

Pelham PTA Council and Superintendent's Meeting Agenda
November 3, 2022 8:45-10:15am
Virtual Only

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Superintendent's Report**
- 3. Board of Education Report**
- 4. President's Report**
 - PTAC bylaws vote at 12/1 meeting
 - File taxes: 990 11/15
 - Spelling Bee
 - MTK-read through the steps [here](#). We are working on the other questions units had
- 5. Secretary's Report:** October Minutes
- 6. Treasurer's Report**
- 7. PTAC Communications Update**
- 8. Community Engagement Committee Update**
- 9. Community Organizations**
 - Pelham Together Update
 - PEF Update
 - Junior League Update
 - Pelham Recreation Update
 - Civics Update
 - Project Community Update
- 10. Unit Updates**
- 11. New Business**
- 12. Upcoming Meetings:** 12/1, 1/5, 2/2, 3/2, 4/13, 5/4, 6/1

PTA Unit Updates

Colonial Elementary

- **Book Fair:** Last week, Colonial hosted its first in-person Book Fair since Fall 2019. We worked with Main Street Book Fairs, and would highly recommend them to other Units for future fairs. We were extremely happy with the selection that they sent, their flexibility in setting up a customized website, and the accessibility/communication with our contacts there. We're still working out the final #s, but it was undoubtedly a success in promoting literacy, engaging the school community, and turning a profit for the PTA.
- **Cultural Arts Programming/DEI:** Our DEI and Cultural Arts chairs have been meeting with all teachers by grade level to better assess how the PTA can best support their goals throughout the school year. The response to these is overwhelmingly positive, with different grades welcoming assistance in different capacities.
- This past week, a sub-committee arranged for Diwali celebrations for the entire student body. In addition to a booth highlighting some of the holiday's signature decorations, traditional attire, and food, we brought in a Bollywood dancer who held workshops with all students. Next up, we'll celebrate The Day of the Dead with an ofrenda to Puerto Rican baseball legend Roberto Clemente.
- **Halloween:** Colonial celebrates Halloween with a schoolwide parade around the surrounding neighborhood, individual classroom parties, and a "Storybook Pumpkin Patch," where students are invited to decorate pumpkins like their favorite literary characters. The 5th grade is having a special full-grade party in our Outdoor Classroom.
- **Spirit Wear:** We gifted all Colonial faculty with hooded sweatshirts and pajama pants to reinvigorate their "Spirit Wear" wardrobes last week.
- **Fall Festival:** Our second annual Fall Festival is planned for Saturday, 11/5. Like last year, it will feature carnival games, a food truck, a Spirit Wear pop-up shop, DJ and more.
- **5th Grade Fundraiser:** Support Colonial's Class of 2023 by shopping our Fall fundraiser— Pelham Pelican socks for the whole family! (Flyer attached)
<https://colonialpta.membershiptoolkit.com/store/9867?fbclid=IwAR3omasbHoFSOTA6Rh0SkPWdWihWE-hHHCfp3K9B68yS7irl8Guv-YRgbtQ>

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Hutchinson Elementary

- We held a special virtual meeting on Tuesday 11/1 to vote on the PTAC bylaws and they passed unanimously.
- This weekend our Outdoor Education committee built raised garden beds for a vegetable garden at our school. This is their first completed project as we await for the construction to be finished so they can move forward with their larger outdoor classroom project.
- Our fundraising committee had a very successful Fall Fest event on 10/28 in our new gym featuring face painting, games, food and a magic show.
- Cultural Arts had their first assembly of the year- a jazz and blues band featuring a blind artist to recognize performing artists with disabilities. They are planning an event in November featuring the Thunderbird American Indian dancers.
- We will collect leftover Halloween candy this Thursday and Friday to donate to Hope Kitchen.
- The annual Spiritwear sale is happening now!
- Our first neighborhood Clean Up day of the year happens this Saturday from 2-4pm.
- The Book Fair committee is hard at work planning for our fair on 11/16 & 11/17.
- Picture retakes and sibling photos happening on 11/18.
- The 5th grade committee has done a number of fundraising activities including a very successful auction & parents night out along with some additional sales at Fall Fest.

Prospect Hill Elementary

- Our Harvest Festival was on Friday October 14th after school. It was a huge success and the food tables were a great fundraiser for our 5 th grade.
- Our rescheduled Picture Day was on October 28 th and we got better weather and had a busy sibling photos session after school, which is a PTA fundraiser.
- At our November 8th PTA meeting Señora Pignataro will speak about our FLES program for Grades 2-5. We will also vote on the PTAC Bylaws.
- Our morning Intramurals Program will start up on November 10th with our PE teacher, Nick D'Ambroso.
- Our 5th Grade started off their special events for the year with a grade-wide Halloween Party on October 31st during school. They will also participate in the Main Stages Game Show, an interactive trivia game, on November 18th during school.

Siwanoy Elementary

- We had our first 5th grade fundraiser this year - traditional Pasta Night and it was a success! Our fifth graders were overwhelmed by community support
- Kids met with a sport agent and author Justin Haynes and former NBA player Tacko Fall to talk about their new book
- Siwanoy Family Outdoor Club organized a pumpkin patch again - kids had lot of fun picking out their pumpkins and learning about composting and drying seeds
- We've moved forward with our Early Release Days Program for PD days and families are grateful to have additional option for their kids on those days
- We had our first Family Movie Night this year - families watched Encanto, while cuddling in their sleeping bags and blankets; it was fun!
- Siwanoy Dad's Club is hosting its annual Dad's Club Movie 11/2nd, 1-3pm; not PTA program, but just another option for families
- Also Siwanoy Dad's Club organized its third trunk-o-treat and it was a success (again, not a PTA sponsored event, but definitely something the Siwanoy community enjoys!)
- Siwanoy Dad's club collecting candy for the troops until Thanksgiving
- Student competition for the 2023 student designed shirt is underway.
- PTAC bylaws were passed
- We had a Halloween parade in a new format - kids paraded along perimeter of the school, instead of the playground; with balloon arch and carved pumpkins decorating the main entrance (courtesy of Mr. Sparano) the celebrations felt fun and festive
- Our Book Fair is planned for this week
- Last but not least - we've been collecting new socks for Socktober month to be donated to a homeless shelter and we've started a Food Drive for Hope Soup Kitchen in NR

PMS

- PMS had a very successful Apparel sale (over\$2200),
- We have 165 signed up for pta membership
- We co-sponsored the custodian lunch with the HS
- We have our first FNL dance this coming Saturday with another planned in March. We are looking to add some other MS experiences such as a free skate at the ice hutch
- We approved the PTAC bylaws

PMHS

- October was a busy and exciting month at the high school.
- Support in promotion of the Halloween haunted house got record crowds and record earnings for the high school seniors.
- We have been making a connection with BOCES career and technical education.
- Still pushing the Amazon and DeCiccos easy fundraising every citizen can do.
- Partnership with Pelham Together: screening held of Screenagers NEXT CHAPTER: Uncovering Skills for Stress Resilience. Thanks to the incredible work of Pelham Together, the brave students on the panel, the event highlighting the important topic of stress and anxiety in teens was important and successful.
- Introducing ourselves at a staff meeting led to a partnership with Ms Gashi, teacher of English as a new language that will hopefully lead to support of parents of her students perhaps through peer to peer efforts. We had a discussion of how to help all parents who may be anxious about the new meet the teacher system for conferences and how to reach out to offer support to speakers of other languages.
- We made our membership goal of 265 set by New York State pta!!



SEPTA presents

PPS

Date: 11/03/2022 - Middle School
Library

6 PM - In Person

PPS - Pupil Personnel Services

- Meet your Special Education/CPSE/CSE Team
 - Traci Holtz, Assistant Superintendent of PPS
 - Lauren Ribeiro, CPSE/CSE Chairperson, K-5 Supervisor Special Education
 - Greg Lau, CSE Chairperson, Secondary Supervisor for Special Education
- PPS Presentation of the CPSE/CSE Process
- Q&A with PPS

SEPTA Update and Q&A

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