

Pelham PTA Council and Superintendent's Meeting Agenda
December 1, 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
 - Unit meeting in December
- 5. Secretary's Report: November 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: 1/5, 2/2, 3/2, 4/13, 5/4, 6/1**

PTA Unit Updates

Colonial Elementary

- Our Diversity Committee's Cultural Arts chairs have met with all grade-level teaching teams to brainstorm programming ideas for the year ahead
- We are excited to welcome Lunchtime Enrichment back to Colonial this January! Registration begins Thursday, and classes will run from Jan-March.
- Our Spelling Bee Club has its first meeting Wednesday. We quickly hit participant capacity.
- Looking ahead to 2023, our Read-a-Thon will take place over the month of January.

Hutchinson Elementary

- The Book Fair held on 11/16 and 11/17 was our most successful in fundraising to date! We were able to use Scholastic dollars to fulfill our teacher wish lists and purchase over \$500 in new books for the library.
- On 11/16 our 3rd graders had an in-school science program "May The Force Be With You" using a portion of their PTA field trip funds.
- Spelling Bee is off to a great start. Thanks to all the PTAs for collaborating to get this program going.
- Our Cultural Arts committee hosted an assembly on 11/30 featuring the Thunderbird American Indian dancers in honor of Native American Heritage month.
- The 5th grade committee is currently selling Pelham water bottle holders as a fundraiser for end of year activities.
- The PTA will provide snacks to our teachers on Friday during conferences.
- Our lunchtime enrichment program begins registrations this weekend for a January start.
- Our next PTA meeting is Tuesday 12/6.
- December 7-15 we will help support the Student Government Holiday gift drive.

Prospect Hill Elementary

- Next PTA meeting is Tuesday December 13th at 8:30 am. Dr. Thompson, Director of Humanities K-12, will speak about the social studies curriculum.
- Our Scholastic Book Fair is running from Tuesday November 29th through Thursday Dec 1st and includes evening shopping during conferences.
- We will be selling PH car magnets as our first new spirit wear item of the year
- Lunchtime Enrichment registration will open soon
- Our first PH Cultural Competence Committee meeting will be on December 5th
- Our morning Intramurals program has started
- Our 4th and 5th Grade Winter Concert will be on December 7th
- Our Picture Day make up will be Monday December 12th
- Registration for our Talent Show in February is now open
- Our 4th graders painted our playground tunnel with beautiful scenes of New York City
- 5th graders had their Main Stages game show event in our PH auditorium and had a great morning of laughter and bonding

Siwanoy Elementary

- Book Fair was a big success (the best we had to date)
- We hosted food drive for HOPE soup kitchen
- Siwanoy Dads Club was collecting candy after Halloween for overseas troops
- We sponsored our first all school cultural arts program of the year...Up and Away with Hot Air Balloons! - students got up close and personal with a working hot air balloon. Everyone absolutely loved it!
- Mr. Johnson hosted principal coffee - this time the meeting was based around acceptance, togetherness and community building
- We hosted Thanksgiving Breakfast for our teachers and staff, as a way of showing them our gratitude for all their hard work and dedication
- We've started in school residencies - K grade learned history of movable pop-up books and made one themselves
- Lunchtime Enrichment classes have started this week
- Last but not least - We're teaming up with the Sharing Shelf for a winter coat drive

PMS

- We delivered individually wrapped cookies from Flour Power to all the MS teachers as a thank you (and push for them to join pta!).



- We will be sending out invitations for teachers to submit wants/needs/desires for programs/guests/enrichment to Ms.Sabia that the pta can then sponsor.
- Additional activities will be forthcoming in the new year.

PMHS

- We are pleased to announce that our PTA unit earned the October On Target and Trailblazer Membership Awards from New York State PTA for 2022-23! We have reached 75% of our unit's membership goal for this year.
- We will be celebrating the teachers with an appreciation lunch on Friday as well as in March to support their efforts and energy for the conferences.
- We hope that all parents and teachers feel that the PTA is something for them and supports the kids and the school. We should all work to ensure that everyone feels welcome.
- We hope a student will take advantage of the National PTA **Jenkins scholarship** for students interested in teaching. We shared it with our guidance department again. We sure do need young people to be encouraged to become teachers.
- We would like to propose that the primary units share a blurb with us for our PMHS newsletter that they have scholarships available to students from their elementary school and when they will be welcoming applications. Even better would be to make the applications available as soon as possible so that kids who are still in the application

mode will apply. Often kids just give up by March and are not in the mood. It would be great to get a decent and diverse applicant pool.

- We are joining other units in discussing a vision for a united effort to celebrate Black History Month.

SEPTA

Our inclusive talent show is Friday evening!! We haven't gotten much response for performances, so would really appreciate the last minute push!! This is huge bc SEPTA includes all 6 schools!