

## October 9, 2018 PTO Minutes

Pledge of Allegiance

### **Melissa Shanley- Secretary:**

- Motion to approve September's minutes was confirmed.
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- Correspondence from Jayne Ramirez was shared.
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### **Patricia Thiesz- Treasurer:**

- Reviewed the financial statement.
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### **Mr. Blake- Principal**

- Introduced new staff member- Amanda Reed as the new Art teacher.
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### **Amanda Reed- Art Teacher:**

- Looking forward to a great year. Introduced a new Studio Art Club for all 4th and 5th grade students. This club is held at 8am every Thursday. Students are allowed to sign up after lunch time and a flyer goes home in the Friday folder with a permission slip to be signed by their parents.
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### **Paul Rubnacker- Guidance Counselor:**

Reviewed the event for "Week of Respect" which is instituted by the State of NJ.

Thanked the PTO for sponsoring an assembly by David Harrell, who spoke of perseverance, and learning to find your own voice.

Kindness Sidewalk Chalk- kids were allowed to spread the kindness with chalk on the front drive-thru circle.

Jersey Day- kids enjoyed wearing their favorite team jersey

Friday was "World Smile Day"- kids were encouraged to wear bright colors

5th grade lesson- what does respect look like, and the kids wrote on sticky papers positive words of encouragement.

Next week is Violence Awareness week, this is also a Statewide program- Oct 15th-19th.

### **Joan Clemente- President:**

- General thank you to all Committee Chairs for volunteering
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- Thanked the following chairpersons for volunteering their time:
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- Chairwoman, Donna Vivinetto for a successful "Walk to School" Day
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- Chairpersons, Susan Bergel, Carolyn Kuhe, Lauren Gigante and Patricia Thiesz for Special Lunch

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- Chairpersons, Erin Christman, and Dana Jareck for Washington Wear.
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- Chairpersons, Michele Van Slooten, Cathy DeVincentis, and Wendy Coffey for Wellness Week.
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- Chairwoman, Ratha McCann, Media Chair.
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- Chairpersons, Mae Bogdansky, and Joe Puccio- Website Coordinators
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- Chairpersons, Beth Mertha, Susan Bergel, and Kim Evans- Nominating Committee
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- Chairpersons, Jen Budin and Leslie Labell- Beautification Committee
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- Chairwoman, Angela Bachardy- Hospitality
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**Christine Mainwald & Lisa Hagy- Second VP's**

- Reviewed Fundraising events
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- Coupon Books are due back by Friday if parents are not going to participate
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- Harvest Festival is Oct 18th- Still need volunteers to decorate Pumpkins
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- Parents Night Out- Nove 30th tickets are now on sale
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- Donation for baskets for Parents Night Out are not being requested.
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**Book Fair Chair- Cynthia Mills**

- Book Fair- need help setting up books and tables Monday Oct 22.
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**WEF Gala- October 12th**

- Tickets are sold out, Executive Chair Dena Collelo is trying to add more tables.
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**Community Service- November 13th**

- Bring 1 yard of Fleece to create a blanket for someone in need.
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**5th Grade Reps- Oct 31st**

- Halloween Lunch Fundraiser for 5th Grade lunch order through Parkwood Deli- Surprise your kids with a Halloween lunch.
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**Next Months PTO meeting will be November 13th at 9:15am.**

No December PTO meeting will be held.