

# letter from the editors

We cannot believe we're already six weeks into the 2009-2010 school year. Soon enough we will be leaving for Thanksgiving break and not too long after that we'll be on winter vacation. It's beginning to get cold and winter sports will be starting soon, with cross country, boys soccer, marching band, tennis, field hockey, and football coming to an end for the year. One group that won't be ending anytime soon is Journalism. We work extremely hard throughout the entire year, even the harsh winter months, making sure we deliver the news to our community. We hope you're as excited for this issue as we are. Now it's time to snuggle up in a fuzzy blanket with a cup of hot chocolate and read the Green Echo.



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The Green Echo welcomes and strongly encourages letters to the editor relating to controversial articles or expressing opinions and suggestions. Differences of opinion on articles are always placed, so let your voice be heard. All letters to the managing editor will be printed as long as they are school appropriate and they are signed.

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**Attention Students!**  
**Interested in joining the paper?**  
**See Mrs. Shank.**



# upcoming PTA events

The Pen Argyl Area PTA is holding several upcoming fundraisers that are sure to be a blast. There will be three fund raisers coming up, two at Plainfield Elementary and one at Wind Gap Middle School. The funds from the fund raiser are being used to pay for the Kindergarten through 8th Grade field trips. Even though not all students participate in the fund raisers, all of the students benefit.

At Wind Gap, the fund raiser is done through the company Cherrydale. All the students need to do is sell ten items, and they will get tickets to a "Big Bounce" party in the gym where the company provides all sorts of inflatable equipment.

At Plainfield, they sell the "KidsStuff" booklets because they are high demand. Even though they don't make a large profit from it, their huge fall fund raiser is through a company called "Gifts-n-Things". Their big spring fund raiser will be a walkathon in the spring.

However because of the economy, fund raising has come down over 25%. Profits at the middle school are down over \$1700. Support is extremely important this year to benefit these fund raisers and it is only possible through your support.

# the missing piece

Families First will host a private shopping party at MISSING PIECE on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST FROM 5:00 – 7:00 PM. MISSING PIECE has a huge array of seasonal gifts and home decorations, furniture, and Vera Bradley items. Enjoy an evening out to shop for incredible holiday gifts and amazing décor items at our private shopping party! Bring a friend and your holiday spirit! Light refreshments will add to the fun!

MISSING PIECE is located at 462 Bushkill Center Road in Nazareth. MISSING PIECE – "Because you are always missing that little something!"

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