



President's Update

The PTA has been busy in March and April, with a variety of curriculum enriching events and events that build community. We could not do the work set out by our mission without the many hands in our community.

We would like to thank our incredible Art Appreciation co-chairs, Christine Braceland and Bennett Coleman for all of their work in creating a super fun experience for our students! The week was full of inspiring lessons and creative projects, each taking a considerable amount of planning and organizing. Truly a remarkable achievement! We are grateful to all of our parents volunteers who make programs like Art Appreciation possible.

In addition, we would like to thank Jill Sullivan and Sheilah Olson for an outstanding Knollwood Book Fair and Shari Gagliardo and Deb Todaro for a fabulous District Art Show. All three of these events had an army of volunteers over the past three months and we appreciate their dedication of time to the PTA and to our children.

The PTA is an integral part of our children's daily lives in Fair Haven. From assemblies to author visits to field days and art appreciation, our supporters contribute to memory making all year long. We look forward to celebrating the PTA and all of its accomplishments on Saturday at our annual fundraiser!

I hope to see you there, because together we can do more!



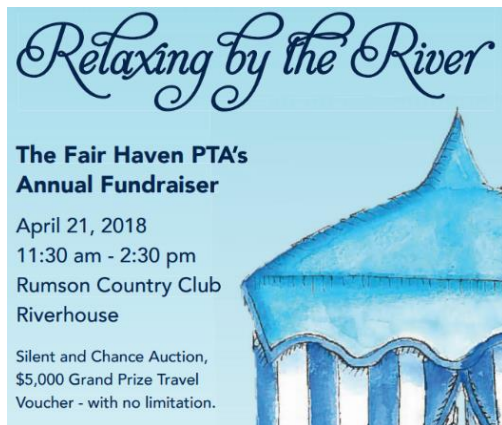
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2017-2018 PTA President

News

Lunch with a VIP

The PTA's Lunch with a VIP at Sickles will be held for Grades 1-3 on Friday, May 4. Information and response forms went home in backpacks last week. Please send in your response forms as soon as possible and remind special guests of the name of your child's teacher before the big day.



PTA Annual Fundraiser - Reserve your Basket Tickets NOW!

Want to expedite your check-in process at Saturday's "Relaxing by the River" Event? There are just 3 days left to reserve your basket raffle tickets online and speed your time in line at registration. Online raffle ticket reservations will close midnight Wednesday, April 18th. Reserved tickets for both the Basket Raffle and the sold-out Grand Prize drawing will be awaiting attendees in their welcome envelopes at registration. Basket tickets will be available at the event.

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

The week of May 7th - 11th is Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week. Our theme is "Peace, Love, and Teaching!" We highly rely on our generous families to let our

teachers and staff know how important they are to us and our children. Please consider donating to this wonderful event by using the Sign Up Genius link below. We couldn't do it without you!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a49afa92ca3f85-teacherstaff>

Upcoming Events

April 25 - Friends of Different Learners

Please join Fair Haven Friends Of Different Learners for a meeting on Wednesday, April 25th at Tavolo. Contact Shari Gagliardo with questions at sjgagliardo@yahoo.com.

May 18 - PTA General Meeting

Please join the PTA for our next general meeting on Friday, May 18 at 1:30 pm in the Sickles Studio. Mrs. Romano will be our guest speaker and she will be discussing 3rd grade and 6th grade transitions. We hope you will join us to hear about happenings around the PTA.

Shop & Give Back

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

Living Voices Assemblies - 4th & 7th Grades

We are looking forward to bringing the Living Voices program back to Knollwood on Monday, April 16th. Using a combination of theatre, video and live interaction, our seventh grade students will experience the world of Anne Frank through the eyes of her friend, Sarah. The students will witness the pain, loss, and hope of young people during the Holocaust.

Our fourth grade students will also experience the Living Voices program on April 16th. They will learn more about immigration through “The New American” presentation. The Living Voices presenter will bring to life the journey of Bridget Rose Fitzgerald from the turmoil of the old country, Ireland, to the promise of America. Students will learn what American liberty and opportunity meant to people around the world at that time in our history.

Story Pirates - Sickles

The Story Pirates returned on April 13th to perform some stories submitted by our own Sickles students. Writing was brought to life with a cast, props, and music! Keep an eye out for your child's story to come back with notes from the Story Pirates themselves!

Dancin’ With the Honeybees - 1st Grade

Beekeeper Cliff Sunflower will visit first graders on April 27th when students will learn about the various jobs of bees through an interactive show where everyone gets a role. The performance is followed up by a bee museum and a honeycomb candle workshop. Ask your child how and why we should protect our honeybees.

Collections & Drives

Spring Clothing Drive - April 13 - 23

Time to clean out your closets for spring! Your items will be collected and turned into cash for our schools. **We will accept gently used clothing, shoes, accessories, purses, linens and soft and hard toys, including stuffed animals. All items must be in good, usable condition as items are not shredded.** NO winter coats and boots, books, furniture, appliances or electronics, housewares or baby gear accepted.

The collection will take place from April 13-23, please no drop offs prior to this date.

Drop off location: 142 Linden Drive

Please leave items in tightly closed bags or boxes by the garage doors.

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.