

Wizards Help Rhinebeck Schools

Staff from the Rhinebeck Central School District recently went up against some basketball stars for a good cause.

The Harlem Wizards played in a fundraiser basketball game against the school district in a 7 p.m. game Feb. 4 in the gymnasium at Bulkeley Middle School in Rhinebeck. The event was a new

fundraiser for the Rhinebeck PTSO (Parent-Teacher-Student Organization), and it was sold out with 525 people in attendance, according to an email from Kevin Yarnell, physical educator at the Chancellor Livingston Elementary School.

More than \$12,000 was raised from the event, according to the email. The money enables the PTSO to provide more grants for teachers which helps to fund field trips and special supplies for classrooms.



Harlem Wizards players lead the group dance in the gymnasium at Bulkeley Middle School in Rhinebeck.

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Coach Kevin Yarnell steals the ball from the Harlem Wizards during the benefit game.

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“The Harlem Wizards event was proof that our community can come together to support our children and their education,” Rhinebeck PTSO members Amanda Romeo and Elle Renaldo jointly stated in the email. “There is no better cause than one that enriches the lives of our children. When families gather to enjoy an event such as the Harlem Wizards, it props the community up in spirit and pride. We owe a special thanks to our teachers and administrators who played in the game and made the night possible.” To help increase the excitement for the game, the Rhinebeck High School AV Club filmed the Rhinebeck CSD Staff Team practicing their skills. The video can be seen on YouTube: <http://bit.ly/1QrFTBU>

The roster of the Rhinebeck CSD Staff Team can be viewed by going to the Rhinebeck PTSO Twitter Feed: <http://bit.ly/1Plxli6>