



Penguin Press

Paumanok
Elementary School
PTA Newsletter

November 2018

Upcoming Events

- 11/5 -- **Paumanok Paint Night**
- 11/5 – **Pie Sale Begins**
- 11/7 – **No School**
- 11/12 – **No School**
- 11/13 – **Photo Retake Day**
- 11/13 and 11/15 – **Evening Teacher Conferences**
- 11/14 – **PTA Mtg** at 9:45am in the Chill Zone
- 11/14 – **Night Recap** at 7:30pm in the Chill Zone
- 11/15 – **Bus Driver Appreciation Day**
- 11/16 – **No School – Day Teacher Conferences**
- 11/19 -- **BOE Meeting** at 8pm Sunquam
- 11/21 – **Pie Sale Pick Up**
- 11/22-23 – **No School**
- 11/27 – **5th Grade Maturity Presentation** at 7pm in the Chill Zone
- 11/28-30 – **Holiday Boutique Sale**
- 12/17 – **BOE Meeting** at 8pm in the Chill Zone at Paumanok
- 12/20 – **Winter Concert** at West Hollow
- 12/5 – **PTA Mtg** at 9:45am in the Chill Zone
- 12/5 – **Night Recap** at 7:30pm in the Chill Zone
- 12/24 – 1/1 – **No School**

A Note from Mrs. Cooper

Parent Teacher Conferences

November 13th, 15th and 16th are the dates for Parent Teacher conferences. This meeting between the teacher and the parents is very important. During the conference, teachers review the academic, social and emotional progress of their students. Parents can discuss how their child learns and discover tools and strategies to use at home.

To make your conference productive and effective, consider the following suggestions:

- *Go into the conference with some ideas of your own that can help your child succeed in his or her schoolwork.*
- *Write down questions you may have to take to the conference to be certain your concerns are addressed.*
- *Keep the lines of communication open between you and the school.*
- *Remember you are an important part of your child's academic team.*

The time spent at your conference may go very quickly. Be sure to schedule a follow-up meeting with your teacher if you would like additional time. And most importantly, never wait to address concerns, instead be a proactive advocate for your child.

President's Corner

Dear Paumanok Families,

PTA had a lot going on in October. We finished up our Gift Wrap sale, KidStuff books, ordered Spiritwear, and submitted Box Tops for the student council. Watch our Facebook page to see when orders are arriving. The directory was printed and sent out to current PTA members. We apologize for any errors. If you did not receive a directory, please let us know. We planted flowers along the walk into school; we hope the splash of color brightens your days as they keep getting shorter. We had our annual Fall Book Fair where students enjoyed choosing great new books. All of our teachers were so grateful for your generous donations through our wish list program. They were excited to add some new titles to their classroom libraries.. Our membership challenge concluded, with a fury of excitement, but membership is never closed. Please join the PTA so together we can continue to provide wonderful opportunities to our students. This month our students engaged in a wonderful assembly from Prismatic Magic and learned about lasers. We had our first Community Night this month and headed out for dinner. It was great to see so many parents from our community together. We hope we can continue to give these opportunities to our Paumanok Families.

We had another fantastic Fall Festival! The new haunted hallway was fabulous, the music was great, and the games, crafts and prizes were lots of fun. This PTA giveback is our way to say "thank-you" for all of your support. This day would not be possible without the outstanding effort of our chair people; Cathy Sanfilippo, Aimee Prole, and Sandy Tom. Their work on Fall Festival started way back over the summer and concluded with a fantastic day. Thank you!

If you ordered school photos, they should be arriving soon. Hopefully, they all came out great but if not we have Photo Retake day coming up on November 13th. Please contact Christine Kessler, crisclau@aol.com to sign your child up for retakes. (continued, pg. 2)

President's Corner (cont.)

Your Executive Committee attended two trainings this month to learn more about implementing google docs into our program and in Suffolk County about our specific jobs, advocacy and school safety. If you would like to attend a training in the future, please let us know.

Paint Night is November 5th at 6:30pm. Please remember, PTA events are NEVER drop off events. PNO's first raffle for "The Mad Hatter's G&T Party Pop Up Bus" tickets will be November 14th. Make sure you bought your PNO ticket to be entered in this raffle. Holiday Adopt a Family will be run by Shalanda Anderson, please contact her by November 30th, if you'd like to adopt a family for the holidays, shalandayvette@gmail.com. All gifts are due by December 5th. There will be a Pie Sale through White Post Farms this month to help with holiday planning. Bus Driver Appreciation is November 15th. Please say Thank You to them all for keeping our students safe. Holiday Boutique is November 28-30th.

Our next PTA meeting is on Wednesday, November 14th at 9:45am and the nightly recap is at 7:30pm. We hope you and your families have a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

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Parent-To-Parent Chat

Last Month after the meeting we had another Parent-to-Parent chat about diversity in the school. Three religious perspectives were shared and the one theme we noticed was how important it was to encourage students and parents to ask questions to understand each other. Amongst the parents in the discussion, we found connections between customs we each celebrate making the conversations with our own kids much easier. If you had any questions about this topic, please email us. This month we will be discussing Allergies and how they affect our students. Please stay after the meeting for this Parent-To-Parent Chat.



Thank You...

We have a lot of people to thank this month as many of our events concluded. We would like to thank everyone for their continued support, but especially these PTA volunteers this month.

Cynthia London for coordinating the Gift Wrap fundraiser and getting all the orders submitted quickly. **James Stucchio** and **Noelia Maamouri** were behind the scenes distributing/collecting the KidStuff Books. **Jessica Maziekas** ordered our Spiritwear for the students to enjoy. We can't wait to see our school spirit. **Darshinie Persaud** and **Karen Kurek** ran a wonderful Fall Book Fair and brought out many new faces for volunteers. **Latia Hill-Wallace** stepped up and adopted the Community Nights Chair position this year. Our first night was a huge success and she has many other ideas in store for the year. **Loan Marsanico** spent a morning planting the beautiful mums out front for everyone to enjoy. **Kristyn Hovanec** compiled the directory with the help of the class parents. She is looking into moving us toward online submissions next year to avoid clerical errors. Fall Festival was a success due to all the parent volunteers, but especially are 3 chairs, **Cathy Sanfilippo**, **Aimee Prole**, and **Sandy Tom**, and our very own Maleficent, **Karen Heitman** for entertaining the students.

Yearbook Photos

Have you taken photos of your classes this year? If you have photos that you'd like to share with our yearbook committee, please forward them to your class parents to submit. The more photos we have to choose from, the better the yearbook will be.

Bully Prevention Month

October was Bully Prevention Month. Every October, schools and organizations across the country join STOMP Out Bullying™ in observing National Bullying Prevention Month. The goal: encourage schools, communities and organizations to work together to stop bullying and cyberbullying and put an end to hatred and racism by increasing awareness of the prevalence and impact of all forms of bullying on all children of all ages. Some simple tips you can do to support this goal: 1. Acts of Kindness, 2. Pay it Forward, 3. Be A Friend to Someone You Don't Know.

Holiday Gift Drive

Please join us in supporting our Paumanok families by adopting a family or child for our Holiday Gift Drive.

Every year, we have reached out to approximately 30 families, thanks to your help!

If you are interested in participating, please contact

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by November 30th for more details

We Need You!!!



Do you want to volunteer but are afraid to commit? A lot of people appreciate the work they see being done, but don't think that they can help. It's no exaggeration, every little bit helps. Everyone has something they can contribute. Sometimes people donate items the PTA can use, sometimes you have a special talent that can really be helpful, and often just giving an hour can mean the difference between the success or failure of a project. Never be discouraged, if you let us know your schedule, we will find something for you to do.

Stay Informed

We hope all of you have signed up for our **constant contact** mailing list. If you haven't, please go to our webpage at <http://www.paumanokpta.org> and sign up. You can also find a lot of information and forms on our **website**. I also encourage you to take a few minutes to read through the monthly **PTA newsletter** and like us on **Facebook**, and sign-up for the **Remind App**. You will find these resources very helpful as they provide information regarding all of the great happenings at Paumanok this month.

Sign up for Remind

Stay informed of upcoming events and all things PTA:

Go to www.remind.com/join/paumpta or text @paumpta to the number 81010



What's Happening Around the PTA

District -- HHH PTA council held their annual Fall Novelty Sale, sponsored Meet The Candidates Night, and hosted the Teal Pumpkin Project to support kids with food allergies. HSE PTA sponsored Safe Halloween and SEPTA hosted the Makers Fair.

Suffolk County PTA -- This month, Suffolk PTA hosted training for Advocacy, Social Well-Being, Officer Training, and School Safety. We had three members from our unit attend. For more information about Suffolk PTA, visit suffolkpta.org

NY State -- NYS PTA has testified about the current state of health, mental health, and physical education programs in NY schools to the NYS Assembly Education Committee. Bronx International Community High School had a teacher named Teacher of the Year by NY State. The Reflections Contest also began this month. For more information about the NYS PTA or their advocacy news briefs, visit nyspta.org

Paumanok Night Out Donation Incentives

Paumanok Night Out is right around the corner. We need your help collecting donations for raffles and business ads. This year we are offering an incentive for all of your hard work.

PNO DONATION INCENTIVES

Donations or Ads that are

Up to \$25 – you get 1 free reg raffle ticket

Up to \$50 – you get 2 free reg raffle tickets

Up to \$100- you get 3 free reg raffle tickets

>\$100 or bottles of wine – 4 free reg raffle tickets

MAX 14 tickets.

The person who brings in the top number of donations will receive 1 free raffle Val Pak.

How do you get donations? Next time you are at your children's karate class, shopping for new clothes, getting a pedicure or at the car wash simply hand in the donation request letter. You would be surprised how many merchants would love to help their regular customers.

You can also make donations. Maybe you have season tickets that you aren't using, unopened gifts that someone else would love, or a few bottles of wine for our wine pull. Every little thing helps!

For a copy of the donation request letter, business ad form or any questions contact Aimee Prole at Paumankpta2vp@gmail.com.