

## Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Pledge

- **Welcome**
- **Treasurer's Report**
  - December 31 \$23,155 in bank with one outstanding check and not a lot of activity in December.
- **Principal's Report**
  - So appreciative of the kindness of the PTA.
  - Lots of fun with December to Remember. PTA sent in items that students might not have had.
  - Door decorating contest went amazing! Teachers, staff, custodial staff went all out.
  - January - New Year's Ball - Cafeteria was transformed - Thank you to all volunteers! Helped to frame the idea of "Stepping into your new self."
  - Frankel Sisters performance was part of the ball.
  - Love on a Leash - First visit was today with 4th graders. There will be other visits to include all grades.
  - Winter concert - January 30th - For 5th graders
  - Check out Smithtown Elementary Facebook page! Mrs. Pitrelli helps with this page to show what is happening in our school.
  - Valentine's Day - Children can bring in cards but please bring in for all if you do. Please do not send in food with the cards.
  - Reminder: Students are going outside for recess, so please send in layers to ensure that the students are appropriately dressed.
- **Teacher's Report - Mrs. Furman**
  - **Kindergarten** - They are learning to tap out words by using their letter sounds. They are starting to write complete sentences with capitals and periods. In math, they are learning about measurement and weight. In science, they are learning about pushes and pulls and Arctic animals. In SS, they are learning about Martin Luther King, Jr. and kindness.
  - **1st grade** - They are working on adding three addends by finding the partner to ten and then adding the extra. In ELA, they are reading nonfiction books and collecting facts about the topic. They will use these facts to write informational pieces. In PLTW, they are starting their new unit on animals and their adaptations. In the coming weeks, they will begin learning about communities in SS.

- **2nd grade** - They are finishing their current unit in math and moving into shapes, telling time and fractions. Students are reminded to practice addition and subtraction facts. They are learning about the water cycle which will lead them into weather and seasons. The focus will be a heavy focus on snow - researching and writing paragraphs about this topic. PLTW - “The Changing Earth” module.
- **3rd grade** - They started math module 3 and are practicing multiplication and the distributive property. They are finishing up their US government unit and will be learning about China next. They are just beginning their published book project which will end with an Author’s Picnic at the end of year.
- **4th grade** -They are learning about Colonial times through the reading of different non-fiction books. This week the students will have a Google Meet with an author of their Read Aloud book, Chris Grabenstein. They are reading *Shine* to prepare for their discussion with the author. Students will have a science program brought by the LI Science Center as they learn about seeds and explore the different parts of a seed with different experiments. The students also participated in the Little Doctors program where they learned all about the importance of blood donations as they promoted the upcoming blood drive at our school.
- **5th grade** - They are reading *Esperanza Rising* (historical fiction) which takes place in the late 1920s-1930s. Students are learning about real historical events that corresponded with this time period such as the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl, and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. In math, they are learning about division with whole numbers and fractions. In PLTW, they started a Robotics unit, and they are researching various types of robots and building a robot test bed. In SS, they are studying early civilization that settled in the western hemisphere. They had an exhilarating time participating in their virtual escape room last week. They also participated in the Little Doctors Program and made posters to promote the Blood Drive.
- **Rise** - They are currently working on comparing “Then and Now” in history. In addition, they are working on a variety of winter concepts and activities.

- **Phys Ed** - Coordinating school family meet up at a Stony Brook Seawolves basketball game in February. This will be tied into the basketball unit in PE classes.
- Sharon Gribbin- Blood Drive - Monday, January 23rd - We are in an emergency blood shortage. There were 5 emergency shortages in 2022 which means the supply was a 1-2 day supply. You can sign up online for an appointment or walk-in.

### **President's Report**

Welcome Back!

- 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.
- December- We held Holiday Night - The kids had a great time making crafts and decorating cupcakes.
- NYE Ball was a success! Students had a great time! In addition to the cafeteria, they enjoyed a performance by "The Frankel Sisters" as part of our Arts & Ed program.
- As Sharon mentioned, **Blood** Drive is coming up on January 23rd. Online appointments are available (as well as walk-in).
- **Valentine's Day Cookie Decorating Fundraiser** - due back **Wednesday, January 25th**
- **Spirit Wear** – Socks/ Flow Society Shorts/ Pop-Its/ Stickers - They can all be purchased throughout Memberhub Store or TONIGHT!
- Please consider making "Smithtown Elem PTA" your **Amazon Charity of choice!** Set it and forget it!
- Lost & Found - Items are piling up again, so please take a look! **Mabel Labels Fundraiser is a yearly fundraiser that can help with lost items.**
- Got Sneakers is on-going - Recycle them with us and help our environment! Every penny helps and keeps sneakers out of landfills. - The collection bin is located near the greeter.
- Upcoming Events:
  - Save the Date: **Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>: Long Island Ducks Game!** Information to come home shortly.
  - Working with Stony Brook Seawolves Women's Basketball Game- Stony Brook vs. Hofstra - May 12<sup>th</sup>- more information to follow
- Arts & Ed
  - February 10<sup>th</sup>- StarLab (1<sup>st</sup> Grade)
  - March 13<sup>th</sup>- Yoga Week (entire school)

- April 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>- Food Webs (4<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- March 21<sup>st</sup>- HSW is having their Fashion Show and it's BACK at Flowerfields. This is a great night and so much fun. There are tons of raffle prizes. More information to come shortly.
- PTA Website- tons of information/ flyers and forms
- Remind App: text @SELPTA to 81010

Next BOE meeting will be **Tuesday 1/22- 7pm**

**Next PTA Meeting will be February 7th- Time Change: 6pm!**