the Fun Zone in Farmingdale. Details to follow.

April 4, 2009, Saturday: Save the date - YAPCF Dinner Dance Fundraiser to be held at the Crest Hollow Country Club.