

OCTOBER 2019

WASHINGTON SCHOOL PTO MEETING

Welcome - Kristen Marino & Rosemary O'Connell, *Co-Presidents*

Flag Salute - Mr. Blake

Introduce Board Members

Lauren Gigante, *1st VP*

Lisa Hagy & Christine Mainwald, *2nd VPs*

Melissa Shanley, *Secretary*

Tricia Theisz, *Treasurer*

Joey O'Connell & Sarir Silver, *Co-Treasurers, Economy Shop*

Joan Clemente, *Past President*

Heather Flanagan, *Faculty Rep*

Secretary: September Minutes vote & Correspondence

Melissa Shanley read thank you letter from the staff regarding the Back to School Luncheon provided by the PTO.

Treasurer: Financial Statement and Reimbursement Form

Patricia Theisz reviewed the budget

Committee Chairs must use new updated reimbursement form that is linked on the PTO website. We can no longer reimburse for tax after the fact. See Tricia for Tax-Exempt Form prior to purchase of any items.

Principal's Report: Mr. Blake

Discussed Schoolwide Morning Meeting - morning meeting, morning message, Washington School "school rules" - the students worked together to create a set of guidelines for the Washington School family.

"We are Family" is the school theme for this year.

Introduced the Student Council officers :

Samantha V. - President

Sofia H. - VP of Student Council

Charlie M. - Secretary of Student Council

Student Council Officers presented their goals for Student Council this year: encourage students to be leaders in our school, leaders in our community, keep track of their school work, and lead by example.

Next Student Council Meeting is 10/11 - students are working on planning the Wizard Challenge. This year, the Wizard Challenge will include 3 scavenger hunts and students will have to complete obstacles. Each class to earn a letter after each obstacle - the letters combined will spell out "We Are A Wizard Family"!

NJ Week of Respect - First full week of October. Washington has the following activities planned for the week:

Monday: Wear blue for World Day of Bullying Prevention

Tuesday: Jersey Day - "A Family is a Team"

Thursday: Crazy Sock Day - Wear crazy socks to celebrate and accept students differences.

Friday: "We are Family" - Wear your Washington spirit wear

In art class the children are painting kindness rocks. Thank you to Ms. Reid for her help! We would also like to thank the Braen family for their generous donation of the rocks.

Faculty Rep's Report: Mrs. Flanagan

Showed video of morning meeting

Co-Presidents' Report: Thank you to our chairs

Hospitality - Angela Bachardy, *Fifth Grade Reps* - Susan Bergel/Lisa Coppo/Robyn McCarthy/Cynthia Mills/Julie O'Donnell/Melissa Shanley, *Walk to School* - Brielle Bleeker and Joyce Mortorano, *Directory* - Lauren Gigante

Executive Board Reports:

Lauren Gigante, 1st VP: Directory is at the printer.

Lisa Hagy & Christine Mainwald, 2nd VPs, reported on the following:

Harvest Fest: a family fun event 10/17 immediately after school on the blacktop, please return order forms a.s.a.p., pumpkin pick up today after school

Coupon Books : Sale is over - thank you for your orders

Bowling Night Parent Social: Save the Date 11/15, 8:00pm, T-Bowl in Wayne

Sarir/Joey, Economy Shop: Thanks to all who have signed up to volunteer. Always looking for volunteers!

Committee Reports:

5th Grade Reps - Cynthia Mills reported: Bareburger has been a big success

Calling all 5th parents: help is still needed for the distribution of Bareburger orders on Friday. 5th grade parents, please consider volunteering!

5th Grade T-Shirt Order Form was distributed on Friday 10/4. Please return a.s.a.p.

5th Grade Bingo Night: Save the Date 11/22, will be held at Eisenhower Middle School

Book Fair - Will be held in the Media Center this year on 10/22 and 10/23

10/21 - Volunteers needed to help setup, please contact Cynthia Mills

10/22 and 10/23 - Book Fair will be held during the school day. Schedule and details will be forthcoming.

10/22 - Evening shopping time. Mr. Blake will also read to the children that night.

WEF - Annual WEF Gala will be held on 10/25 at the Brownstone in Paterson. This is the biggest fundraiser for our district and we hope you all will support it. WEF is responsible for funding many of the amazing enhancements to our schools.

Upcoming Dates to Note:

10/7 Week of Respect

10/14 Minimum Day

10/17 Harvest Fest, Raindate: 10/18

10/21 Anti-Violence Week and BOE Meeting

10/22-10/23 Book Fair

10/25 PTO Coordinating Council Meeting at 9:30am Coolidge School.

All are welcome to attend. Charlie Wolff - Director of School Safety and Security at Ramapo and Indian Hills and consultant to Wyckoff Public Schools will speak. Dr. Feifer will also report on the Superintendent search.

10/25 WEF Gala

10/31 Happy Halloween! Parade on field behind school at 2:30pm

Next Month PTO Meeting is **Tuesday, November 12th at 7:30pm.**