



Penguin Press

Paumanok
Elementary School
PTA Newsletter

May 2019

Upcoming Events

- 5/6-5/10 – **Circle of Dance** (during Gym Class)
- 5/7 – **PTA Mtg** at 9:45am in Chill Zone
(**Election Meeting**);
Night Recap at 7:30pm
- 5/9-5/10 – **Plant Sale** (during lunch)
- 5/20 – **Spring Concert** at 7:30pm at WH
- 5/21 – **Kindergarten Orientation**
5/21 – **School Budget Vote**
- 5/22-5/24 – **NYS Science Tests** (Grade 4)
5/27 – **No School**
- 5/28-5/31 – **Staff Appreciation Week**
- 6/5 – **PTA Mtg** at 9:45am in Chill Zone
Installation & Volunteer Appreciation Night
7:30pm in the Chill Zone
- 6/6 – **Field Day**
- 6/6 – **6th Grade Orientation** at WH at 7pm.
- 6/7 – **Bike Safety Workshop**
5:30-7:30pm at Paumanok
- 6/7 – **Field Day Rain Date**
- 6/12 – **5th Grade Celebration** 6-8pm
- 6/13-6/14 – **Goldilocks Trials**
- 6/17 – **5th Grade Bagel Breakfast**
- 6/19 – **Paumanok Moving Up Ceremony**
6pm at WH
- 6/24-6/26 – **½ days**
- 6/26 – **Last Day of School**

A Note from Mrs. Cooper

Planning Ahead for 2019-2020

The school year is beginning to wind down and the staff and I will soon begin preparations for next year's class assignments. This multi-layered process includes classroom teachers, specialists, our school psychologist, Dr. Gische and Assistant Principal, Mr. Vitolano.

As you already know, you are always welcome to discuss any concerns you may have with your child's classroom teacher. **However**, if there are specific areas you would like to be considered *prior* to finalized class assignments, please include them in a letter addressed to me by the end of May. Typical parent issues include medical and learning style concerns, as well as prior experiences with a particular teacher or student. Please know there are no guarantees that parent requests will be honored, but rest assured all valid concerns will be taken into consideration.

It is also important to know that asking for a particular teacher is not appropriate and will not be considered.

The Paumanok team is committed to creating student-friendly environments which are conducive to productive learning and positive social interactions. We are looking forward to the 2019-2020 school year.

President's Corner

Dear Paumanok Families,

Has spring finally arrived? Hope everyone is enjoying this warmer weather that took so long to get here this year! I hope you got your spring plant orders in to getting going on spring planting.

Our Nominating Committee has met and did a fantastic job selecting a talented Executive Committee for next year. Thank you to all of you who applied and requested a position on the 2019/2020 Executive Committee; it's going to be a great year next year!

I want to remind everyone that our upcoming PTA meeting is on **Tuesday, May 7th** at 9:45am with a recap at 7:30pm. At this meeting we will hold elections for our Executive Committee officers. There will also be a presentation regarding the upcoming school budget vote on Tuesday, May 21st. Please join us for this important meeting.

Field Day is almost here! This is a day we all look forward to. We have a great theme this year and we can't wait to reveal this year's theme to the students. Each student will be given a free Field Day tee shirt compliments of the PTA. Send your child to school on June 6th ready to have fun!

June 7th we will be hosting a bicycle safety night at the school. Come to learn about the importance of helmets, sharing the road, and overall safety while riding a bicycle.

As this school year begins to wind down, the PTA is busy planning for next year. In-house and district committees volunteer forms are coming home soon. If you are interested in chairing an in-house committee or sitting on a district committee as Paumanok's rep next year, please fill out and return the committee forms to my attention as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding the forms feel free to call or email me. I am happy to speak to you about all the different ways and opportunities to get involved. We are always looking for new ideas and new faces, please consider volunteering.

I hope to see you all on **Tuesday, May 7th** for the PTA meeting. Our June 6th meeting will be our installation and volunteer appreciation meeting at 7:30pm.

~Stephanie

Plant Sale

May 9th and 10th during lunch periods the students will have the opportunity to buy flowers and spring items.

Flower pre-orders can be picked up on May 10th from 2pm-4pm at the side door.

Mental Health Awareness Month

This month has been designated as Mental Health Awareness month. This year's theme 4Mind4Body explores many topics of whole health. Simple messages we can share with our students to promote understanding of this topic could be ways to be inclusive, saying hello, how to be a good friend, and reaching out for help.

What's Happening Around the PTA

District - SEPTA Gala is May 10th at 6:30pm at Cresthollow.

Suffolk - 68th Annual Spring Conference is May 16th at Villa Lombardi's. New Officer Training is June 6th. Suffolk by the Sea training is July 13th.

NY State -Reflections 2019-2020 Theme will be "Look Within". The Center for Family Engagement rolled out new resources for PTAs.

2019-2020 Executive Committee Slate

The following names are placed in nomination to serve as officers of Paumanok PTA for the 2019-2020 school year.

President: Stephanie Jose
1st Vice President: Lawanda Rice-Chery
2nd Vice President: Aimee Prole
3rd Vice President: Diane Catalano
Corresponding Secretary: Nicole Baldwin
Recording Secretary: Vacant
Treasurer: Karen Fackler
Council Delegates: Karen Heitman & Carla Ruiz

Volunteers Needed

Planning for the 2019-2020 year has already begun! Like us on Facebook (Paumanok PTA), join our remind group (Paumpta) and sign up for Constant Contact to stay informed. There will be an online volunteer sign up to be posted soon!

Thank You Corner

A special THANK YOU to our Nominating Committee: Karen Heitmann, Lawanda Rice-Chery, Diane Catalano, Latasha Bryan, and Darshinie Persaud for putting together the slate for next year.