

**Pelham PTA Council and Superintendent's Meeting Agenda**  
**February 2, 2023 8:45-10:15am**  
**Virtual Only**

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Superintendent's Report**
- 3. Board of Education Report**
- 4. President's Report**
  - Congratulations on Read-A-Thon
  - Alvin Ailey Family Fun Night on 2/28 sponsored by all 4 elementary school PTAs and SEPTA - See Attached
  - Black History Month Story Hour on 2/7. Spread the word. Register [here](#).
  - Pedestrian Safety Committee
  - Be aware of fake accounts trying to join Facebook groups.
- 5. Vice President**
  - PTAC Nominating Committee and Open Roles: [President](#), [VP](#) and [Treasurer](#).  
See attached
- 6. Secretary's Report:** January 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
  - Girl Scouts
- 11. Unit Updates**
- 12. New Business**
- 13. Upcoming Meetings:**, 3/2, 4/13, 5/4, 6/1

## PTA Unit Updates

### Colonial Elementary

- **Read-a-Thon:** Colonial's been doing great—both from a fundraising, and more importantly, reading perspective. It's been nice to be aligned with the other schools for the first time—hopefully next year, we're able to build more upon that.
- **Spelling Bee:** Our Spelling Bee took place last week and went very smoothly—5th graders Nellie Hill-Ries, Matteo Panzani, and Penelope McGibbon went on to compete in the District Bee that Wednesday. We were so proud of all of the spellers, and it was really nice to see a lot of the 2nd graders who participated in the program, but did not compete, in the audience cheering on their class/teammates.
- **Cultural Arts:** Colonial's Lunar New Year celebrations were robust, thanks to our Cultural Arts' Committee's commitment to recognizing the holiday. Ms. Preston led a school-wide art project, which PTA members hung throughout the school for the week of Lunar New Year. Kindergarteners did their parade throughout the school (an annual tradition), and one of our talented parents led a virtual cooking class where 35+ families learned to make egg rolls together. Next up, Alvin Ailey will be performing for Black History Month (2/15), and returning for a District-wide Family Fun Night (targeted at elementary school families) on 2/28.
- **Upcoming Colonial Meetings:** We're hosting a Principal's Coffee on Friday AM after drop-off with Principal Garcia and our special guest, Michele O'Neil, our K-5 interventionist. On Feb 15th, we'll have our first in-person PTA meeting of the year (yay!) with a special presentation from our student government.

### Hutchinson Elementary

- Our student govt just completed a food drive for Hope community services.
- In-school Chess Program begins this month. This program brings chess into the classroom with each class getting three sessions and a school wide family night this spring.
- Our Lunchtime Enrichment program is running and has been going well.
- The Building Bridges committee began their planning for this year's programming.
- Our Cultural Arts committee planned a special author reading for Lunar New Year and is working on two events for Black History Month.
- Read-a-Thon is a success! Over \$20,000 raised and 137,015 minutes read so far!
- We are working with our teachers to plan field trips and/or grade specific in school programming.
- Our next PTA meeting is Tuesday 2/7.

### **Prospect Hill Elementary**

- Our next PTA meeting is Tuesday February 14th at 8:30am in the school library
- Along with the other elementary schools, we are currently holding our annual Read-a-thon. As of Week 2, our students have read 111,469 minutes and we have exceeded our fundraising goal of \$12,000. Students are really enjoying the new tassel system (earn a different color tassel for hitting the different levels of minutes read) and our Prospect Lion mascot helped deliver the tassels this week.
- We held our school Spelling Bee on January 17th and then had 3 students participate in the District Spelling Bee on January 25th .
- On January 31st we had our 3rd Grade Orchestra and 4th Grade Band Recital.
- We are selling spirit wear items (shirts, hoodies, hats) with a new logo through February 6th as well as car magnets.
- Our Prospect Hill Talent Show dates have been changed to February 14th and 15th due to a scheduling conflict in our auditorium.
- Our 4th and 5th grade students will be participating in the Kids Heart Challenge and this year's event will take place on February 16th before school.

### **Siwanoy Elementary**

- We're hosting our first ever Read-a-Thon. Enthusiasm and the generosity of our community has been amazing.
- Family Bingo Night at Siwanoy is back again! The event was sold out and everyone had a great time (Thank you Dave and volunteers!)
- Macpherson Alderman placed 2nd in the district level Spelling Bee! Lucy Gould and Anna Albarella are two other Siwanoy finalists that were part of the district event. We're so proud of our students who worked hard to be prepared and grateful to our teachers for their support and enthusiasm!
- We're adding a school dance to our Family Night repertoire! The first one is scheduled for 2/9/23.
- Siwanoy Dad's Club is bringing a ski trip back! This is not a PTA sponsored event, however our community is excited to participate and we're grateful to the Dad's Club for making that happen!
- We would love to bring more math and science to Siwanoy and (and other elementary schools in Pelham, if they're interested!) and are looking into Math Kangaroo USA, as a potential starting point

## **PMS**

- PMS PTA and Pelham Together are going to partner to offer grade specific Friday night skate nights at the Ice Hutch (7 and 8th only). Hoping this will be a fun way for kids to get together with other kids from their grade and have a nice, fun social event. More details are forthcoming.
- We'll be speaking with Ms. Sabia to see if she or any of the teachers have any programs that she wants the PTA to help fund.

## **PMHS**

- We have a workshop this month on the college application process and sports recruiting for college this Thursday February 2nd. The link is on our [website](#).
- We are beginning our search for a nominating committee and for potential candidates for our board which is completely turning over except for Theresa. We would love the support of PTAC members in this process or if any are rising freshmen parents and want to join a great team lending support to the high school.
- We reached our goals for membership this year.

## **SEPTA**

- ALL 4 elementary schools PTA DEI committees and SEPTA are partnering up to bring Alvin Ailey dance company at the end of Feb! Notable to mention since this is the first time everyone is doing something like this!!
- SEPTA will be partnering with Girl Scout's to host a respite room during the GS Wellness Event!
- Our meeting is the 9th geared toward helping people with elderly or non verbal disabled children/friends/family get tracking devices.



# AILEY

## ARTS IN EDUCATION & COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



**Hutchinson Elementary School**  
Together We Can Make a Difference



Event held at Hutchinson Elementary:  
48 5th St, Village of Pelham, NY 10803

## Family Fun Night Spring 2023

***Making dances is an act of progress; it is an act of growth, an act of music, an act of teaching, an act of celebration, an act of joy.***  
– Alvin Ailey

Ailey Arts In Education & Community Programs (AIE) Family Fun Night is a community building, multi-generational activity, where families come together to try out two different dance techniques.

It's a great opportunity for students participating in the AileyDance Kids residency to serve as leaders to their parents, relatives, and friends to showcase what they've learned.

### **Come Dance with Ailey at Hutchinson Elementary School**

**Who:** Kindergarten – 5th Grade  
**Where:** Hutchinson Elementary Gym  
**When:** Tuesday, February 28, 2023  
**Time:** 6:30 – 8:00 pm  
**Dance Styles:** West African & Jazz/Hip-Hop



AileyDance Kids. Photo by Joe Epstein