

PTO Executive Board Meeting
Friday, November 30, 2018
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Presidents' Report (Melanie Paxinopoulos and Judith Thomas)

- Approved minutes from 10/25 meeting
- MEF (Montvale Educational Foundation) update on behalf of Judith Laquidara, MEF Treasurer:
 - Thanks to all those who came out to our first meeting on November 1
 - MEF board members approved 2 new Grants:
 - **One School One Book** was submitted by Mrs. Westervelt for \$5,100. It provides a book per Memorial family and all teachers/administrators, and it includes an author/illustrator visit. The school will collectively read the book together over 3-4 weeks in January or February. The book title is a surprise!
 - 3R's Day was submitted by Mrs. McCormack for \$7,500 and provides funding to help Fieldstone's Respect, Reflect and Remember.
 - MEF Fundraising Update:
 - An online auction began this past Monday, 11/26, and it closes at 11:45pm on Sunday, December 2. There are 14 items available to bid on such as principal for the day, 8th grade graduation front row seats, and MEF parking spot.
 - Harlem Wizards tickets are currently on sale at mef4kids.org. The event will take place on Friday, January 11 @ 7pm at Pascack Valley H.S.
 - Next MEF meeting will take place on Thursday, January 24 at 7pm at the Fieldstone Library.
- Hot Food Session I will end on 1/25/19 and the new session will start on 1/28/19. Session II ordering will start 12/10/18 – 1/6/19. Late orders will be accepted until 1/13/19 for a late fee of \$25. Please remember to print your students' lunch tickets so your child can receive his/her food in a timely manner.
- Please submit your ingredients on or before 12/7/18 for International Day, which will be held on 1/18/19.
- The Holiday Boutique will take place from 12/3 - 12/7 (Monday – Thursday) at Memorial, and it will be set on the floor in the Multi Purpose Room. The boutique will also remain open on Friday morning.
- There will be no PTO meeting in December
- The Chairperson for Yearbook every year should be a 4th grade parent
- In January, the PTO will auction off a parking spot on Memorial Drive

VP Reports (Tara Hill and Kristen Zoelle)

- Thank you to all who volunteered for the successful Halloween celebrations
- Next Fieldstone Friday will be held on 1/18 and children can bring money for snacks and drinks
- BoxTops for Education can be dropped off at the Fieldstone main office
- Please send your child in with printed lunch ticket at Fieldstone

Treasurer's Report (Jessica Panagiotou)

- Results of October and November fundraisers were Yankee Candle - \$2,150, Carousel Cakes - \$925, and KidStuff Books - \$2,950
- PTO sponsored assemblies include **AbraCaBully** in December at Memorial and author visit for *The War That Saved My Life's* Kimberly Brubaker Bradley at Fieldstone

Corresponding Secretary (Ms. Burkel)

- Halloween celebrations were fantastic, and the class parents were very creative, especially since they could not serve food. The students are excited for the Holiday Boutique and the concept of giving.

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Darren Petersen

- Participates in conference calls with 7 local superintendents, local police chief Abrams, DPW, and grounds people to decide about school closings and delayed openings. Will make final decision in the morning versus the night before in case the winter storm is a dud.
- Board of Education will update their policies on the school district's website. The BOE's Innovative Team will visit other school districts such as Warwick Public Schools, which has solar energy and kinesthetic and engineering labs. The Innovative Team will visit both public and private schools in other states.
- Sit down with your children to set up 1-2 goals for 2019
- Have a fun and exciting 2019!

Assistant Principal of Memorial, Mr. Pellegrino

- MCC (Montvale Child Care) will distribute a quarterly newsletter to everyone
- MSI (Montvale Summer Institute) has tentative dates for Memorial and will coordinate with the Montvale Recreation Department. The middle school boot camp will be held from 7/1 – 7/26.
- Character Education at Memorial Elementary School has themes (i.e. respect and empathy) each month, and teachers include these themes in their classroom lessons.
- **AbraCaBully** assembly took place on 12/18 where a magician did a presentation about self-esteem
- Have a happy and healthy holiday!

Principal of Memorial, Mr. Collier

- 12/10 will be the end of the first trimester and teachers will post report cards on the RealTime Portal as of 12/19
- Principal visited classrooms and observed authentic learning, STEM (4th grade math and engineering), and happy and amazing students
- Mr. Collier read a book in Kindergarten and 30-40 4th grade students asked him to read the same book to them during lunch
- Working on International Day – feedback is that Kindergarten students don't have enough time to eat in the food court and plan to shorten presentations from 40 to 10 minutes. There will be a PTO liaison to work on the schedule.
- Kindergarten registration is ongoing. Parents must call and make an appointment to submit their applications on or before 2/1/19. Orientation will be in April before spring break.
- *Toys Go Out* by Emily Jenkins is a picture book for **One School One Book** grant and will record mystery readers to read books out loud
- 12/5 and 12/6 are early dismissal days for parent/teacher conferences
- Harlem Wizards versus Montvale Marvels will take place on 1/11/19 at 7pm
- Mrs. Feather will produce her winter choir concert on 12/13 at 7:30pm
- Happy Holidays and have a safe new year!

Principal of Fieldstone, Mrs. McCormack

- Author Kimberly Bradley visited students on 11/12 and met with every grade level. Thank you for funding to make this assembly possible.
- Grade 6 students visited the Liberty Science Center
- Grade 7 students had a cultural experience with Spanish flamenco and experienced French cuisine at Madeleine's Petit Paris in Norwood
- Observed Veteran's Day in November, and Mr. Ken Florio, who served in the U.S. Navy, was a guest speaker in all the Grade 5 social studies classes. Students asked him questions about what it means to serve our country. Also, students wrote letters to veterans before Thanksgiving.
- Fieldstone had pajama day
- Winter choir and band concert will take place on 12/11 at 7:30pm
- 12/5 & 12/6 are early dismissal days - students will be dismissed at 12:55pm
- 12/10 marks the end of the first marking period and parents can view report cards on 12/19
- 3R's Day Committee will finalize speakers and choose between 3 student finalists for the design a dove t-shirt contest
- Fieldstone robotics placed 2nd at the Bergen Brickfest Tournament on 12/8 & 12/9

Meeting Adjourned.