

## Summer 2010

The PGC has been busy working with the SRG and other groups to promote the *Price of Privilege* (PoP) Community Read initiative. Our goals are very straight forward: (1) Get everyone in Tenafly to read this book over the summer and (2) have them attend the October 14th evening event to discuss the book.

The Parent Guidance Committee has donated additional copies of The Price of Privilege to the Tenafly Public Library and all district school libraries for greater availability to our community and to help promote the Community Read initiative. Womrath's of Tenafly has the book available for a discounted price of \$10 per copy. We appreciate their support of this initiative. Look for posters around town highlighting the event, and our continued support of this important program.

Thanks to the PGC team members who are working hard to support this initiative:

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### **Social Responsibility Group, "SRG" of the District of Tenafly and The Price of Privilege** *Newsletter from Dana Maloney, Tenafly High School*

On behalf of the Social Responsibility Study Group, I'm writing to let you know about our study group's involvement with the Tenafly Community Read on *The Price of Privilege: How Parental Pressure and Material Advantage Are Creating a Generation of Disconnected and Unhappy Kids*. We hope to build lots of momentum in the Tenafly community for the reading and discussion of this important book.

Over the past couple years, our group has spent time reading and discussing this book, which we feel sheds important light on why social responsibility is so important in a place such as Tenafly – a belief we know many of you share and practice. Part of our work this year has been to work with district and community groups to plan this campaign to get Tenafly community members to read this book and to consider what the author, Dr. Madeline Levine, says about kids' social and emotional development, including the affective costs of a "culture of affluence." We hope the Community Read, and the culminating evening event on October 14<sup>th</sup>, help raise community awareness about the benefits of social responsibility to the children we all teach.

Using some of the study group grant money we received from Montclair State this year, we purchased copies of the book to send to each of the district school libraries. We want to make these copies available for loan to staff members and/or parents. We also used some of our grant money to purchase bookmarks containing reading questions.

We appreciate any help/support you can provide in encouraging parents to read this book. The motto for the Community Read is "A Book and a Night that Can Change Your Life."