



### **President's Update**

In this season of rushing around, making checklists and trying to fit everything in, thank you for taking the time to bake for our AWESOME staff! The display of sweet treats at Sickles yesterday was incredible and Knollwood is sure to be equally fantastic this afternoon! The Cookie Exchange has become a well-loved PTA tradition and we thank you for making it better every year!

If you are reading this before 8:30 am, I hope you will join us at Sickles for our December PTA meeting where Mrs. Cuddihy will be speaking about mindfulness. We could probably all take a few notes from our Sickles students on how to "melt" to relieve anxiety these days!

Thank you for making the first half of our school year great! As always, we are grateful for your generous donation of time to enrich the lives of our children, especially during the hectic holiday season! We wish you a happy and healthy holiday season and look forward to a great 2018, because together we can do more!

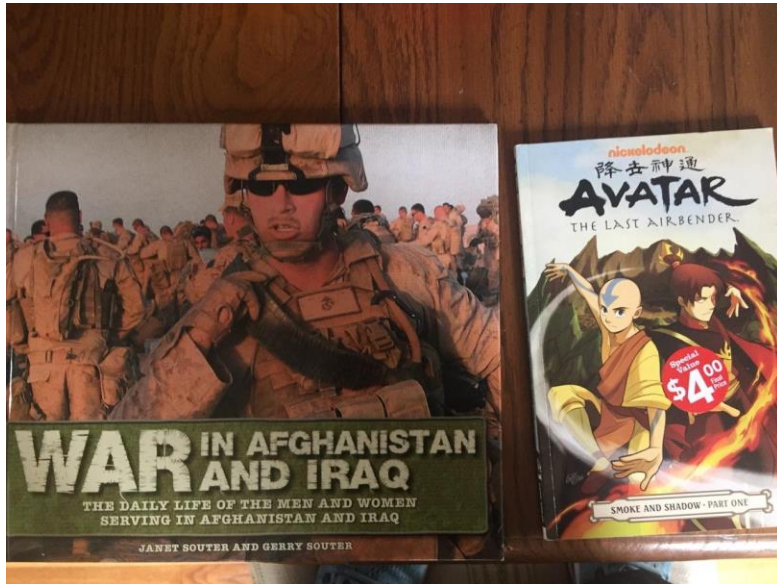
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Christine Hayden

2017-2018 PTA President

## News

### **Book Fair Update**



The two books in the photo were purchased during the Book Fair, but were left in school by accident. Please email [kerryhmaguire@gmail.com](mailto:kerryhmaguire@gmail.com) if your child bought either of them. Thank you!

## Upcoming Events

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

Please join the PTA for breakfast treats compliments for the Choi-Bose Family at our next general meeting TODAY, 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

## **Curriculum Enrichment: Exploring World Cultures Through Music**

The PTA continued to support Mrs. Cuddihy and the teachers at Sickles as they go deeper in their study of using Arts Integration to help students construct and demonstrate their understanding through various art forms. Through our continued partnership with the Count Basie Theatre, the PTA was thrilled to be able to work with Mrs. Cuddihy to bring Kennedy Center Artist, Imani Gonzalez, back to Sickles. This year, Imani's focus was on exploring different cultures using music as a vehicle of study. In partnership with Mr. Mottern, Imani demonstrated how music is a common thread that ties communities together. In addition to working with our third graders, Mrs. Cuddihy was able to schedule professional development periods with Imani for teachers at every grade level. This will benefit all of our students as teachers bring what they have learned back to their own classrooms.

## **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.