



# Penguin Press

Paumanok  
Elementary School  
PTA Newsletter

June 2019

## A Note from Mrs. Cooper

### Upcoming Events

6/12 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration 6-8pm  
6/13-6/14 – Goldilocks Trials  
6/17 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Bagel Breakfast  
6/19 – Paumanok Moving Up  
Ceremony  
6pm at WH  
6/24-6/26 – ½ days  
6/26 – Last Day of School

Enjoy your summer vacation!!

9/4 – First Day of School  
9/5 – PTA Meeting at 9:45am in the  
Chill Zone

### Summer Fun

Wow, the school year has gone by so quickly. I can't believe it! The teachers and staff have worked so hard with the boys and girls each day, focusing on both academic and social growth. How fortunate your children are to have such dedicated loving people in their lives! Now it's time for the teachers and staff to take a well-deserved break and spend some relaxing time with their families.

As you plan your family summer fun, be sure to include some helpful activities aimed at keeping your child's exploration and discovery skills strong over the hot months:

- Make weekly trips to the library for at least one book to read and enjoy.
- Write a letter to a friend or relative.
- Create an art project using clay or sand.
- Write a summer alphabet book, using summer words.
- Act out a favorite book or story with friends.
- Explore nature through gardening.
- Try new healthy no-bake recipes

Thank you so much for a great year and I look forward to seeing you all in September!

## President's Corner

Dear Paumanok Families,

It's hard for me to believe that it's June already. It has been an amazing year. The past year has been tremendously rewarding and busy. I want to let you all know how much your help, encouragement and support has meant to me. Thank you to the PTA Executive Committee, Committee Chairs, District Reps and all of the hardworking volunteers; I couldn't have done it without you!

The children all had a great time at Field Day this past week and their hard work learning the activities and earning points really showed. Thank you for supporting all our fundraisers that made it possible for us to give each child a t-shirt at this event. Congratulations to the BLUE team for pulling off the win this year!

The PTA hosted the Staff Appreciation Breakfast. It was a nice event and a great way for us to say "thank you" to our amazing staff at Paumanok.

Yearbooks are in and will be distributed the week of June 17<sup>th</sup>. School supplies orders are still being accepted, so please send them in.

Believe it or not we are already planning for next year. We are always open to new ideas and events. Online committee volunteer forms are available now, if you did not receive one, you are not on our email list. Paper copies will be sent home soon, but as we strive to go paperless, it's important to sign up for emails so you don't miss out on all the events. Committee Volunteer forms are the way we know who wants to volunteer at our events. I'd love for you to volunteer to chair a committee or volunteer to help out on one. No experience is necessary! It is great to see new faces getting involved to work along with all of our dedicated committee members. If you have any suggestions for new fundraisers or programs, I encourage you to pass them along to me or Diane Catalano our incoming 3rd Vice President for Fundraising.

The PTA brought in many wonderful assemblies this year which I know our children enjoyed. We will be hard at work all summer planning next year's assemblies. LaWanda Rice-Chery, our returning 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, has begun working on new and exciting Arts In Education assembly programs to bring to the school for the upcoming year.

Aimee Prole, our returning 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, is already planning for Paumanok Night Out 2020! Save the Date for a Gatsby themed PNO on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-10:30pm at Crest Hollow Country Club.

Enjoy the last few weeks of the school year. I hope you and your family have a relaxing and enjoyable summer. Mark your calendars! Our first PTA meeting of the year will be on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see you there.

-Stephanie Jose

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Moving Up

\*\*\*\*\***REMINDER**\*\*\*\*\*

### Moving Up Ceremony

Wednesday, June 19th  
6pm  
West Hollow Middle School

**Students MUST arrive  
no later than 5:30pm**

Please dress accordingly  
(No flip flops, jeans or shorts)

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!**

## 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. The Online Volunteer Form has already been emailed home. A paper copy will also be sent home. If you would like to volunteer for any events or committees, please fill out the form and send it back!

## School Supplies

**Paper Forms Due 6/12/19**

**Online Sales End 6/24/19**

Order Online at:

[www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks](http://www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks)

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## Transitions

This is a transition time for many of our students. Some students will be entering Paumanok, some will be leaving. Even changing of teachers can be uncomfortable for some children at different times in their lives. There are some simple things we can do to make transitions smoother which is a useful skill for anyone.

- Talk to your teacher(s), let them know if your child has concerns.
- Share your own stories of positive transitions with your child.
- Reframe transitions from loss of experiences to opportunity for new experiences.
- Look to nature for positive changes: butterflies, leaves.
- Read a book about change that relates to the experience.

## Thank You Corner

This month we have a lot of people who dedicated themselves to a PTA event, so we want to make sure to thank them. Jessica Maziekas and Danielle Buquicchio started school supplies to have us geared up for school. Ivy Moore and Karen Kurek completed a fabulous yearbook layout that we will treasure for years. Valeria Fishelman advanced our yearbook sales. Latia Hill-Wallace hosted another wonderful roller skating community event. Loan Marsanico and Carolyn Addison spread some spring time cheer with the plant sale. Sandy Tom and Erin Pascarella dedicated a week to making our staff feel special during staff appreciation week. Karen Heitmann was super with a new superhero teacher appreciation banner.

A special thank you to all of the volunteers who came out to both Field Day and Bike Safety Night. Both events were very successful and enjoyed by all!