

East Hanover PTA Meeting Agenda

October 25th, 2023

East Hanover Middle School Library, 7pm

Call to Order : 7:00 pm

1. School News

a. FJS October 25, 2023

- I met with Mrs. Bozinoski and Mrs. Yannuzzi to discuss upcoming assemblies at FJS.
 - March 14th- Reading Rocks Assembly
 - May 15th- LeadU Assembly
 - Kids Helping Kids Kindness Lessons
- FJS Mural Information
 - November 14th- Second-Grade Students Paint
 - November 15th- First-Grade Students Paint
 - First Grade students eat lunch in classrooms on 11/14 and 11/15
- Halloween -
 - Pumpkin Decorating Contest
 - Parades -
 - Kindergarten - 9:30
 - Grade 1 - 10:15
 - Grade 2 - 10:45

EHFD visit for Fire Prevention Month- Today

- Conference Info (11/29 and 11/30) - will be sent as soon as possible
- Retakes - November 28th
- Early Dismissal Dates in November: November 22nd
- FOCUS Club/PAAW Club/Play Unified

Kindness Lessons at each grade level- Ms. Parker and Ms. Frank

Looking into creating a Winter Wonderland event at FJS

End of Trimester 1- December 4th

Tads 2 Grads Information Night- November 13th- 7:30 pm at FJS

b. CES: October 25, 2023

- Author from Save Me a Seat visited with 3-5 students. It was great to hear about her background and the writing process.
- Ornament Activity went great. Thanks for Mrs. Bozinoski!
- Working with Mrs. Jordan to arrange for a 5th Grade Residency - graphic novelist
- 5GFD Committee - discussed possible fundraising opportunities with Mrs. Strauss
- Rotary Club - Grade 3 Dictionary Project in November
- Stu Co Spirit Days - sent out to parents

- HP Band visiting CES on November 3
- Halloween -
 - Door Decorating Contest
 - Parades -
 - Prek3 - 11:30
 - Prek4 - 1:15
 - Grades 3-5 - 1:30

EHFD visit for Fire Prevention Month

- Conference Info (11/29 and 11/30) - will be sent as soon as possible
- Early Dismissal dates were sent out
- Retakes - 16th
- Scheduled class trips thus far:
 - Grade 3 -
 - December - MPAC - Cat Kid Comic Club, the Musical
 - Grade 4 -
 - October - Waterloo
 - Grade 5 -
 - March - MPAC
 - June - Red Mill Museum

End of Trimester 1- December 4th

c. **EHMS: October 25, 2023**

10/27- EHMS Pink Out- all donations will go to the national Breast Cancer Foundation

Halloween- students can wear their costumes to school- no masks, swords, guns, blow up costumes, etc

11/15- picture retakes and end of 1st marking period

11/17- EHMS Pep Rally and Pep Rally Dance (7pm-10pm)

11/29 and 11/30- Parent- Teacher Conferences- email being sent tomorrow morning

2. Officer Reports

- a. President – Toni Levine
- b. **FJS VP – Kerri Geiger:** Ornament making went great! Kids loved it. Book Fair - Jen and Marisa did a great job. Pumpkin Patch was very successful too. Kids enjoyed picking pumpkins from the playground. School Pictures coming back this week.
- c. **Central VP – Jenn Toto:** 5th Grade Fun Day planning is underway. Openings for committee chairing opens in April/May each year. Even if people are not chairing a committee they can still help in various ways/fundraising opportunities. Dates are posted on FB and the PTA website. The best way to stay up to date is by attending as many meetings as you can.

- d. **Middle VP – Jackie Elwood** : Pink Out on 10/27/23. Bake sales are taking place every Friday. These are for walkers only. PEP Rally Dance is on Friday 11/17/23. Spirit wear closes 10/29/23.
 - e. **Treasurer – Zobia Shaikh**: Nothing new to report. Book Fairs did well at both FJS and CES. Lunch has been doing well.
 - f. Secretary – Amy Matusheski: none
 - g. Fundraising – Jackie Elwood: none
 - h. **Lunch – Holly Kadyk, Clara Datolo, Rosie Martins, Lara Ragusa**: Parent-Teacher conference dates were incorrect on the school calendar, so lunch has been opened up again. Made \$1200 on Halloween Grams. Starting December, will have breakfast on Tuesday instead of pizza.
3. Committee Reports
- a. **Membership – Camille Beck**: School staff PTA membership competition going well. Will keep it open for a little while longer. All volunteers have to be paid PTA members.
 - b. Bookfair
 - i. Frank J – Marissa Mara, Jennifer Taccetta, Jennifer Nascimento
 - ii. Central – Wendy Scociosa, Sandra Daly
 - iii. Middle – Meg Caponegro, Jackie Elwood, Karen Ford
 - c. Ornament Activity – Marissa Mara and Stephanie Bozinski
 - d. Holiday Boutique
 - i. Frank J – Marissa Mara, Carol DiParisi, Jennifer Taccetta
 - ii. Central – Camille Beck, Jennifer Taccetta, Meg Caponegro, Trish Mattia, Rose Balzer, Lara Ragusa
 - e. 8th Grade Dance/events – Kim Brutofsky
 - f. 5th Grade Fun Day/ Events – Jenn Toto
 - g. Holiday Grahams – Karen Ford
 - h. Pretzel coordinator – Amy Matusheski
 - i. Cultural Arts
 - i. **Central/Middle – Debbie Jordan**: Had an author visit at CES. Kids loved that. Working on getting a Graphic Novelist to come in. Cyber bullying expert coming to Middle School.
 - ii. Frank J – Tanya Yanuzzi, Stefanie Bozinski
 - j. Kid Stuff Books - TBD
 - k. Other Fundraising – Jackie Elwood
4. **New Business**: Lindsay Lafferman had an idea. A Paint fusion for Holiday signs. \$30/person. Will check with the Rec Center for the event. Some suggestions to spend money for a particular event/committee and let people know what they are donating towards. Kids Stuff book deadline is Monday (10/3/23) but since it is online, will keep it open. Coupons are good till December 2024. No booklet is needed - the Save Around App is very user friendly and the zipcode can be changed for any local deals.

Meeting Called to End: 7:48pm