

Pelham PTA Council and Superintendent's Meeting Agenda
October 6, 2022 8:45-10:15am
Virtual Only

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Superintendent's Report**
- 3. Board of Education Report**
- 4. President's Report**
 - Digital Citizenship Month
 - PTAC bylaws reminder to vote on them
 - First membership payment by October 31
 - File taxes: 990 November 15
- 5. Secretary's Report:** September Minutes
- 6. Treasurer's Report:** Budget Vote
- 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:** 11/3, 12/1, 1/5, 2/2, 3/2, 4/13, 5/4, 6/1

PTA Unit Updates

Colonial Elementary

- Colonial has been celebrating Hispanic Heritage month every day of September, with daily “Colonial Celebrates” fun facts read over the morning announcements, and a school wide visit from a local Mariachi band. This was organized by our DEI committee and was very well-received!
- Our annual Welcome Back Picnic was on Sept 20th at Prospect. Most all Colonial families showed up for food trucks, a dance party with DJ Ruben Rodriguez, PTA signups and Spirit Wear sales, and a fun raffle with prizes donated by our teachers and faculty (ie. A kickball game vs. all 4/5th grade teachers, “Principal for the Day,” etc.)
- We had our Picture Day(s) last week with RollCall Portraits
- We had our first in-person Open Houses since 2019 last week!
- Our Green/Sustainability Committee hosted a Halloween Costume Exchange on Friday 9/29. Next year, we’d love to do this again and open it up to everyone in Pelham.
- In the coming weeks, we’re preparing for our Book Fair (with Main Street Books) from 10/18-20, and a celebration of Diwali (for that, we’re working on a booth near Ms. Garcia’s office to showcase items relevant to the holiday, and an author visit)

Hutchinson Elementary

- Our membership drive was very successful and we hope to continue to grow as we get closer to our first PTA meeting on 10/11. This meeting will be in person with a Zoom option available.
- To honor our custodians on National Custodian day we delivered thank you notes with Amazon gift cards.
- The annual Spiritwear student design contest is happening now with our sale beginning 10/26.
- Fall Fest event happening 10/28 in our new gym.
- Cultural Arts is planning a dance event for Hispanic Heritage month.
- Picture Day retake and sibling photos happening on 10/28.
- Our DEI committee created a section on our website and will update regularly with information for parents and families to have informed discussions on important topics.
- Student government is planning a Spirit week benefiting Ronald McDonald house later this month which the PTA will help support.
- We will announce class parents this week so they can begin to plan Halloween activities for their classes. We have been informed that there is to be no food items served in school during class parties this year.

Prospect Hill Elementary

- 5th Grade Committee Chairs are meeting with Ms. Carr and the 5th grade teachers tomorrow to start planning the year's events.
- Our Harvest Festival will be on Friday October 14 th after school. It will include games, baby goats, pumpkin patch, inflatables, and pizza and snacks.
- Our September Picture Day was rained out and rescheduled for October 28th .
- Pizza Day returned on Monday October 3rd !
- Our Diversity Backpacks program has kicked off for the year. Over the course of the next few months, every student will have an opportunity to take home a grade level specific book bag. The books cover a range of topics that address, in some way, the topic of diversity.
- Principal Carr is doing 10 min building tours for parents and the first one is Thursday October 13 th after drop off.
- The PTA honored 2nd grade teacher Julia Martin for 30 years of teaching with a framed print of Prospect Hill.
- We will have the following guest speakers at our upcoming PTA meetings
 - October 11th - Dr. Callahan, Director of Math & Science K-12, will come give an overview of Science 21 which is now being implemented K-5
 - November 8th - "Señora Pignataro will speak about our FLES program for Grades 2-5.
 - December 13th - Dr. Thompson, Director of Humanities K-12, will share information about our Social Studies curriculum.
- Our Halloween Costume Parade will be Monday October 31 st at 12:30pm.

Siwanoy Elementary

- Membership drive is going well
- We had our back to school picnic that went really well
- Open houses were a success, and parents were happy to be inside the buildings and see their kids work and workspace
- Lunchtime enrichment is coming back, registration starts 10/18th (everyone is excited)
- We continue to receive a good feedback re our new newsletter (easier to read and scan)

PMS

- Spirit wear sale is coming up
- More to come...

PMHS

- The year has started well for our PMHS PTA, membership is exceeding last year and we will have our meeting next Tuesday October 11th.
- We have been able to support teachers in funding wonderful opportunities including prizes and pizza for the History Bowl held in December and the Wolfs Art Walk which will occur in October as our AP art students decorate business windows with the Halloween theme of the year. It's always fun to see the process and the results! Enjoy!!
- We have opened a mini grant process and encourage our teachers to reach out for support.
- We celebrated our Custodial team for Custodians Appreciation Day on Monday.
- We are partnering with Pelham Together to bring the film Screenagers (Part 2) back to Pelham for free so the community can discuss the use of social media for digital citizenship month on the big screen.
- We are producing a very robust newsletter and website driven by parent interest and need for easy access to information.
- A key support for all of our PTA efforts is the DeCicco's partnership. We hope PTAC can affect an effort to reestablish that as their support made a substantial difference in what could be achieved (a loss of \$10,000)
- Thanks to the High school and District for a strong and clear recognition of our PMHS merit semi finalists, commended scholars and College Board achievement scholars. Congratulations to them all!

SEPTA

All Families can show support for SEPTA (even if your family is not a family of a child with learning and thinking differences) by joining SEPTA for \$10* when joining your school's PTA!

*Note: If for any reason you'd like to join and may not be able to pay now, reach out to Joanne or Stephanie.