

**Pelham PTA Council and Superintendent's Meeting Agenda**  
**January 5, 2023 8:45-10:15am**  
**Virtual Only**

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Superintendent's Report**
- 3. Board of Education Report**
- 4. President's Report**
  - Outstanding items
  - Reminder unit meeting 1/12 9am
- 5. Vice President**
  - PTAC Open Roles and Nominating Committee
- 6. Secretary's Report:** December Minutes
- 7. Treasurer's Report**
- 8. PTAC Communications Update**
- 9. Community Engagement Committee Update**
- 10. Community Organizations**
  - Pelham Together Update
  - PEF Update
  - Junior League Update
  - Pelham Recreation Update
  - Civics Update
  - Project Community Update
- 11. Unit Updates**
- 12. New Business**
- 13. Upcoming Meetings:** 2/2, 3/2, 4/13, 5/4, 6/1

## **PTA Unit Updates**

### **Colonial Elementary**

- Our Cultural Arts committee has put together some exciting Lunar New Year programming, including a virtual cooking class for families to participate in together, and a visit from the NY Chinese Cultural Center for the entire student body
- Lunchtime Enrichment kicks off next week
- We're gearing up for our Read-A-Thon, taking place 1/17-2/3 (with all the other elementary schools!) Our DEI committee is working on a great list of recommended reading for those looking for some ideas of what to read.
- Our student govt hosted a very successful coat drive leading up to the holidays, and got to visit The Sharing Shelf with their donations.
- Colonial again participated in Family Services of Westchester's Adopt-A-Family campaign and was able to grant holiday wishes for our neighbors in-need.

### **Hutchinson Elementary**

- Our PTA distributed 79 holiday cards with Amazon gift cards to our teachers, staff and crossing guards before break.
- Our student govt holiday gift drive for Hope community services was a success.
- Spelling Bee is this Thursday.
- In-school Chess Program begins this month.
- Our Lunchtime Enrichment program begins this month. We are excited for this program after working through the logistics of three different lunch/recess periods and a new building.
- The Building Bridges committee began their planning for this year's programming.
- Our Cultural Arts committee is planning programming for Lunar New Year and Black History Month.
- Read-a-Thon begins on 1/17. Our committee is hard at work in preparation for this fundraiser. Thanks to the committee engagement committee for their help coordinating the schools.
- Our next PTA meeting is Tuesday 2/7.

### **Prospect Hill Elementary**

- The next PTA meeting is Tuesday January 10th at 8:30 am in the PH library.
- Our Lunchtime Enrichment program begins on Monday January 9th . We are offering 5 classes/day for 8 weeks and are very excited to be bringing back this program after a covid hiatus. There are a wide range of offerings that includes music, physical fitness, chess, art, and STEM.
- Rehearsals for our 15th Annual Prospect Hill Talent Show will begin on January 15th. Due to the overwhelming response, there will be a K-2 show on February 15th and a Grades 3-5 show on February 16th. Both shows are at 7pm in the school auditorium.
- The Prospect Hill Spelling Bee will be on January 17th after school.
- Our 5th Grade Snow Ball will be on January 20th from 6-8pm in the PH gym.
- We are collecting new and like new children's books (preK through 6 th grade) for the National Charity League's MLK Day of Service from January 3rd through the 13th.
- Check out the Pelham School District Facebook page for pictures of the newly painted playground tunnel, designed and painted by our 4th grade classes.

### **Siwanoy Elementary**

- Siwanoy hosted a coat drive for the Sharing Shelf, and delivered the coats before the break.
- We had our annual Pottery Painting Family Night
- Student Government hosted a Candy Cane fundraiser, with proceeds being donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
- Our 4th grader, Scarlett Cepler was in the production of the Nutcracker with the NYC Ballet at Lincoln Center - we're so proud of her!
- 5th graders collected supplies for animals in need, supporting SPCA of Westchester
- Siwanoy is starting its after school Italian program this week. Services are being provided by the La Piazza di Carolina and they will run an interactive Italian class for our elementary school students that follows the FLES model (Foreign Language in the Elementary School). Teacher is Ms. Franciosa, Tffiore@hotmail.com

### **PMS**


- Coming soon.

## PMHS

- We are working on some events to support parents including a Q&A with the Assist Superintendent of Teaching & Learning
- We will be starting our search for a nominating committee and leaders for 2023
- We will work with the school and district in support of black history month.
- We still need support from DeCiccio

## SEPTA

Our Feb 9th meeting will have a speaker from Project Lifesaver- see attached info sheet! This meeting will be in person to ensure intimacy and communication!



# Project Lifesaver

## Youth Project Lifesaver

### Fact Sheet

**The Program**  
Project Lifesaver is a program designed to help **individuals with Autism and other developmental disabilities** who may wander or get lost. Project Lifesaver uses radio frequency technology, employing wristband transmitters to locate wandering and lost children and young adults. It is now being used in all 50 states, Canada and Australia.

**The Bracelet**  
Individuals who are part of the Project Lifesaver program wear a personalized bracelet that emits a locating signal. The bracelet is a one-ounce battery-operated radio transmitter that produces an automatic locating signal every second, 24 hours a day. The signal can be traced on the ground or in the air up to 6-10 miles. The bracelet is water resistant and can be worn in the bath, shower, pool, etc. It is made out of very strong plastic material that is difficult to remove without the use of scissors.

**Search and Rescue**  
After caregivers call 911, their local police department will be dispatched to the area to begin the search for the missing person. Westchester County Police also need to be called and dispatched to the area to search with a mobile locator receiver system. As each bracelet has a unique radio frequency, the Project Lifesaver search team is able to positively locate and identify the missing person, reducing search times from hours and days to minutes.


**Eligibility for Project Lifesaver**  
Children who are eligible for Project Lifesaver through the Westchester County Initiative **requirements:**

- ✓ Have a diagnosis of Autism or other developmental disorder
- ✓ Have a history of wandering or elopement
- ✓ Live in the community with a primary caregiver who provides daily, ongoing care (no residential facilities or group homes)
- ✓ Reside in Westchester County

**Families' Responsibilities**  
Trained WJCS staff will work cooperatively with families to ensure that their child's bracelet is safe and effective. Families will:

- ✓ Check their child's bracelet on a daily basis and record their checks in the log provided by WJCS
- ✓ Attend all battery change appointments with WJCS staff every 60 days
- ✓ **Pay a \$325 fee for the initial year of membership, maintenance and usage, \$85 fee every year after.**

WJCS - Jewish Programs staff is available to answer any questions or discuss any concerns you may have. You may call Isabel M. Pettersen at 914-761-0600 x2230, or reach her at [ipettersen@wjcs.com](mailto:ipettersen@wjcs.com).



Project Lifesaver is a partnership of  
Westchester Jewish Community Services and  
the Westchester County Departments of Mental Health and of Public Safety

