

PTO Executive Board Meeting  
Thursday, October 25, 2018  
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**Presidents' Report (Melanie Paxinopoulos and Judith Thomas)**

- Approved minutes from 9/28 meeting
- Fall fundraisers include
  - Carousel Cakes - Orders are due on 10/31
  - Yankee Candle - Order online through 1/19 plus shipping
  - Yearbook Sales – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade baby pictures, ads and orders are due on 10/31
  - Jets vs. Texans – 12/15 game will have a raffle to win an on field experience
- Thank you to Kelly Mashini for running the Book Fair – Fieldstone in October and Ruby will take over next year
- MEF (Montvale Educational Foundation) will meet three times during the school year, and the next meeting will be held on 11/1 at 7:00pm in the Fieldstone Library
- Square 1 Art Sale packets will come home soon in your childrens' backpacks
- Please remember to print your students' lunch tickets so your child can receive his/her food in a timely manner
- Please continue to support the upcoming fundraisers as the PTO will try to raise the same amount of money as last year to support new air conditioning units at Fieldstone
- Box Tops deadline is 11/1. Box Tops Chairperson counts the Box Tops, fills out the form, and mails it at the post office. Co-President Melanie recently collected 1,165 Box Tops from the schools and raised approximately \$120. Our district collects ten cents per box top. The prior year raised about \$900. Both main offices collect them. KidStuff has activity sheets for Box Tops. PTO will send a blast about Box Tops fundraiser. Class Parents/Coordinators can put a box in each classroom.

**VP Reports (Tara Hill and Kristen Zoelle)**

- Class Parents sent their class lists
- MEF/PTO donation money is due on 10/19 to the PTO Mailbox
- Fieldstone Friday will take place on 11/16 for \$15 at the door
- Halloween celebrations at Memorial can include games such as Bingo or Musical Chairs but no food is allowed
- Halloween celebrations at Fieldstone will include donuts, water and cider during all the lunch periods
- Montvale's Annual Halloween Carnival will take place at Fieldstone on 10/26 from 7:00-8:30pm at the Cafeteria and Gym

### **Treasurer's Report (Jessica Panagiotou)**

- KidStuff Books raised \$2,800 and PTO would like to thank Joann Catalfumo for chairing the fundraiser. Jennifer Russo will take over this fundraiser next year.
- Deposited money for the Book Fair – Fieldstone but still need to see how much money was made
- PTO has 495 memberships for a total of \$4,600
- Ice Cream Social raised about \$1,800
- Back to School Night Bake Sales for Memorial and Fieldstone raised \$2,025
- Please pick up a Book Author Order Form for Molly Idle's Author Visit at Memorial. Mrs. Westervelt coordinates the author visits.

### **Recording Secretary Report (Teresa Barry)**

- Minutes from this meeting will be posted on the PTO website under "Documents-Meeting Minutes." The website is a great resource for flyers, forms and calendar events.

### **Corresponding Secretary (Mrs. D'Amaro)**

- Thank you to the PTO for the new air conditioning units and please continue to reach out to either Ms. Burkel or me for teacher volunteers, etc.

### **Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Darren Petersen**

- Enjoy spending quality time with your families during the holidays
- Mr. Freeman at Memorial gave a presentation about positive thinking at the Board of Education meeting
- NJ School Board Convention will take place in Atlantic City and over 6,000 people are expected to attend along with three of our board members
- Our district received a \$4,000 grant for SafeSchools programs for a fifth year in a row
- Will conduct training for substitute teachers on best practices
- First Annual Mayor's Charity Gala to benefit the Myhre family will take place at Seasons on 10/25 to honor our beloved Fieldstone math teacher, Mrs. Donna Myhre
- Wishing everyone a safe and Happy Halloween!
- Please try to attend the first MEF meeting on 11/1 – thank you

### **Principal of Memorial, Mr. Collier**

- It's cold season! Teachers and school nurse are working with kids to promote healthy habits.
- Thank you to Kindergarten parents for running a successful lockdown drill
- Montvale Police Department was in school on 10/26 & 10/27 to promote Halloween safety
- Teachers will include Class Parent names on a list to enter building for Halloween celebrations and will watch weather closely for 10/31
- Thank you to teachers for working with all students to create a positive school year and students are happy
- We will gain an extra hour of sleep on Daylight Savings Time

### **Principal of Fieldstone, Mrs. McCormack**

- Pep Rally to observe red ribbon week
- We lost a member of Fieldstone when Mrs. Donna Myhre passed away. Mrs. Myhre taught math for 12 years.
- Thank you to the Book Fair – Fieldstone Chairpersons Kelly Mashini and Tammy King and all the volunteers who made it run smoothly
- Loved Neal Bascomb's author visit and the Montvale Senior Club joined the 8<sup>th</sup> Graders for his presentation
- Author Kimberly Brubaker Bradley will present her novel **The War That Saved My Life** on 11/12
- The month of October has a lot of state mandates which includes several weeks of observances: 1) week of respect – upstander in bullying, 2) school violence week – Officer Cruz talked about creating a positive environment, 3) fire prevention week and 4) red ribbon week – drug and alcohol free. Each grade level has points, students were involved, and Mrs. Walker facilitated events.
- Monroe Woodbury HS will copy our 3 R's Day Committee
- 10/31 Walkathon in PE period – students will wear their Halloween costumes and students will raise awareness to raise money for 3 R's Day
- Art teacher will choose a winning design of dove for 3 R's Day T-shirts

### **Assistant Principal of Memorial, Mr. Scherer**

- Co-Curriculum Clubs received laminated key rings (i.e. choir has yellow and art is red) to wear on their backpacks so students can enter the school early in the morning and staff can identify where they're going for different activities
- Robotics Club is involved with the Bergen Brickfest
- Yearbook Club is underway and the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade teachers meet with 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students
- Peer tutoring will start next Tuesday on 10/30 in Simon/Bartel's classrooms – 8<sup>th</sup> Graders will work with students in reading, writing, and math
- Healthy Harvesters had a pumpkin painting party and will plant in the spring
- Art Club meets every Monday morning with art teacher
- Athletics update – boys and girls' soccer teams are in the playoffs tomorrow on 10/26 and boys and girls interested in playing basketball will begin on 11/6

**Meeting Adjourned.**