

Family Game Night Recap

It was a great turnout on Friday night, May 11th, 2007 for our 2nd PAGE Game Night despite all the other activities going on in the School District. It was really nice to see many new faces, have some time to share information and most importantly play some great games with everyone. I hope you all enjoyed it. As always, thanks to all of you for bringing a snack to share.

A special thanks to Peter Marsh for sharing his knowledge and letting the children have a hand with his Lego Robotics equipment and the Zome kit. Both were a big hit.

We had a quick meeting with the adults to share some information. The items discussed included:

- 1) Dr. Brand, the Gifted Teacher for Skippack and Schwenksville, is retiring this year after many many years of service. She will be truly missed. The critical point is that the district will need to hire a new person for this position. I would like you to email Brian Allebach, PV's human resource director, letting him know that we want the most capable person for that position. Please request that the District follow the same hiring guidelines in acquiring the new gifted person as they would in hiring a regular classroom teacher. If you are willing to be on the committee that shares in the responsibility of hiring this person, tell them. Keep in mind that throughout the years, the gifted teachers have been moved from one school to another. It is in all our children's best interest to hire the best candidate for that position. When emailing Brian (ballebach@pvsd.org) make sure to cc Dr. Feir and Barbara Russell as well (pfeir@pvsd.org and brussell@pvsd.org).
- 2) I introduced Joan Dahl for the position of PV PAGE Treasurer. She was voted in.
- 3) Joan Dahl spoke about the Skippack 4th Grade Advanced Math class that was developed at Skippack this year. She made the point that this class is not guaranteed to be there in the 2007-2008 school year. However, we should keep in mind, that if this was possible at one school, then why not at the others. It definitely took a lot of work on her part along with working with Skippack's staff to accomplish this task. But it can be done. Their hard work paid off and that classroom is providing a benefit to many children, not just Joan's daughter.
- 4) Joan spoke about working with the district to revise the GIEP format that is currently being used by our district. Their combined efforts have developed a much more detailed format that will hopefully be used in the 2007-2008 school year. Any questions regarding the new GIEP, please feel free to contact Joan at joandahl@comcast.net
- 5) Speaker Contacts: Anyone with a contact for a PV PAGE speaker at one our meetings, should get in touch with me.