

## **Smithtown Elementary PTA Meeting Agenda**

### **Tuesday, February 7, 2023**

- Pledge
- Welcome
- **Treasurer's Report**
  - As of end of January - \$24,963 in the bank
  - Sports Night money not yet in the bank.
- **Principal's Report**
  - We recently had the 5th grade concert (band, chorus, orchestra). It was so nice to be with everyone at HSW.
  - Looking forward to the spring season.
  - Thank you to everyone who is working together with all of the nice events going on.
  - We are getting more translated documents.
- **Teachers' Report - Mrs. Pelosi**
  - **Kindergarten -**
    - They just completed nonfiction research and reports about walruses, polar bears, penguins, and groundhogs.
    - They learned how some animals hibernate and others adapt and migrate.
    - They will be going to a presentation by Sweet Briar Nature Center next week.
    - They are also learning about dental health, and will have a visit from a dentist next week.
    - They are getting ready for the 100th day of school which will be celebrated on Friday, 2/17.
    - In math, they are comparing different heights and lengths of classroom objects and learning how to use a balance scale.
    - They will read and write all about friendship and kindness over the next two weeks and will study Presidents (Lincoln and Washington).
  - **1st grade -**
    - They are focusing on Kindness.
    - Classes will be doing a "Kindness Challenge" throughout the month of February to see how many acts of kindness they can complete by the end of the month. They will demonstrate acts of kindness inside and outside of school and report them to their teachers who will hang them up on paper hearts.
    - They will be attending the Star Lab to learn about the solar system.

- In math, they are continuing to work on the “make 10” strategy to solve additional problems.
  - In Foundations, they are working on blends and r-controlled vowels.
- **2nd grade** -
  - In math, they will be continuing geometry.
  - In ELA and SS, they are reading about winter and snow, focusing on nonfiction text features.
  - In PLTW, they are starting a new module called the Changing Earth, and they will be investigating erosion.
- **3rd grade** -
  - Third grade is wrapping up math Module 3. Students have been working hard to learn their multiplication facts.
  - They are reading *The Year of the Dog* and learning about Chinese culture.
  - They are in the middle of their published book projects based on the story *The Boy Who Loved Words*.
  - They are excited to do Valentine’s Day activities next week.
- **4th grade** -
  - They are continuing to learn about different colonial day trades as they research together to write help wanted ads and create slideshows about each trade.
  - Students are finishing their math module, learning about double digits, multiple and long division with problem solving.
  - In science, students are learning about the different structures of plants and animals, including what characteristics all living things have.
  - They are continuing their poetry anthologies and just wrote poems about peace.
- **5th grade** - They are creating a *Kindness Tree* in the hallway using heart cut-outs.
  - In ELA, students are reading *Esperanza Rising*, and they are starting *Maniac Magee*. They are doing a variety of reading and writing activities to go along with each novel.
  - In PLTW, students are researching and creating robot toys.
  - In math, they are beginning Module 4 which focuses on describing place value relationships, rounding, comparing, adding, subtracting, multiplying, dividing, and converting measurements.
  - In SS, they are wrapping up complex societies and civilizations (the Aztec, Incas, Mayas), and they will begin their unit on European Exploration and the Columbian Exchange.

- Sharon Gribbin - Green Team - Monday, February 13th there is a meeting about a Swap Meet - More details to follow.

- **President's Report**

- The Board is looking for Members for next school year. If you'd like to join the Board, please reach out to any of us. We did have interest in a council delegate position.
- Various Committees need chairpeople. Please check the website and be on the lookout for a committee chair specific email.
- **SITE Based Team** met this morning. The staff lounge is being updated. We are looking for anyone that would be able to volunteer (time/ items/ drop cloths/ painter's tape /monetary donations would be helpful, too.
- We are looking for someone to sort and scan pictures, so we can create a historical archive to live on the school district's website.
- **New District Website** is up and running. I think you'll like the ease of navigating around and finding what you're looking for.
- **Valentine's Day Cookie Decorating Fundraiser** did well! We made \$400! Pick-Up is THIS FRIDAY 2/10: 3:45-6pm (here at SEL- Cafeteria Doors)
- **Sports Night** - Friday, March 3rd - NO MASKS - Pre-registration is required. Forms were sent home, in the Remind App, and on the PTA website.
- **Dine-O-Round** - Thursday, February 16th - Crazy Crepe - **Family Connect Night**- Information will go home tomorrow.
- **Kindness Week** starts next week - Information going home tomorrow.
- **Spirit Wear** – Socks/ Flow Society Shorts/ Pop-Its/ Stickers - can all be purchased throughout Memberhub Store or TONIGHT!
- **Save the Date:** Saturday, May 6th: Long Island Ducks Game! Information to come home shortly.
- Stony Brook Seawolves Women's Basketball Game - Stony Brook vs. Hofstra on February 12th - canceled- new date to follow
- **Arts & Ed**
  - February 10th - Star Lab (1st Grade)
  - March 13th - Yoga Week (entire school)
  - April 17th & 18th - Food Labs (4th Grade)
  - March 21st - HSW is having their Fashion Show and it's BACK at Flowerfields. This is a great night and so much fun - tons of raffle prizes - Tickets on Sale now!

- PTA Website- tons of information/ flyers and forms

- Remind App: text @SELPTA to 81010
- BOE meeting at 8pm Tonight at NYA

**Next PTA Meeting DATE CHANGE. We will send out ASAP!**