



### **President's Update**

As the holiday season takes over our busy days and nights, we hope you can spare a few minutes to show appreciation for our AMAZING staff! Once again the PTA will be hosting the annual Cookie Exchange at both Sickles and Knollwood. Our teachers love this event and our parents love sharing their mad baking skills! Please see the Sign Up Genius below to spread some holiday cheer at our schools this month.

We hope you will join us for our next general PTA meeting on Friday, December 15th at 8:30 am in the Sickles Media Center (Library). Mrs. Cuddihy will speak about the new mindfulness initiatives at Sickles and maybe give us a few tips for this stressful season. Please join us for coffee and sweet treats and relax for a few minutes.

As always, we are grateful for your generous donation of time to enrich the lives of our children, especially during the hectic holiday season! 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**



### **Holiday Cookie Exchange - Sickles & Knollwood**

Show your appreciation for our Teachers & Support Staff by signing up to donate 2 to 3 dozen cookies or candy treats. It doesn't have to be a fancy cookie. It just has to taste delicious! Other holiday treats are always welcome --Gingerbread, Toffees, Peppermint Bark, Fudge, Chocolate-covered pretzels -- the possibilities are endless! Our goal is to have enough cookies for each teacher and staff member to receive about 2 dozen to take home.

Please label your treats and send them in with your child to school on the morning of **Thursday, December 14th (Sickles)** or **Friday, December 15th (Knollwood)** on a disposable tray to be placed out for the staff.

**Sickles Cookie Exchange** <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a49afa92ca3f85-sickles>

**Knollwood Cookie Exchange** <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a49afa92ca3f85-knollwood>

Any questions, please contact Jenn Guli ([jenntelfer@gmail.com](mailto:jenntelfer@gmail.com)), Deirdre Spiropoulos ([gdspiro108@mac.com](mailto:gdspiro108@mac.com)) or Gina McCormick ([ginamccormick101@yahoo.com](mailto:ginamccormick101@yahoo.com))

# CLASS OF 2018

## **8th Grade Dance**

The 8th Grade Dance Committee has started their planning! They are asking all 8th grade families to make a suggested donation of \$60 to defer the costs of the dance. Contributions can be made at [www.fairhavenpta.com](http://www.fairhavenpta.com). If you are interested in volunteering on the 8th Grade Dance Committee or have any questions, please contact Jennie Lucci at [the5luccis@gmail.com](mailto:the5luccis@gmail.com).

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **PTA General Meeting - December 15**

Please join the PTA for breakfast treats at our next general meeting on Friday, December 15 at 8:30 am in the Sickles Media Center. Mrs. Cuddihy will be our guest speaker and will be discussing the new mindfulness initiatives at Sickles

### **PTA Annual Fundraiser - April 21**

Save the date of Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 11am to 2pm for the PTA's annual fundraiser at the Rumson Country Club's Riverhouse. If you are interested in working on the Event Committee, please contact Emily Ryan at [emilyryan431@gmail.com](mailto:emilyryan431@gmail.com).

## **PTA Funded Programming**

The PTA will be launching the 2nd grade It's OK to Be Different lessons this week. In addition, the 3rd grade It's OK to Be Different team hosted a guest speaker for all classes.

Next week, Brickz for Kids will be back at Sickles and students will create STEM projects with Legos. Sickles is also preparing for its Artist-in-Residence program with Kennedy Center Teaching Artist, Imani.

## **Collections & Drives**

### **Box Tops**

Congratulations to Mrs. Maguire's class for collecting the most Box Tops in the first marking period. The class celebrated their victory with a dance party before the Thanksgiving break! Who will be the next 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.