



Penguin Press

Paumanok
Elementary School
PTA Newsletter
March 2019

Upcoming Events

- 3/6 -- **PTA Mtg** at 9:45am in the Chill Zone
- 3/6 -- **Night Recap** at 7:30pm in Chill Zone
- 3/6 -- **Blood Drive** 3pm-9pm
- 3/11-3/15 -- **Eating the Rainbow**
- 3/13 -- **Eating the Rainbow Night Event** at 6pm in the Chill Zone
- 3/21 -- **"Positive Parent Child Connection"** -- Dix Hills Library (Chestnut Hill) at 7pm
- 3/24 -- **Unity Fair** at 11am West Hollow MS
- 3/25 -- **Spring Photo Day**
- 3/26 -- **Paumanok Night Out** at 6:30pm at Crest Hollow
- 3/27 -- **Report Cards Posted**
- 3/29 -- **Founder's Day** at 6:30pm at Jewel
- 4/1 -- **Universal Pre-K Applications Due**
- 4/9 -- **PTA Mtg** at 9:45am in the Chill Zone (No Night Recap)
- 4/10 -- **Night of Music for 3rd Graders**
- 4/13 -- **Holi Festival of Lights** at 10am -- Signal Hill Field
- 4/15 -- **BOE Meeting** at 8pm Signal Hill
- 4/18-4/26 -- **School Closed**

A Note from Mrs. Cooper

It's Report Card Time

March marks report card time for our elementary students as the school year quickly moves on. We're more than halfway there! Teachers have a clear sense of your child's learning style, academic strengths and possible weaknesses. Instruction has been planned and delivered, based on students' needs and curricular standards. Assessing the progress and academic growth are vital steps in the learning process.

As you look over your child's report card, consider the following tips from educational professionals at a national learning center aimed at helping you help your child in a positive way:

- Talk frequently with your child about his or her academic performance.
- Meet with your child's teachers for learning resources and academic ideas.
- Discuss problem areas with your child's teacher.
- Establish a study plan with your child.
- Recognize and praise your child's successes.

Always feel free to contact your child's teacher or myself to discuss any concerns you may have.

President's Corner

Dear Paumanok Families,

Welcome Back! I hope everyone had a nice Winter Recess. The PTA has been very busy as Paumanok Night Out is just a few weeks away. I hope everyone will join us at this spectacular event on March 26th at 6:30pm at Crest Hollow. This is the PTA's biggest fundraiser of the year. The PNO committee has been working very hard to bring you a fun-filled evening of music, food and prizes. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

PARP was a great success! My hope is that your children enjoyed it as much as mine. The PTA is proud to have sponsored this program which included story night with Mrs. Cooper, Mr. V, Mrs. Marder and Mrs. Walsh, library activities, and prizes.

This month we have a lot to be excited about. Paumanok is teaming up with Long Island Blood Services for our annual blood drive. Please consider donating blood on March 6th at Paumanok. Contact your class parents or Katrina Bufithis ctkatrinafl2@hotmail.com for more information.

Eating The Rainbow begins March 11th through the 15th. This is a wonderful time to explore new foods from every color of the rainbow. We will be hosting an Eating the Rainbow night on March 13th from 6-8pm to encourage healthy eating habits and give your child a chance to try new foods.

The Unity Fair is on March 24th from 11-2pm at West Hollow Middle School. This is a wonderful district wide event to take you on a journey through a variety of cultures.

Spring Photo Day is March 25th. This year we are not only providing full body photographs, but parents can request sibling photos. Photos are only completed with a returned form, so make sure to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to get a family keepsake.

Paumanok will have a table for the HHH PTA Council's Founders' Day Dinner on March 29th at Jewel at 6:30pm. Proceeds from this event benefit The HHH PTA Council Scholarship Fund. Raffles are also available. Contact me or visit the District's website for more information.

Our Nominating Committee is starting to work on nominations for next year's PTA Executive Committee. **We need you!** Be a part of this very rewarding committee. Anyone interested in joining the PTA's Executive Committee should contact Diane Catalano (Chairperson) at dianept@gmail.com. Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions or if you would like more information about Paumanok's Executive Committee. See the attached flyer for more information.

See you next week at our PTA meeting on March 6th at 9:45am in the Chill Zone or for the evening recap at 7:30pm.

Stephanie Jose--PTA President

Square 1 Art

Keep an eye out for the Square 1 Art orders coming home the first week in March. Orders are due March 20th.

THREE EASY WAYS TO ORDER KEEPSAKES

1. The paper order form attached to their custom catalog.
2. Online at www.square1art.com/shop.
3. Phone Customer Care [888-332-3294](tel:888-332-3294).

If you have any questions, please contact Stacy Outeiral at malta11746@yahoo.com

Parent to Parent Chat

In February we had two wonderful parent chats. First a member of SEPTA came and discussed some of the challenges students face socially in our school. She identified simple gestures such as including students on playdates, birthday parties, or talking to a student sitting alone can make a tremendous difference to a child. Second we had a parent demonstrate the use of an epi-pen. Thank you for sharing your experiences with our membership.

What's Happening Around the PTA

District – Unity Fair is March 24th, Founders day is March 29th.

Suffolk – 68th Annual Spring Conference is May 16th at Villa Lombardi's. March 20th is the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Dinner. March 28th is the Western Suffolk BOCES dinner.

NY State – NYS PTA members from across the state met in Albany on February 10th for Legislative Summit and Lobby Day. Nominations for Empire State Excellence in Teacher Awards were announced.

PNO Update

PNO is this month! The PNO committee and class parents are hard at work collecting donations and wrapping up baskets! We accept donations right up until the day of the event. We have some great prizes already to go including a Bike, TV, Hershey Park Tickets, Echo Spot and much more!

It's not too late to purchase tickets to the event. PNO is Tuesday, March 26, 6:30-10:30 at Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury. Seating requests are due, so please send those in or email them to Aimee @ paumanokpta2vp@gmail.com.

WHAT TO WEAR??

Now that it's getting closer everyone wants to know what to wear. Dress is casual. Some wear nice jeans with a dressy top while others choose to dress up a little with a nice dress. A few will probably go with the theme and wear a Mad Hatter hat for a little fun. Can't wait to see you there!!

Reflections—Heroes Among Us

Congratulations to Maya Davis, 3rd grade, for winning the Paumanok Reflections contest.



Paumanok PTA Executive Committee Nomination Form
Positions for the 2019-2020 School Year

The Nominating Committee was elected at the February 2019 PTA meeting. The five members of the committee will be meeting to review and discuss all the application submitted for positions on the Executive Committee of the Paumanok PTA Executive Committee. It is their responsibility to nominate and present a slate at the April meeting of the best qualified individuals for each particular position. Elections will take place at the May PTA Meeting. Nominees must be present at this meeting in order to be elected.

If you are interested in applying for a position or nominating another person, please fill out the attached portion of this form. Additionally, write a letter containing your/their qualifications and a brief statement as to why you think you (they) are the best candidate for the position. Letters will remain sealed and opened when the committee meets to discuss the candidates. The nominee must be a current member of the Paumanok PTA in order to a candidate for the Executive Committee.

Please return this form and letter to the school no later than Friday, March 25th in a *sealed* envelope addressed to:

Paumanok PTA
Diane Catalano, Nominating Committee Chair

Questions: Contact Diane Catalano at dianept@gmail.com or 516-903-2950

The following positions are available for the upcoming year (detailed description of each position's responsibilities can be found on the back of this form)

President
1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
3rd Vice President
Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary
Treasurer
Council Delegates (2)

Name _____ Contact Number _____

Position Desired _____

Executive Committee Position Descriptions

All positions are up for election/reelection annually

All positions have a 2 year term limit per person

President

- Presides at all PTA and Executive Committee meetings
- Attends all PTA Council meetings
- Is the liaison between the Administration and the PTA members
- Oversees the officers, committees and all events.

1st Vice President

- Responsible for PTA Membership
- Organizes the Arts In Education Programs with school Principal and PTA President

2nd Vice President

- Organizes Paumanok's Night Out

3rd Vice President

- Responsible for organizing all fundraising events throughout the year

Treasurer

- Maintains the PTA's financial records and budget
- Handles all banking activity for PTA

Recording Secretary

- Record and maintain a permanent file of the minutes of all meetings & PTA activities
- Maintain a permanent file of all committee reports and membership lists

Corresponding Secretary

- Reads and replies to all PTA correspondence
- Creates and prepares for distribution all correspondence, emails and newsletter for PTA
- Prepares all yearbook and journal ads

Council Delegates

- Attend district monthly council meetings and report back to the Executive Board
- Alternate Delegates are on standby to attend council and district committee meetings when assigned representatives can not attend

** All officers are required to attend annual training sessions.

** All officers are required to attend monthly Executive Committee and PTA Meetings

** All officers are encouraged to participate in PTA and District events such as Meet the Teacher Night, Staff Recognition Breakfast and Welcome Back Lunch, Fall Festival, Book Fair(s), Wingo, PNO, Holiday Boutique, BOE Meeting at Paumanok, Founders' Day and Field Day.

**All officers will be called upon throughout the year to help with various tasks and projects which may not be included in the above position descriptions