



President's Update

Is this the first time you are seeing the PTA Newsflash in awhile? It might be, because today we've sent it to both paid members and unpaid families. We have tons of great events coming up and this Newsflash is chock full of good information including links to Mrs. Romano's presentation on the Knollwood curriculum and updates on the new math program.

It's not too late to join the PTA for 2017-2018 school year and receive this blast and other useful information sent by email to paid members. In the coming weeks, we'll be sending out sign up links to volunteer for Art Appreciation Week, the Knollwood Book Fair and the District Art Show, just to name a few. These sign ups will only be sent to paid members, so we hope you will consider renewing your membership to the Fair Haven PTA. Memberships can be renewed at www.fairhavenpta.com.

Your membership dues support PTA activities and infrastructure like our website, email capabilities and our app. Your membership gives you access to the PTA app, which is great when you need a phone number because you are running late for carpools, organizing playdates or sending out birthday party invites.

Thank you for supporting our efforts, because together we can do more!



Christine Hayden

2017-2018 PTA President

News

Mrs. Romano & Mrs. Cernero at the January PTA Meeting

Last week Mrs. Romano and Mrs. Cernero presented at the January PTA meeting. Mrs. Cernero discussed mindfulness and how it is being implemented at Knollwood this year. If you missed it, the information can be found on the PTA website or by clicking here:

<http://www.fairhavenpta.com/pto/members/documents/Social%20&%20Emotional%20Learning%20-%20A.%20Cernero.pdf>

<http://www.fairhavenpta.com/pto/members/documents/Mindfulness%20for%20Parents.pdf>

<http://www.fairhavenpta.com/pto/members/documents/mindfulness-for-children.pdf>

In addition, Mrs. Romano discussed the new math curriculum at Knollwood and gave an update on how the new programs are working to date. Mrs. Romano also discussed the other Knollwood curriculum changes this year. To see Mrs. Romano's presentations, please visit the PTA website or click here:

<http://www.fairhavenpta.com/pto/members/documents/Curriculum%20Update%20Jan.%202018.pdf>

<http://www.fairhavenpta.com/pto/members/documents/Math%20Update%20.pdf>

PTA Membership - It's NOT Too Late!

PTA membership for the 2017-18 school year is still available for purchase! 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 at www.fairhavenpta.com. REMEMBER that ONLY PAID members receive the PTA Newsflash and volunteer sign up blasts.

PTA Board Nominations

It's that time of the year when the PTA starts recruiting for new board members. Do you have an interest in stepping up and getting involved next year? To learn more about the PTA Board and potential openings, please email Melissa Doherty at mdoherty71@yahoo.com. Full "job descriptions" will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Upcoming Events

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.

February 25 - Family Fun @Gravity Vault

Join the Family Fun Committee for an afternoon of climbing at The Gravity Vault Indoor Rock Gym, 37 Kanes Lane, Middletown. Fair Haven will be there from 12pm-2pm and it is \$20 per climber. To purchase tickets, please visit www.fairhavenpta.com by 2/19/18. Climbers must pre-register and be five or older. All children MUST be accompanied by an adult. No drop offs and a 4:1 child to adult ratio is requested.

March 8 - 6th Grade CPR & EpiPen Training

The PTA invites your 6th grader to join Meridian Health instructors to learn the basics of CPR, EpiPen use and choking on Thursday, March 8 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the Knollwood APR. This course, underwritten by the PTA, is a good introduction to concepts that can be applied to future babysitting training and is open to 40 students at no cost to families.

To register, please use the Sign-Up Genius below and use the comments section to specify your 6th grader's name. Please note, the class may end earlier than 5pm, so plan accordingly.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4dacab2da57-6thgrade>

March 10 - 7th Grade Safe Sitter Certification Class

The PTA, in conjunction with Meridian Health, is happy to be able to offer the comprehensive *7th Grade Safe Sitter Certification Course* on Saturday, March 10 from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm in the Knollwood Media Center. There are 15 seats available for this course and the cost is \$40/student. If you are interested in the program, please click on link below for the registration form, complete and drop a check for \$40 (made out to Hackensack Meridian Health) to Suzanne Butler, 65 Heights Terrace, no later than March 1st.

<http://www.fairhavenpta.com/pto/members/documents/2018%207th%20Grade%20Safe%20Sitter%20Form.pdf>

March 19 - 23 - Art Appreciation Week

The PTA will be bringing Picasso, Monet, Matisse and other exciting artists into the classrooms for a fun morning in grades K through 5. Students will engage in learning about various artists and create their own masterpieces. If you would like to volunteer to be a presenter (slideshows are already made) or volunteer to assist with projects, please email Christine Braceland at christine_aman@yahoo.com. The schedule is as follows below:

March 19 - K & 1st grade

March 20 - 2nd grade

March 21 - 3rd grade

March 22 - 4th grade

March 23 - 5th grade

Shop & Give Back

Mabel's Labels

We are teaming up with Mabel's Labels to label your clothing and get our lost and found under control! Labels are on sale now by visiting:

https://mabelslabels.com/c/?type=fundraiser&b=7933&cur_website=us_website

20% of all sales are donated back to the PTA. It's a great way to label everything you need to send to Stokes, Washington DC, summer camp and the beach cabana!

AmazonSmile

Looking for a way to support the PTA? Look no further than AmazonSmile. When you go to place an order, go to www.smile.amazon.com. You'll see the same home page but by using the Smile site, a portion of your order will support the PTA. Under the search bar, select Fair Haven PTA (#18837) and start your shopping to benefit our curriculum enriching programs.

PTA Funded Programming

Dino Dig

On February 16, second grade will enjoy a "Dino Dig." Students will learn about fossil formation and explore geology, with a focus on minerals. Each class will act as paleontologists and dig for fossils. Be sure to ask what kind of fossils they found!

Story Pirates

On February 23rd, K-3 will experience an Idea Storm with the Story Pirates. Presenters will take ideas from students to create stories and identify elements of writing. In the following weeks, students will write their own stories to be sent to the Story Pirates. On March 18, they return for The New Story Show. Musicals will be performed that are inspired by some of our own writers! Be sure to check out the Story Pirates podcast!

Kit's Interactive Theatre

The wonderful Kitty Jones, of Kit's Interactive Theatre, will visit Knollwood on Friday, February 23rd. Ms. Jones will present her American Revolution program to our 6th grade students, and "The Mysteries of Ancient Egypt" to our 5th graders. The 7th grade will attend Kitty's performance of "Our Civil War." The programs are relevant to the curriculum in each grade and will include student involvement in the show. For more information on these great shows visit <http://www.kitsinteractivetheatre.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.