



Betsy Ross HSO NEWSLETTER

September 2023

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DATES TO KNOW

Sept 25	SCHOOL CLOSED (Yom Kippur)
Oct. 2-6	Week of Respect
Oct. 10	SCHOOL CLOSED (Columbus Day)
Oct. 22	Thunderbird Run

UPCOMING HSO EVENTS

HSO Meeting -7pm	(Oct. 10)
Walk-A-Thon	(Oct. 14)

HELPFUL LINKS

[2023-2024 Calendar](#)

[HSO Facebook Page](#)

[Betsy Ross School](#)

[Parent Portal](#)

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News



We hope everyone is settling in nicely for the 2023-24 school year! This month has been filled with excitement, several new faces, and that same welcoming Betsy Ross Community we all love. Our amazing staff was more than ready to welcome our learners on

September 6th and we hopped right into Picture Day on the 8th. Back To School Night was a great success and we hope you were all able to see some of the outstanding work our students had already accomplished in just a quick week. We also want to thank our Teacher Appreciation Committee for the lovely welcome breakfast for our staff.

In addition to our Kindergarteners joining our family, we have had some big changes this year. Mrs. Brause left for her maternity leave the first week of school but we are lucky to have Ms. Davis as our principal for the next several months. Her background and experience is quite impressive, but she solidified her status as a Betsy Ross icon among the students when she brought ice cream cups for every child. Ms. Davis shared that this year's theme is EMPATHY. We are excited for the lessons and activities that will further our students' understanding of this concept.

We are also grateful to have Ms. Conroy, Ms. Durant and Ms. Smith all back in different grades this year. Lastly, we want to thank our parents who have stepped up to organize school supplies, volunteered to be class parents, are arranging assemblies, and are already hard at work for the Walkathon. These dedicated families working together with the entire Betsy Ross staff are what make this community so special. We hope that our new families (and returning) will continue to get involved.



Welcome!

This year we have a mostly-new HSO Board. Please meet:

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Next Meeting: October 10th on Zoom. *Link will be sent out the week before.

Teacher Reps: Ms. Conroy and Ms. Durant

Information: Follow us on Facebook (Betsy Ross HSO page and individual class pages), Read the weekly updates sent by Ms. Davis and come to meetings!



WALK A THON

It is time again! Our biggest fundraiser of the year! This year the Walk A Thon is scheduled for Saturday, October 14th (rain date of the 15th). All students were sent home with information so please go through the packet and return the permission slip, and either send in your checks/ cash or create an online [DonorBox](#) account for pledges. Any walkers who have their [permission slip](#) and over \$100 in pledges by Friday, October 6th will receive 5 free red tickets. Make sure to also purchase your [Betsy Bundles](#) by October 11th to have them pre-labeled!

The day will consist of walking, food for purchase, a DJ, pumpkin decorating, tricky trays and lots of fun. As our biggest event, we need a lot of help! The [Signup Genius](#) has gone out and we are asking for parents to help make sure all goes smoothly. We are also asking for any help you can give [soliciting donations](#), donating your own baskets and supporting your class parents in creating the [class baskets](#). Keep in mind that the classes with the most participants, most pledges and best basket all receive prizes!

The money we raise from this single event funds the class trips and class parties for all 14 classes, spirit shirts, assemblies and augmented learning days/opportunities, community building events like movie night, 3rd grade graduation events, and supports our Betsy Ross staff in providing the high standard of instruction our children receive. Our goal this year is to raise \$37,000. We want to thank you, in advance, for your help in making the day a success.



YEAR ROUND FUNDRAISING

Keep submitting [BoxTops for Education](#) to earn \$0.10 on all eligible purchases for our HSO! Just download the app on your phone and register under Betsy Ross.

Also, a reminder to do your Amazon shopping through [Amazon Smile](#). Please select 'Mahwah Betsy Ross Home and School Organization' as your charity and 0.5% of eligible purchases are donated back to the school.