

PTO Executive Board Meeting  
Friday, January 11, 2019  
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**Presidents' Report (Melanie Paxinopoulos and Judith Thomas)**

- Approved minutes from 11/30 meeting
- International Day will take place on 1/18 at Memorial
- Hot Food Session II closed on 1/6/19 and late orders will be accepted until 1/13/19 for a late fee of \$25. Vice Presidents will email one more blast to remind parents about hot food ordering. Please remember to print your students' lunch tickets so your child can receive his/her food in a timely manner.
- Book Fair will take place at Memorial from 1/22-1/25 (Tuesday to Friday). School will be closed on Monday, 1/21, for a Professional Development (PD) Day. Teachers may submit their wish lists on 1/21 during PD Day. Sign Up Genius will allow up to 6 volunteers per time slot. Books will arrive on 1/18 and pick-up will be on 1/25.
- Winter Carnival will occur on 2/6 from 6:30-8:00pm at Memorial. The flyer has been approved for event details. It will be Family Night at Memorial so the students will have no homework. Included in the entrance fee will be games, prizes, a DJ, popcorn, and cotton candy. Hot dogs and water will be for sale. Pricing will be as follows: 1 child will be \$10, 2 children will be \$15, 3 children will be \$20. Adults are free.
- Trivia Night will take place on Saturday, 3/2. Co-Chairs Carolyn Roche and Michelle Hallenbeck still need volunteers.
- Please remember to order your copy of the yearbook at Yearbook Forever because yearbooks must be done in March. Currently, we sold 125 copies and there are 75 copies left for sale.
- The online auction for the PTO parking spot will be open during the week of 1/14.

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

- Thank you to all who volunteered for the successful holiday celebrations.
- Please continue to forward emails from PTO board members to class parents and class coordinators.
- Thank you to class coordinators for distributing cookies, pizza and lemonade on 12/21 at Fieldstone.
- Next Fieldstone Friday for grades 5 & 6 will be held on 1/18 and children can bring money for snacks and drinks.

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

- Square 1 Art Sale brought in \$2,370 and Holiday Boutique brought in \$3,878.

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

- Thank you for the amazing crafts at the holiday celebrations. Students and staff wore their Memorial MAC T-shirts to represent unity at a recent assembly. Will work on acquiring teacher volunteers for the PTO Winter Carnival on 2/6.

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

- Sit down with your children to set up 1-2 goals as a family for 2019.
- Rutgers grant on middle school scheduling is in effect to maximize instruction for problem-based learning.
- Teachers of the Year were announced before the winter break. They are Mrs. Geralyn Westervelt, Medial Specialist at Memorial, and Mr. Victor Conti, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies teacher at Fieldstone.
- Montvale swore in new Police Chief Joseph Sanfilippo on January 1. Sanfilippo replaced Jeremy Abrams, who had served as chief since 2009.
- In January, the Montvale Board of Education swore in Mr. Scott Rossig and Mr. Ernie DiFiore, who were both re-elected to the Board in November. Mrs. Debra McGauley-Eichhorn is the new President of the Board, and Mrs. Anita Bagdat is the new Vice President.

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

- Thank you to all volunteers for the holiday celebrations.
- Teachers adjusted their Classroom Supply Lists per grade level and submitted them to Mrs. Merlino for the toolbox kits.
- There is an advisory group for self-awareness.
- Professional Development Day for staff will be on 1/21.
- End of second Expressive Arts cycle will be on 2/1.
- 8th Grade students will participate at International Day on 1/18. 8th grade students are already working on their transition to high school.
- Lots of students will participate in Hoops for Hearts Challenge on 2/15.
- We're organizing speakers for 3 R's Day on 5/17.
- Harlem Wizards versus Montvale Marvels will take place on 1/11 at 7pm.

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

- Kicked off **One School One Book** on 1/10 and thank you to the MEF for making this grant possible.
  - Every family received a copy of *Toys Go Out* by Emily Jenkins.
  - Students are making connections between the characters in *Toys Go Out* book and the characters in the *Toy Story 4* movie, which will be released this summer.
  - Teachers represented characters in an assembly on 1/10.
  - Memorial had Family Night on 1/10 and homework was to read Chapter 1 in *Toys Go Out*.
- *Toys Go Out* illustrator will talk to students instead of the author on 1/29.
- Parents shouldn't pack lunches with peanuts because students will be moving around on International Day on 1/18.
- Kindergarten registration will be ongoing until 2/1, and we currently have 7 students registered.
- It is Day 77 at Memorial and Kindergarten students are counting up to 100 days.
- Jump Rope for Heart will take place on 2/15.

- Montvale Police Department's Officer Phil will talk to students about stranger danger on 2/20.
- A lot of instruction is going on in school between winter break and the end of April.

**Montvale Educational Foundation (MEF), Judith Laquidara**

- Harlem Wizards will visit us on 1/11. Doors will open at 6pm.
- Our next meeting will take place on 1/24 at 7pm at Fieldstone Library.
- Please order your Fieldstone Spirit Wear. The flyer is in the Wednesday Folder, and orders will be shipped to your home.

**Meeting Adjourned.**