



Penguin Press

Paumanok
Elementary School
PTA Newsletter

December 2018

Upcoming Events

- 12/17 – **BOE Meeting** at 8pm in the Chill Zone at Paumanok
12/20 – **Winter Concert** at West Hollow
12/24 – 1/1 – **No School**
1/2 – **PTA Mtg** at 9:45am in the Chill Zone
1/2 – **Night Recap** at 7:30pm in the Chill Zone
1/4 – **Wingo** in the Chill Zone
1/21 – **No School**
1/24 – **Curriculum Night**
1/28 – **PARP Beans**

Thank You...

Thank you to all of the volunteers this month. We would like to give a special acknowledgment to those who spearheaded our events. **Vincenza Crispo** and **Loan Marsanico** hosted a delicious pie sale. **Rebecca Feder** and **Lauren Siegel** wrapped up a fabulous Holiday Boutique. **Shalanda Anderson** facilitated finding donations for every "Adopt A Family". **Andrew Cuomo** drove home the Bus Driver Appreciation. **Kerry Fisher** led a heroic Reflections campaign. We couldn't do it without your support.

Bus Safety

How can you keep your child safe on bus stops?

- When driving, make sure you stop when a bus has red flashing lights.
- Never speak to strangers at the bus stop or when walking to/from the bus stop.
- Do not approach the bus until it has come to a complete stop.
- Always look both ways when crossing the street after exiting a bus and make eye contact with the driver.
- If you leave something on the bus, do not run after it. Call the bus company and let them know.

President's Corner

Dear Paumanok Families,

This is a wonderful time of the year for Paumanok; a time of helping and sharing. What a great way to involve the students in the true gift of this holiday season – "the gift of giving." Paumanok started with a food drive in November to support those in need. We are very proud of our contribution – thanks to all those who participated. We had an outpouring of support for the PTA "Adopt a Family" gift drive this month. This generosity is what the true spirit of the holidays is about. Students and families left Thank You cards for our teachers and staff before Thanksgiving to let them know how much they are appreciated. Finally, parents supported our Student Council with their annual shopping trip where the students learned to plan, budget, and shop for holiday gift baskets.

During November we had Bus Driver Appreciation Day. The PTA provided a bag breakfast to the drivers and the kids all signed cards. Hopefully, you thanked your bus driver for keeping the students' safe every day. The Holiday Pie Fundraiser was a sweet success. We hope everyone enjoyed their desserts. All of our students enjoyed coming to the Holiday Boutique to pick out special presents for their loved ones. It's wonderful to see how much thought our students put into their gifts.

The Reflections campaign is wrapping up and Paumanok's entries are being submitted. GOOD LUCK to all of our talented contestants!

December 17th at 8pm, Paumanok is hosting the Board of Education Meeting. Please come out and see how our district is running and support our school. PTA Executive Committee will be there to answer any questions.

We wish everyone a very happy and healthy holiday season and I hope you and your family have an enjoyable and relaxing vacation. Don't forget we start back with our PTA meeting on January 2nd and on Friday, January 4th we have WINGO.

Sincerely,

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