



### **President's Update**

Thank you to everyone who came out to support Harvest Fest yesterday. Whether you baked cookies, donated Gatorade or volunteered for a shift, you helped to make our day successful. Together we have raised over \$22,000 for the PTA's curriculum enriching activities.

Particular recognition should be given to committee chair, Chara Bellincampi, VP of Fundraising Kelly McCann, the maintenance staff and the army of committee volunteers who contributed to the success of the day – returning veterans and new recruits lent their time and energy so that our community could enjoy the day's festivities. Last but certainly not least, thanks to you, our membership, and the families and businesses of Fair Haven, for showing up and chipping in.

The monies raised through the sale of scarecrows and Harvest Fest will spearhead significant investment in your child's educational experience this year and beyond, including all of the upcoming assemblies at Sickles and Knollwood.

Thank you for your continued support of the PTA. Together we can do more!

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Christine Hayden

2017-2018 PTA President

### **News**

#### **PTA Membership Info**

PTA membership for the 2017-18 school year is available for purchase now! Your support helps bring curriculum-based programs to our schools, and keeps you connected to friends-new and old-with the Paperless PTO Directory App. Renew your membership by clicking [here](#) or stop by the PTA table at Friday pick-up at Sickles for instructions. REMEMBER that beginning NOVEMBER 1st ONLY PAID members will receive the PTA Newsflash and volunteer sign up blasts.

### **Friends of Different Learners**

Please join the the Fair Haven Friends Of Different Learners (FODL) on Wednesday, October 25th at 9:30 am at Tavolo for a coffee chat. Meet the FH FODL leaders and other members and learn how we can support one another. FODL is an organization of parents of the Fair Haven District Schools working together with staff and community members to enhance the educational and social experiences of children who have different learning styles in an effort to support their strengths, abilities and opportunities.

### **Shop & Give Back Partners**

**Shop for a Cause at J. Crew - November 3**



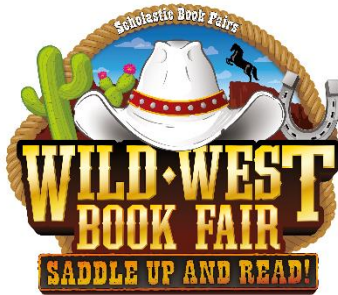
## **Upcoming Events**

### **8th Grade Dance Kick-Off Meeting - October 18**

Attention all 8th grade parents, please join Mrs. Romano and representatives from the PTA for the 8th Grade Dance Kick-Off meeting on Wednesday, October 18 at 5:30 pm in the Knollwood APR. At this meeting, parents will learn about the committee, select chairs and specify which aspects of the committee they are interested in volunteering for. All 8th grade parents are encouraged to attend.

## **Family Fun Bingo Night - November 3**

Save the date for Family Fun BINGO Night on Friday, November 3 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Knollwood APR. There will be fun for all ages and awesome prizes! All children MUST be accompanied by an adult ~ no drop offs please! Be on the lookout for the backpack flyer coming home soon!



## **Book Fair - November 13 - 17**

Saddle Up and Read! It's Book Fair time at Sickles School! Mark your calendars! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Sickles School the week of November 13th - November 17th! Are you interested in volunteering for this popular event? Be on the lookout for a PTA blast with the Sign Up Genius tomorrow!

## **DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: THE GETAWAY – #12 PRE-SALE!!!**

Back by popular demand! We are able to offer students the opportunity to reserve a copy of the New Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Getaway #12.

Order forms will be in a PTA Blast tomorrow and backpacks this week!

## **PTA Funded Programming**

### **LEAD U**

On October 3rd, our Knollwood students enjoyed a visit from the members of LEAD U. This incredible group of positive minded young adults used team building activities, theater and interactive games to encourage critical thinking, being kind, and thinking for yourself. LEAD U empowers students to find the leader within themselves and left our students with powerful lessons: the importance of being respectful to others and make sure you pause before you post (to social media).

## **Kennedy Center Professional Development**

On October 10th, our K-3 teachers and our 4th and 5th grade Science teacher worked with Cheryl Mertz, a visiting artist from the Kennedy Center. Ms. Mertz conducted professional development focused on teaching our educators how to integrate the arts to deepen their students' comprehension of mathematical and science concepts.

### **3rd Grade Planetarium Assembly**

On October 13th, third graders took a journey through the galaxy from inside a giant dome with "What's Out There? A Planetarium Experience." Students learned about stars, planets, the moon, and other celestial objects. Take a walk outside tonight and have them show you what they learned!

### **It's OK to be Different**

Thank you to all of the volunteers and interested parents who attended our first meeting on Oct. 11. We are super excited to jump into this amazing program! Make sure to look for information on grade level meetings in upcoming blasts.

### **Collections & Drives**

#### **Box Tops**

We will once again be collecting Box Tops to raise money for the PTA. The class with the most Box Tops at the end of each semester will win a prize, so don't forget to send them to your classroom teacher.