

# Smithtown Elementary PTA Meeting

**Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

- Pledge
- Welcome
- Blood Drive Representative- Lindsay Kramer
- Treasurer's Report – Mike Prego
  - Balance \$20,185 through December 31st
  - Only one payment to virtual author for January
  
- Principal's Report -
  - Thank you for the December to Remember snowflakes
  - Request to Parents: Speak to your children about things that are missing in their closets. The Lost and Found is overflowing. After a few weeks, they donate what is not claimed.
  - Outdoor Recess: It is hit or miss lately. We want the students out as much as possible. Please send children to school in layers and proper clothing for outdoor recess.
  - 5th grade winter concert - at High School West on February 10th
  - Working on plans for the 5th grade play - Hoping to do an outdoor play so that families can come to watch. It will possibly be picnic style or chairs set up.
  - Clubs - There are so many clubs going on in the morning and evening. (Bus Buddies, Math Olympiads, Field Hockey, Library Creatology, Sports Club, Newspaper Club, etc.)
  - SEL building - Had a COVID spike before and after the holidays. It seems we are getting beyond the surge.
  
- Teachers' Report
  - Kindergarten - They are working on capital letters, tapping out short vowels, and a nonfiction unit with polar animals.
  - First grade - They are studying a nonfiction unit with polar animals and working on writing nonfiction.
  - Second grade - They are subtracting with two digit numbers. PLTW unit - oceans and continents.

- Third grade - They are reading the mentor text, *The Boy Who Loved Words*, and using it to work on their published books. They are also studying traits in the PLTW unit and working on multiplication.
  - Fourth grade - Little Doctor's Program for the NY Blood Center / The social studies unit is on colonial times. They are enjoying the read aloud of *Fish in a Tree*.
  - Fifth grade - Little Doctor's Program for the NY Blood Center. They are researching Incas , Mayas and Aztecs. They are reading *Esperanza Rising*, working on fractions, and beginning a robotics unit.
  - Mrs. Clifford - They are reading, writing, and performing experiments on matter.
- Council Delegate Report- Sue Bosinius
    - Membership Awards for SEL - On Target Membership Award - 25 members paid by October 31/ Early Bird Award / 60% membership by September 30/ Trailblazer Award 75% membership by October 31
    - Discussions with Dr. Secur
      - Monitoring cost of certain items
      - Keeping an eye on mental health
      - Partnership with Northwell Health
      - Smithtown Children's Foundation - December event - The Silent Night - for children to continue their traditions and presents through treatments / Superman Scholarship - for seniors active in community service and who want to continue in a service field, March 5th Polar Plunge at Long Beach -  
Website: [smithtownchildrensfoundation.com](http://smithtownchildrensfoundation.com)
- Septa - Next meeting is on February 7th
  - 5th grade - Yearbooks - Only a month and a half to get it done - Send in pictures!
  - Spiritwear - We now have a personal representative at the company. New Promotion - Bundle up for Savings - 15% off sitewide if you use code BUNDLEUP until January 31st / order more than \$100 and you receive free shipping - Having conversations about more grade level specific items, adding performance wear / Accomsett uses the same vendor so you can order from Smithtown EI and Accomsett sites to bundle for shipping

## **President's Report**

- As mentioned, we will be having a Blood Drive, Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. We encourage you to make an appointment. The scheduler can be found on our PTA Website and FB Page.
- Kindergarten Registration for September is now open. Please contact NYA for information or look under "kindergarten orientation" tab on the SEL PTA website.
  - Looking at June for some form of in building kindergarten orientation
  - Facebook page now added for incoming kindergarten class
- Arts & Ed:
  - January 11<sup>th</sup>- Author virtual visit - Dan Gutman, author of *Weird School* books (2nd & 3rd grade)
  - December - 4th grade - Author's virtual visit - Chris Grabenstein, author of *Mr. Lemoncello's Library* series
- Family Connect Night is this Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup>
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade- Orders for yearbooks are now available - check the PTA website for more information
- January Dine-o-Round was held at Panera Bread- we made over \$100
- Upcoming Events:
  - February- Dine-O-Round- California Pizza Kitchen in Lake Grove, February 22, 2022 - all day - 20% will come back to Smithtown Elementary
  - Sports Night- March 3<sup>rd</sup>- will be held at SHSW- flyer to come
  - Souper Bowl 2022: Canned Soup or other non-perishable food collection until 2/4
  - Look for information regarding school supply drive
- Spirit Wear Promo - NEW VENDOR
- PTA Website (smithtownelpa.org)- tons of information/ flyers and forms
- Remind App: text @68dkk3 to 81010

Next BOE meeting will be **Tuesday, January, 25th at 8pm**

Next PTA Meeting will be **Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm via Zoom**