

President's Update

It is the PTA's mission to support the curriculum of the District through enriching experiences for our children. At this time of the year, the PTA is everywhere in both school buildings from artist lessons during Art Appreciation week to displaying art for the annual District Art Show. Volunteers are coordinating the It's OK to be Different lessons and carefully planning assemblies that tie into curriculum lessons.

All of these efforts are supported by a team of volunteers coordinating our annual fundraiser. Without the PTA's annual fundraiser, we would not be able to execute our signature programming in the district. Your support of this year's "Relaxing by the River" fundraiser will ensure future programming for our children. I hope you will join us at the Rumson Country Club's Riverhouse on Saturday, April 21 to support our children and the fantastic programs they deserve year after year. Tickets can be purchased at <u>www.fairhavenpta.com</u>. This "ladies day" will be a great time to enjoy friendly conversations, lively bidding, and tasty food all in the name of our children! A perfect spring Saturday!

We look forward to seeing you on April 21st, because together we can do more!

Christine Hayden

2017-2018 PTA President

<u>News</u>

PTA General Meeting - March 9

Please join the PTA for our next general meeting on Friday, March 9 at 8:30 am in the Sickles Studio where Mr. Sean McNeil will be our special guest. Mr. McNeil will be speaking about progress in the District and what is on the horizon for the future. We hope you will join us to hear from Mr. McNeil and hear about other happenings around the PTA.

District Art Show Volunteers Needed! - March 12 & 13

The 2018 Art Show committee is looking for volunteers to assist us with the set up and take down of this year's art show. If you have a couple of hours to spare, your help would be greatly appreciated. We will begin hanging art in the Knollwood All Purpose Room from 12:45 - 3:15 pm (2:45 for those who have Sickles pick-up) on Monday, March 12th; and taking the exhibit down from 8:00-8:45 pm on Tuesday, March 13th after the Art Show / Book Fair family night. This is a fun and easy way to get involved with the schools/ PTA. Please use the Sign Up Genius below to volunteer:

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e4cafaf2ea64-2017



PTA Annual Fundraiser Tickets ON SALE NOW! - April 21

You're invited to the PTA's annual Fundraiser, "Relaxing by the River"! Grab your girlfriends and join us Saturday, April 21st at Rumson Country Club's beautiful Riverhouse for an afternoon of cocktails and canapes benefitting the children of Fair Haven schools. This cocktail style reception features passed and plated hors d'oeuvres, cocktails for purchase, and chance basket and silent auctions in support of the PTA. Tickets are \$65 and can be purchased online at <u>www.fairhavenpta.com</u>.

For information on how to participate as a sponsor, make a chance auction contribution or donate wicker baskets to the event, please contact Emily Ryan at emilyryan431@gmail.com.

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.

Upcoming Events

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 9 - 5th Grade Manners & Mingling Class

Please sign your child up for the PTA's 5th Grade Manners and Mingling Class! We will be reviewing proper etiquette including cell phone use! Also reviewing those lost manners our parents instilled in us! There will be NO dancing with partners this year. YOU MUST SIGN UP YOUR CHILD FOR THIS EVENT.

Please see the Sign Up Genius below:

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b48afa928a64-5thgrade

Date: Friday, 3/09/2018

Time: 3:15pm - 4:15pm EST

Location: Knollwood APR

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 fill out the attached form and drop a check for \$40 (made out to Hackensack Meridian Health) to Suzanne Butler, 65 Heights Terrace, no later than March 1st.**

March 12 - 15 - Knollwood Book Fair

Join us for the KNOLLWOOD BOOK FAIR! New this year! We are excited to announce that the Allbook Book Fair is coming to Knollwood. Allbook Book Fairs are known for their unparalleled selection of the best titles from multiple publishers. All students will visit the fair one time with their regular or literacy classes. Students are welcome to shop during special shopping hours, as well as during lunch and recess periods.

Special Shopping Hours:

Monday, March 12 - 3:15-4:00pm

Tuesday, March 13 - 5:30-8:00pm FAMILY NIGHT!

Wednesday, March 14 - 8:00-8:23am

Wednesday, March 14 - 3:15-4:00pm

Thursday, March 15 - 8:00-8:23am

*Please note: When shopping during Special Shopping Hours, please use the APR doors. There will be a volunteer to check in shoppers. PLEASE DO NOT USE THE MAIN DOOR.

If you are interested in volunteering, please email <u>jillsullivan1@gmail.com</u>.

March 13 - District Art Show

We invite all students and their families to visit the Knollwood APR on Tuesday, March 13 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm for our annual District Art Show. Every child will have at least one piece of art displayed in our "school gallery". This is a great opportunity to celebrate our students and our wonderful art programs!

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 <u>christine_aman@yahoo.com</u>.

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<u>https://mabelslabels.com/c/?type=fundraiser&b=7933&cur_website=us_website</u>. 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 <u>www.smile.amazon.com</u>. 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

Charles Waters Poetry Residency

The PTA is very excited to be bringing back poet Charles Waters March 14 and 15 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 atwww.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.