

NYS PTA Annual State Convention Report

The NYS PTA Annual State Convention, held November 12-14, 2010 was held in Buffalo, NY this year. In attendance as Voting Delegates for Frederick Carder PTA were two of your PTA Officers, Co-President Candice Hill and Treasurer Marybeth Greene.

As first timers, General Session was an eye opener for your Delegates. During three separate General Sessions, Delegates representing local and regional PTA units from around the state voted on several proposed amendments to the NYS PTA Bylaws, ten (10) retentions, nine (9) proposed resolutions, two (2) rescissions and the election of Officers to the NYS Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc.

In short, the Bylaw amendments came about in an effort to expand the grassroots voice while modernizing the organizations structure in order for us to meet current needs. You can find more information regarding the amended bylaws, retentions and rescissions on the NYS PTA website at www.nyspta.org. Lastly, the Delegates are pleased to report that the following individuals were elected to the Board of Managers:

President	Dr. Maria Fletcher
First Vice President	Lana Ajemian
Educator Vice President	Tamalin Martin
Vice President	Pat Hysert
Vice President	Catherine Romano
Secretary	Penny Hollister

Attending State Convention was an enjoyable learning experience for your Delegates. It is their hope that all of you may have your own opportunity in the future to attend this event. If you are interested in learning more about where NYS PTA stands on the issues and how our local unit fits into the larger mission of PTA please take the time to visit the NYS PTA website at www.nyspta.org.
Candice Hill,
PTA Co-President



Holiday Recess	Dec. 23, 2010 - Jan. 2, 2011
PTA meeting	Jan. 11, 2011
PTA hosted movie night	Jan. 13, 2011
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (no school)	Jan. 17, 2011

Introducing Carder's Special Education PTA Committee: Special Paws

The Carder School PTA has sponsored a committee dedicated to supporting the parents and children receiving special services under an IEP or 504 plan. Collectively, the parents, teachers and administration can improve the services and education of our children. If your child has had an IEP, you have a story and you have specific needs. We all do. We have all learned to navigate the process, the question for each of us is can we do it better? Is there something else we can do to help our children? As a group we can work together to figure that out.

Special Ed PTA groups (SEPTA) are being sponsored in school districts all over the country. These groups provide the opportunity to bring together families of students with similar issues and needs. The goals of the groups vary, but the most common initiatives focus on inclusion of our children in school, providing information and support for the parents, promoting awareness and advocating for the specific needs of our children.

We hope you will get involved, share your needs and help ensure each of our children reach their full potential.

Please contact Marianne Park at 936-0746 or mpark1@stny.rr.com for more information.



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About the Carder PTA

The Carder PTA is a partnership of teachers and parents working to provide students with the best possible learning environment. PTA meetings are held monthly to plan activities and programs that support and enhance the Carder experience. We rely on volunteers to organize and staff our activities to make them successful. Paw Prints, which is published by the PTA, is your link to all of our news and events. Everyone is encouraged to join the PTA at an annual membership fee of only \$5.00 per person. This is a great way to support your child and our school!

2010-11 PTA Officers

Co-Presidents: Candice Hill and Sarah Meda

Vice President: Erin Edger

Treasurer: Marybeth Greene

Secretary: Kim Newton

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www.carderpta.com

www.pta.org

www.nyspta.org

C-PP District Website:

www.corningareaschools.com

Together We Can...

Congratulations Carder Koalas on a successful 2010 PTA Reflections Program!

Carder students entered 36 submissions, with 9 submissions going onto District-level judging.

Congratulations to the following Carder students:

Literature

Excellence Award & Proceeding to District:

Margaret Cleary – Grade 1

Grace Bickham – Grade 5

Ashlyn Hartman – Grade 5

Visual Arts

Excellence Award & Proceeding to District:

Emma Brown – Grade 2

Benjamin Wigley – Grade 2

Andre Wigley – Grade 2

Film Production

Excellence Award & Proceeding to District:

Quinn Campbell – Grade 4

Dance Choreography

Excellence Award & Proceeding to District*:

Grace Bickham & Nicole Dunlap – Grade 5

Abigail Dakoske & Amya Altman – Grade 5

**One submission per team will be judged to meet national guidelines for entry.*

The Student Council is asking for donations of the following items:

markers, construction paper, masking tape, scotch tape.

Any donations would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you!

Just a reminder to make sure your kindergartener has extra clothes at school. It really makes it easier for them to handle accidents when they know they have their own clothes. Also please make sure your child has proper foot wear. I always recommend sneakers especially with the new playground. On a last note I will be taking the lost and found to the Salvation Army on November 24th.

Thanks and Happy Holidays!
Diane Scagliola, School Nurse



ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL PROCESS cont'd:

- Talk to your children about being ready and to look for your car.
- Be patient. We will try to move the traffic in a safe manner.
- Pull around to the farthest available stopping point.

Do not double park as this may cause a potential problem in the event of an emergency.

Thank you for your support and if you have any questions feel free to contact me at 962-2454.

**Thank You,
Mr. Davis**

Box Tops for Education

Box Tops is a great way to earn cash for our school. The money helps the PTA provide our students with fun assemblies, family events, and even helped pay for new playground equipment. Box Tops are found on 100's of products like cereals, Kleenex, Hefty bags, yogurts, and Avery products. Simply cut out the unexpired coupons and send them in to your child's teacher. Our official collection dates are about the 15th of the month, Oct. – Feb. The class that collects the most coupons each month receives \$25 to spend on a party, supplies, or other great ideas. We earned over \$1,500 last year. Our goal this year is \$1,750. Even more Box Tops can be earned at www.btf.com. Click the "earn" tab, then on **Marketplace** to find over 70 retailers for your **on-line shopping**. A %age of your purchase goes to the school. Also, under *bonus box tops* you can **win** Box Tops for Carder. \$10,000 and \$5,000 are up for grabs now.

Thank you – Jane Trice, Coordinator

Holidays for the Troops

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our collection for the troops! We collected and shipped 94 pounds of goodies and supplies, at a cost of \$47.00. Lots of Halloween candy was also collected! Although the Halloween candy was divided up between two units, the bulk of the boxes went to the 1/8 Marines who are currently serving in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan. This unit had suffered many losses and injuries and the SgtMaj of the unit has assured me that he will personally take the boxes to the guys who are "out in the middle of nowhere" as he will be spending his Christmas holiday with them. I'm hoping that he will also send us some pictures! I know all of your efforts went a long way toward giving these heroes a MUCH better holiday season!

Also, we were given over 105 boxes of Girl Scout cookies that were donated thru the local troops. Thank you to our Girl Scouts and to everyone who donated boxes of cookies. These cookies were split up and sent to four units in Afghanistan (two Army and two Marines). Again, if we receive emails back or any photos, I will share them in the next issue of Paw Prints.

Thank you to everyone for your contributions! This was a wonderful community effort!!

Mary Ann Tozer
Co-President, Tell Them Thanks
www.TellThemThanks.com



A Note From Our PTA Officers: Candice, Sarah and Erin



We hope you are enjoying another holiday season! As we are all so busy this time of year, PTA activities will slow down for the next month or so. However, we'll be right back into the swing of things after the New Year. We will host a Movie Night on January 13 and will need several volunteers to help with this new event.

We also still need help with some of our other activities. We are looking for a chair for Kindergarten Orientation and a co-chair for both the Spelling Bee and Box Tops. Chairing or co-chairing events is a great way to meet other Carder parents and get involved in our school.

Thanks to everyone who attended our first meetings. If you haven't been able to join us yet, please try to come to a meeting soon. Carder PTA has traditionally been a strong, active organization and we're always seeking new members to help sustain our efforts into the future. Attending meetings gives everyone a chance to have input into our activities and to volunteer for our events.

We hope that students enjoyed working on Reflections entries. This program is a great way for students to express themselves through visual and performing arts. We wish all Carder participants the best of luck and look forward to reporting the results of judging!

Candice Hill & Sarah Meda,
Carder PTA Co-Presidents
Erin Edger,
Vice-President



A Note From Carder Principal Dan Davis



As a friendly reminder it is important that we take the time and review our arrival and dismissal procedures. It is very important that we all follow this process for the safety of our children.

Arrival:

8:25

Students will be allowed in the building.

8:30 – 8:50

Traffic will not be allowed to enter the circle. This will only be used for the drop off of bus students. Please do not use the circle at this time as it causes traffic flow problems.

8:50 – 8:55

The circle will open for drop off after the busses depart at 8:50. We strongly suggest that you do not wait to drop your child off after the busses depart because they will be more than likely be late for school. If you prefer to drop your child off in the circle please have them ready to exit the car so we can the traffic flow moving. The traffic should also stay in one lane.

8:55

Classroom instruction begins. Students must be in their classroom and prepared for the day. Students entering the classroom after 8:55 will be considered tardy.

- We need to keep the circle clear at all times for emergency vehicles, so do not leave your car unattended in the circle. DO NOT pass a bus when lights are flashing or when a bus is parked in the circle.

Dismissal:

2:45

Only bus riders will be dismissed at this time. If you need to pick up your child prior to this time, send in a note. When coming in the building prior to dismissal, you must check in at the main office and receive a visitor's badge.

2:30 – 2:55

The circle will be closed. Only buses will be permitted at this time.

2:55

Car riders and walkers will be dismissed from school.

If you plan to pick up your child at dismissal, please adhere to the following rules:

- **Stay in one lane** and move at a safe speed.
- **Stay in your car.** This will allow for traffic to move at a smooth pace. If you need to exit your car, seek alternate solutions for pick up. **(CONTINUED ON BACK PAGE)**

