

## HOME TOUR APPRECIATION TIME

Each year at this time I am again reminded how lucky you are to be in a school with so many wonderful parents. I really have so much fun doing the Home Tour and it's your support that makes it so easy and enjoyable. Even though the timing of the Home Tour at the end of the year is not the greatest, you're still there contributing to its success by staffing, selling tickets and baking cookies.

***This year we raised \$115,000+.*** Thanks to all of you for helping to make this possible.

But, without the generosity of the homeowners who graciously shared their homes, we wouldn't have had such an extraordinary tour. We are extremely grateful to all of them.

Our expenses were lowered due to the generosity of the **Rackett Family** for donating the booties and the following families who contributed \$100 or more to help defray our expenses: **Gallemore, Krause, Kulacki, Lopez, Sekits and Tucker.**

A very special "thank you" to **Maryann Nash** who does such a wonderful job sketching the homes for the ticket and creating such a great cover for the ticket and posters; **Catherine Coberly** for the fantastic home descriptions on the ticket that helped entice people to attend the Tour; **Lauren Harger** for the ticket layout design, **Liz Chalmers** for the beautiful photos of each of the homes and **Kelly and Shaun Champion** for the fantastic signs that we used for publicity.

Thanks also to **Debbie Charlton** for the many emails, phone calls and countless hours she spent making sure each home had the right number of staffers; **Maggie Byrne, Linda Cronkite & Beth Kelly** who did such a superb job on hospitality, **Pat Dorr** for the innumerable hours collecting and counting money. (Incidentally, please send in your money/unused tickets if you haven't already done so.) and **Lisa Cipiti** for helping me with my "love notes" to you each week and all the other help she gave me.

And....to the coordinators....it's just so much fun working with you. Many thanks to **Beth Bayerd, Peggy Breen, Seana Daniel, Tracy Gallagher, Kathy Glynn, Anne Gumm, Gina Hoffman, Tracy Horan, Nancy Humbarger, Genaide Kilduff, Jackie Maloney, Janelle Merriman, Karie Miller, Erin Pieronek, Alex Sheehan, Keri Simms, Dana Speicher, and Tammy Wyatt** You really go above and beyond the call of Home Tour Duty. You compose the room description cards (not an easy task), bring "yummy treats" and spend the entire day at the home keeping everything running smoothly and leaving the homes in "tip top" shape. Thanks so much for the terrific job you do....you're all wonderful.

**Not to be forgotten, a special thanks to Kathy Glynn** who checked in each day to see how she could help. To name just a few of the many ways that Kathy helped. . . helped get tickets to all of you, kept track of extra ticket requests and helped collect money, lined up parents to cover Sun mass sales and pounded the pavement with me to knock on doors a couple of times to try to get homes

And lastly, I'd like to say thanks to all you parents who made the extra effort to sell more than your two required tickets. Your doing so helped make the Tour more successful.

I'm sorry if I forgot to acknowledge anyone, Since my brain has "disintegrated into nothingness", things don't always happen as I'd like. I'm just thankful that the Tour came off without a major glitch.

**Hope you have a Wonderful Summer ! Lots of Hugs ! Debbie Walmer**