



*Knollwood Class of 2018*

November 28, 2017

Dear 8th Grade Parents,

We are embarking on a very busy year. It will be filled with milestones and lasting memories for our children. Before we know it our 8th graders will be graduating Knollwood and commencing their high school experience. As Fair Haven is a town steeped in tradition, so too is the Knollwood graduation ceremony and dance. This event is currently scheduled for Monday, June 18th at the RFH auditorium. After the ceremony, our graduates will be bused back to Knollwood to begin their reverse journey down Third Street to Sickles, where it all began for many of them years ago. Here they will enter their TOP SECRET 8th grade dance - an event our students have looked forward to for many years.

As you can imagine, executing such a sizable event requires a sizable budget. While we are lucky to receive donations from both the PTA and the BOE, the Dance Committee relies primarily on parent contributions to meet its funding requirements. As in recent years, we hope to meet our fundraising goals through a parent appeal, potentially eliminating the need for additional fundraising efforts from 8th grade families. With this in mind, we are asking each family to consider a minimum donation of \$60.00. This \$60 takes into account the fees charged for online services as well as all costs associated with the dance. Donations in excess of \$60.00 are welcome and appreciated. Please consider making your contribution as soon as possible so we can budget our expenses accordingly and make accurate projections as to whether other fundraisers will be required. To make your donation via credit card, please go to <http://www.fairhavenpta.com/Fan/custompage.cfm?cpid=3461>. Donations can be made via check to FHPTA and mailed or dropped to Treasurer Jeanette Hogan at 101 Third St. We ask that all donations be made prior to 12/20/17. The website will also provide information regarding the progress of our efforts, contact information for chairpeople, links to signup geniuses, and opportunities to volunteer.

Please be on the lookout soon for an additional letter from our Photo Chairs requesting pictures of our kids from years past including their kindergarten and 8th grade school pictures! All photos submitted must be digital. Scanned images are fine, the higher the resolution the better.

In the new year we will schedule an 8th grade parent meeting to discuss all that is needed for the dance in terms of decorating, volunteers, etc. We will also have more information for you at that time on the traditional parent party, graduation videos and more.

The committee chairs and I hope you are as excited as we are to make this experience as memorable for the class of 2018 as it has been for years past. I look forward to working with each of you in the spring as we get together to make this magic happen!

Sincerely,

Jennie Lucci

8th Grade Dance Chairperson