

# THE VICTOR VOICE

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PTSA would like to take this opportunity to thank Tim McElheran for his leadership and "Victor spirit"! We wish you much luck in your future endeavors. We will certainly miss you!

We would also like to welcome and congratulate Dawn Santiago-Marullo as our new superintendent. The successes at Victor will be sure to continue with Dawn leading the way!

## **PTSA Pot Luck Dinner**

**Wednesday, February 25**

**6:30 p.m.**

**ECEC Cafeteria**

**Come out and meet other moms and/or dads in the Victor School District!**

**No need to RSVP, simply bring a side, salad or dessert to share!**

**Questions? Contact Brenda Callahan at 924-0266 or [dcallah@rochester.rr.com](mailto:dcallah@rochester.rr.com).**

## **Presidents' Message**

Dear Parents,

We're sure each of you is starting to dream about spring and the warmer weather. Who isn't? But while you're waiting, enjoy winter and all it has to offer. Take the kids and go build a snowman, ski, sled or even try snowshoeing! Your children will love any time they get to spend with you... whether warm or cold!

Enjoy the break and, as always, if you have any ideas/suggestions, please let us know. ,

Jennifer Mehigan & Tammy Rogers

PTSA Co-Presidents

## **Victor in Harmony**

*sing ~ dance ~ move ~ create*

**Wednesday, March 11 from 6:30—7:30 p.m.  
Early Childhood Education Center**

This event, formally known as Music & Movement Night, will provide children and their families an opportunity to experience music, physical activity and creativity.

If you would be interested in volunteering your time and talent for this event, please contact Tara DiPonzio Hopson @742-5499 or [tkhopson@frontiernet.net](mailto:tkhopson@frontiernet.net). Presenters are asked to prepare a 20-minute interactive presentation geared towards music, movement and creativity. Volunteers are also asked to provide any necessary supplies.

## **ATTENTION**

We are currently seeking nominations for Executive Officers for 2009-10. If you would be interested, please contact Tammy Rogers at 924-3853 or Jennifer Mehigan at 742-3177.

**Interested in learning more?**

**[www.myteacherpages.com/webpages/VICTORPTSA](http://www.myteacherpages.com/webpages/VICTORPTSA)**

## **7 Basic Safety Tips to Help Keep Kids Safer Online**

Use the following tips as guidelines to help your kids have fun on the Internet... safely!

1. Talk to your child about potential risks online through their computer, game console (Xbox) and cell phone.
2. Spend time online with your children. See where they surf; understand their interests.
3. Keep the computer and Xbox in a central location such as the family room or kitchen.
4. Check out and use family safety software (parental controls) to help monitor, manage or even block your kids' Internet use.
5. Make it clear that together you will randomly check their communications and blogs to help ensure that their safety and the family is safe.
6. Check out the safeguards on other computers your child uses at his/her school, the public library and the homes of your child's friends.
7. Teach children and youth the basics of online safety. Set clear usage guidelines and consequences if the rules are broken.
  - Never arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone they met online.
  - Never post pictures of themselves to people they do not personally know.
  - Never give out identifying information such as address or phone number.
  - Never download pictures from an unknown source as there is a good chance they will be sexually explicit.
  - Never respond to messages or bulletin board postings that are suggestive, obscene, belligerent or harassing.
  - Be suspicious of information you see online... it may or may not be true.

For more information on this topic, please see Look Both Ways: Help Protect your Family on the Internet. Other resources are <http://www.netsmarts.org/>, <http://www.wiredsafety.com/> and <http://staysafe.org/>.

### **PTSA's 2009**

#### **VIS Reading Olympics**

If your child has registered for this program, don't forget to encourage them to reach their goal!

The ending date is Feb. 27.

AND...

The class with the highest percentage of students reaching or exceeding their goals in each grade wins a pizza party!

### **Primary Father/Daughter Dance**

**May 1, 2009 ~ 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Save the Date!**

### **Spiritwear**

**Forget to order your Spiritwear?**

**No worries! Check out our website for the remaining inventory after March 1st. We just may have what you're looking for!**

### **Fitness Fandango**

**May 19, 2009**

**More details coming soon!**