



NEXT MEETING:

Monday
March 19, 2006
7 – 8:30 PM
Hill School Library

AGENDA ITEMS:

- Administration
- Committees
- Events
- Bylaws

Special Projects

- Teacher Luncheon

Volunteers Needed

- Village Lunch
- Bylaws Review
- PALS Post Contributors
- Sign Coordinators

**Everyone can be a
part of PALS.**

**Can't make a meeting,
but still want to stay
informed? Let us
know! We can email
the minutes to you.**

PALS Donates \$1200 to Encourage Reading

By Britney Abbott

Hugs Across America (HAA), a program in which people are able to donate bears to participating hospitals, started in New York City after 9-11. Each bear donated comes with a get-well or comforting message on a tag. The bears are given to children affected by crisis to help them feel safe. Since the project started in 2001, it has expanded across America.

Mrs. Forest's fourth grade class recently became involved with this program. Students in her class earned the tags to attach to each bear by reading a set amount of minutes at home. The class enjoyed this project so much; they decided to involve the entire Hill School in the Hugs Across America Program. In order to do so, they needed money. So, they went to PALS looking for assistance.

PALS, also eager to become involved generously donated \$1200 dollars towards the school's HAA project. With this amount of money, each student at the Hill School will be able to tag a bear and send it to Hugs Across America. In order to earn a tag, they will be required to read a certain amount of minutes.

Over the next few months, Mrs. Forest's class will be in charge of running this project. Each grade was given a month in which they will be reading and tagging bears. The schedule is as follows: fourth grade is tagging this month, third grade will be tagging in April, and the second grade will be tagging in May. Mrs. Forest's class already tagged last month.

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Like a Well Oiled Machine...

Well almost. PALS sometimes feels like it's running like a well oiled machine, but we make improvements and modifications as time goes on. **Do you have experience on a Board of Directors?** We could use your help for the annual review of our bylaws- please join us March 27th 6:30-8. Recommended bylaws will be submitted at the April meeting. Please call Tina Newberry for location 603-661-2041 or tina@tinanewberry.com

For Kids' Sake, We Need You!

With your help PALS can soar to new heights, but first we need to know what's preventing you from participating in PALS. And we're not talking about attending meetings here. We're talking about volunteering. **What's keeping you from supporting the schools with your time?** Please let us know by completing the attached anonymous survey and returning to the school. **We want to know how we can help you get involved.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Monday, March 19, 2007

PALS Meeting

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

Bylaws Review

Tuesday April 3, 2007

Last day to turn in Box Tops

April 27-29 2007

You're Fired! Fundraiser

Tuesday May 1, 2007

Last day to turn in Go Play! Labels

Tuesday, May 8, 2007

Teacher Luncheon

The mission of PALS is to develop partnerships between the schools, parents and the community to support the growth of students in kindergarten through eighth grade. It's not too late to be a part of PALS and you don't have to attend every meeting to make a difference. Ask us how you can help!

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**Your input is invaluable
and together we can
impact our children's
educational experience.
Please contact us.**

**Do YOU have an
hour here or
there you could
contribute to your
child's school every
once in awhile?
Let us know!**

PALS Donates \$1200 to Encourage Reading ...

Mrs. Forest's class is encouraging all students to participate, as this is a very good cause. Parents, please urge your student to read the amount of minutes needed to tag a bear. Bears that have been tagged will be collected at the Hill School and will be sent to a hospital in Nashua.

If you'd like more information on the Hugs Across America program and how you can help, visit www.hugsacrossamerica.net.

Just Go Play! Will You?

PALS is trying a new way to earn sporting goods. Drink Nestlé® Pure Life® bottled water products, **submit your labels to PALS before May 1, 2007**, and we'll turn



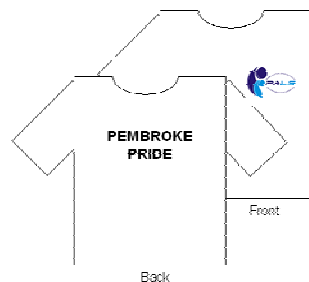
those labels into sporting goods for our schools. Thank you to Michelle Girard for telling us about this program!

Your Cartridges Count

PALS Cartridges for Kids program is on a roll this year. Since turning the program over to the eager hands of our 8th grade class, over 16 boxes of cartridges have been submitted to Cartridges for Kids and Staples. **That equates to about \$800 toward the 8th grade's fundraising goal total for the Washington, DC trip.** As you may recall, the class has been fundraising all year to keep the student's portion of the trip expenses to a minimum. **Please keep the cartridges coming in.** Simply send them in with your child in a zip lock bag or if you'd like to organize a collection from your work, cartridges can be left in the lobby of the Hill School. If you have any questions about the program, please contact coordinator Larry Moberly at Three Rivers mmoberly@sau53.org Thank you!

Show Your Pembroke Pride

Are you running from here to there and everywhere carting your kids around? Do your travels take you to neighboring towns? Maybe even to competitions? PALS is offering an easy way to show your Pembroke Pride by selling



sweatshirts and t-shirts. The front of the royal blue shirts display the PALS logo, while the backs state "Pembroke Pride." **Show your pride and**

purchase a t-shirt or sweatshirt today. T-shirts are only \$10, while sweatshirts are \$23. All profits from the sale benefit the schools through PALS. Contact Tammy Boucher for more information. 485-2794 or fourbouchers@verizon.net

Your Voice Can Be Heard

PALS President Tina Newberry and Treasurer Kim Landry have been asked to be members of the SAU's Hill and Village School Principal Search Committee. **Do you have concerns about who could be your child's next principal?** Let your voice be heard. Contact Kim or Tina to discuss what you'd like to see in our new principal.

Clip, Clip, Snip!

Remember to clip the box tops and submit them to the school. Classes compete and earn an ice cream party periodically during the year.

Send your Box Tops in before April 3rd in an envelope marked with "Box Tops" and your child's teacher's name so your child's class wins! For more information contact Stacie Rollston 557-3798.

