



President's Update

And we're back! Between the holidays, snow days and days off, we are all just trying to hit our stride. The PTA is getting back into the groove as well and have exciting plans for 2018.

Thanks to your generous financial support, we were able to bring in the STEAMLabs workshops at Sickles last week. Students participated in hands-on experiences focusing on science, technology, engineering, art, and math activities. The goal of the lessons were to teach students to to question, explore, experiment, reason, and apply abstract concepts to real world challenges. We look forward to Friendship Train bringing in another week of STEAMLabs and the end of January.

Without your support of the PTA's fundraising activities, programs like this would not be possible for our children. With that in mind, ladies, save the date for our annual spring fundraiser at the Riverhouse at Rumson Country Club on Saturday, April 21st! Thank you for supporting our efforts, because together we can do more!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christine Hayden', with a stylized, flowing script.

Christine Hayden

2017-2018 PTA President

News

Spring Fundraiser Committee Kickoff - January 19

The time has come to start planning our annual spring fundraiser! Please join us for our first committee meeting on **Friday January 19 at 10:00 am at Emily Ryan's house (431 River Road)**. This meeting is open to anyone interested in getting involved. The spring fundraiser takes many hands to raise almost \$50,000 annually for our children. All funds raised support the PTA's annual programming including assemblies, author visits, Art Appreciation and Field Day just to name a few. We look forward to seeing many of you there! For questions, please email Emily Ryan at emilyryan431@gmail.com.

8th Grade Dance Appeal

We ask all 8th grade families to please consider making a contribution to defer the costs of this year's dance **as soon as possible** so that the committee may budget accordingly and make accurate projections as to whether or not additional fundraising initiatives will be required of our students. To donate via credit card, please go to <http://www.fairhavenpta.com/Fan/custompage.cfm?cpid=3461>. Donations can also be made via check to FHPTA and mailed or dropped to Treasurer Jeanette Hogan at 101 Third St. **We ask that all donations be made by 1/31/18.**

Upcoming Events

January 23 - Friends of Different Learners (FODL)

Friends of Different Learners, a parent support group, will be meeting on **Tuesday January 23 at 9:30 am at Tavolo**. For questions about FODL, please contact Shari Gagliardo at sjgagliardo@yahoo.com or Aimee Burns at aimeeburns@gmail.com.

January 26 - PTA General Meeting

Please join the PTA for our January meeting on **Friday, January 26 at 8:30 am in the Sickles Media Center**. Mrs. Romano will be speaking about the new math curriculum integration at Knollwood this year, as well as iReady and the gains students are making. Mrs. Cernero, the Knollwood guidance counselor, will also speak about mindfulness and how it is being implemented at Knollwood this year.

February 1 - 8th Grade Dance Meeting

Please join the 8th Grade Dance Committee on **February 1 at 7:00 pm in the Knollwood Media Center** for its next committee meeting. The planning is underway,

but the committee can always use more volunteers to plan a great evening for our graduates. Please contact Jennie Lucci at the5luccis@gmail.com.

Shop & Give Back

Mabel's Labels

Be on the lookout for information from the PTA and Mabel's Labels. We are teaming up to label your clothing and get our lost and found under control! Labels will be on sale before Washington DC and Stokes! Look for more information soon!

PTA Funded Programming

Charles Waters Poetry Residency

The PTA is very excited to be bringing back poet Charles Waters in March to our second grade students. Mr. Waters has visited Sickles twice before and will once again be facilitating poetry workshops in each of our classrooms. This time Mr. Waters will also be facilitating a professional development workshop for our staff. For more information about Charles Waters, please visit his website at www.charleswaterspoetry.com.

Collections & Drives

Box Tops

Who will be the next Box Tops winner!? Keep clipping to find out! The class with the most Box Tops at the end of each marking period will win a prize, so don't forget to send them to your classroom teacher.

Bridge of Books Collection

Start sorting your bookshelves and setting aside books to donate to Bridge of Books. This spring the PTA will once again be partnering with Bridge of Books to gather much needed books for their distribution. Keep an eye out for collection dates and drop off locations.

Spring Clothing Drive

As you clean out your closets, set your old clothing aside for the PTA's spring clothing drive. Items will be collected in the spring and turned into cash for our classrooms. Keep an eye out for collection dates and drop off locations.