

Committee Reports-3/15/2017 Meeting

VP Reports

Briarwood – (Nicole Takla, nicoletakla@gmail.com); (Alexis Seubert, alexis@zenweb.com)

- Thanks to all the children who participated in our Seuss Week Contest. Participation prizes were handed out Friday March 3rd.
- 2nd Grade Fun night is today, Wednesday March 15th from 6:15-7:15pm in the Briarwood Multipurpose room. We hope all 2nd graders and their parents can join us for some Math Bingo. Please see Doc Manager for the flier.

Brooklake – (Kathy Henning, kathyhenning@optonline.net; Jennifer Casola, jcasola@gmail.com)

- Both 3rd and 4th grade fun night were a huge success. Thank you to Laura Sugg and Meg Massarano for coordinating 3rd grade fun night, to Tracey DeSena and Adrienne Farrell for coordinating 4th grade fun night and to all the parents who volunteered for these events. A special thank you to Michael Farrell who donated his time to DJ and lead each event.
- Save the date for 5th Grade Fun Night on March 31st. This is a drop-off event for 5th grade students only from 7 - 8 PM. All students must have a permission slip to enter. Please see the document manager for the flyer with more details.

Ridgedale – (Alfie Zirpoli, zirpoli5@gmail.com; Valerie Huang, huangfamily711@yahoo.com)

- 8th Grade Dance Committee is sponsoring its Second Annual Spring Cleaning Donation Drive March 31st 7-9am & 2-5pm. Drop off is at Ridgedale Middle School near the gym.
- On April 2nd, 54 Main of Madison is partnering with RMS: Just bring your appetite and the flyer and they will generously donate 15% of all sales to the 8th Grade Dance Committee.
- Spring Pep Rally is scheduled for April 7.

Treasurer Report (Kristen Fox, kristenfox@optonline.net)

All Account Balances as of 3/12/17:

PTA Checking: \$51,807.48

PTA Savings: \$10,103.34

PTA Food Account: \$14,091.39

PTA Gaming: \$100

The Audit for the 2015 - 2016 school year has been completed. If anyone is interested in reviewing the materials, please contact Kristen Fox at kristenfox8097@gmail.com

Food Treasurer Report (Jennifer Pulice, jennpulice@aol.com)

We are currently in our 5th Lunch Session. Ordering for the next session will open on April 5th. The dates for the two remaining sessions are as follows:

Session 6: April 18 - May 26; **Ordering Dates:** April 5 - April 12

Session 7: May 30 - June 16; **Ordering Dates:** May 17 - May 24

Please contact florhamparklunch@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

Teacher Appreciation Week Briarwood (Melissa Ritrivi, mricardo77@gmail.com, Jennifer Broyer, jennfortunato@hotmail.com), Brooklake (Jess Cox, cox.jess@gmail.com), Ridgedale (Claire Sherman, clairesherman@verizon.net)

Teacher Appreciation Week will be the week of May 1st. Details, gifts, donations and logistics are being worked on. During the next My Food Days cycle in April, we will give parents the opportunity to make donations towards gift cards for the teachers. We will still ask for actual gift card donations (as in years past). The gift cards have been one of the favorite parts of Teacher Appreciation Week for the teachers and are a very important part of showing them our gratitude during that week. We will share more details as we move forward.

Arts in Education (Liliana Cannizzo, lilianacannizzo@gmail.com)

Assembly on April 26th at Briarwood and Brooklake Schools.

N.E.D. stands for **N**ever give up, **E**ncourage others, **D**o your best

45-minute ALL-school assembly on positive behavior. The performer is able to incorporate topics important to our school, such as growth mindset, respect, bullying prevention, attendance, or testing motivation. The message is reinforced in a fun way using audience participation, storytelling, and yo-yo tricks. Yo-yo's will be available for purchase that week. More info to follow on the assembly through Doc Mgr/PTA Monday newsletter.

We are working on an assembly for Ridgedale Middle School, more info to follow.

Board of Ed Liaison Report (Tracy Hunt, tracylhunt@yahoo.com)

Board of Education Meeting February 27, 2017

Superintendent report

Enrollment: 959 students

5 HIB incidents reported, 0 cited

Mr. Csaltos received a Distinguished Service Award from the Board for his outstanding service as a Business Administrator.

National Geography Bee Awards were presented. Certificates were issued to the students and Mrs. Karl was recognized for introducing the program and Mr. Gruenwald for helping with the Ridgedale competition. Dan Aronoff was issued a certificate of appreciation for his role in the Brooklake Peer Leadership program. Two Brooklake students spoke about peer leader program. \$3800 was raised for the Pennies to Patients program. 1:1 Initiative program at RMS Headed by Mr. Esposito, Mr. Stiles, and Mr Silksen. Teacher training will be in August. Parent/Student training sessions in October. It will help students learn in a more individualized way using Chrome books.

BOE Ethics Training Session was given by Charlene Peterson. The ethics rules given by the NJSBA were reviewed and open for questions from Board Members. March 6th is the next NJSBA review meeting. Alita Das was the only BOE member not present.

Public Comments: none

Committee Reports:

Curriculum: 2/21 meeting discussed Teachers College of Columbia voting to approve being a pilot. Middleburg World Language pilot program. Middle school math program. Standards based report cards beginning in September. K-4 based on standards, 5-8 based on grade.

Finance: Brooklake Roof perforated, fixed at no cost b/c of warranty. RMS duct needs replacement, estimated \$4K. Department vehicle needs to be replaced @\$40K. Plan to hire custodians ages 16-20 over the summer to work on schools.

Transportation:

Discussion happening about doing a delayed opening vs. early dismissal for professional development days.

All resolutions were approved.

March 6th 2nd strategic planning meeting

March 30th PTA Prize Party

No public comment.

Meeting dismissed 9pm

Box Tops (Karen Corrao, kar4113@yahoo.com)

So far we have collected over 9000 Box Tops for the 2016-2017 school year! At this time, we are asking parents to send in their Box Tops in a bag/envelope with their child's name and homeroom. Thank you for participation.

Moms Night Out (Liliana Cannizzo, fpladies@gmail.com)

April 20th - 7PM - Stryxe in Madison

Come mingle, Have Drinks & Apps and bowl if interested.

Everyone pays their own way! RSVP by April 14th to fpladies@gmail.com.

Campbell's Labels (Joanne Holmes, jovholmes@hotmail.com)

Please continue to submit any labels for the "Label for Education Program" as we can redeem for art supplies and gym equipment until July of this year. The program will end at that time. Thanks to all the families that have submitted to this committee.

Fundraising Committee (Karen Corrao, kar4113@yahoo.com; Christina Clark, clark41704@gmail.com)

We are working on a few fundraisers and will have more information soon. Any and all ideas are welcome!

Talent Show - RMS (Christine Coster, Christine.coster.lnld@statefarm.com)

The talent show was a success, kids had a great time and we raised money for the 8th grade dance. Final totals are still being tabulated.

Book Fair (Christina Clark, clark41704@gmail.com)

The book fair wrapped up last week and was very successful! Final numbers are currently being calculated.

Brooklake Yearbook (Gina Cicarelli, gcicarelli@mac.com)

Information regarding ordering a Brooklake yearbook has been sent out. Please see the PTA weekly newsletter, website or FB page for further details.

Track (Karen Alessio, galessio@optonline.net)

Track registration for Brooklake and Ridgedale is underway. All registration and checks must be received by this Friday 3/17. Please mail to 32 Sherbrooke Drive Florham Park.

Carnival Committee (Kristen Rowe & Alexis Seubert, fpfunfair@gmail.com)

Carnival is underway! The date of the carnival will be Saturday, June 3rd 11am-4pm, with a raindate of Sunday, June 4th. Contract is signed with vendor and now we are going through all of the permits with the town and district.

Eighth Grade Dance (Linda Rozek, lrozek@verizon.net, Karen Kunze, karenandsherri@gmail.com)

Plans for the 8th Grade Dance are underway! This year's theme is Mardi Gras! We had a general meeting with 8th grade parents in February to set up committees for decorations, food, fundraising, bake sales, favors, set up and break down. We have met with the decorations committee, the fundraising committee and the bake sale committee.

We have quite a few ideas for decorations and are meeting again in a few weeks to finalize what we need so we can start placing orders for decorations/supplies. We've met with Mr. Kellogg and Mr. Infantolino regarding fire safety regulations.

We are doing several fundraisers...in addition to the money that was raised from the Talent Show & My Food Days we are having 5 bake sales during lunch periods in March & April, a rummage sale on March 31st and a fundraiser at 54 Main Restaurant on April 2nd. We will re-evaluate our budget at the end of April to see if we need to raise additional funds.

The 8th grade students & their families are looking forward to a great night!!

Spring Fundraiser (Jamie McGough, fp prizeparty2017@gmail.com)

The PTA prize party is almost here! Our sponsorship banner generated over \$10,000 and we hope everyone will drive past the firehouse on Brooklake Road to see it and support the businesses who support us!

Another point of interest is our prize baskets--we have over 100 amazing prizes from our school administrators, families and local businesses as well as almost 40 camps, lessons, fitness memberships and rec programs obtained by the tireless efforts of Nicole Takla.

Right now we are at nearly half capacity but know there's always a big rush to purchase near the RSVP date, which is March 20th. The party offers unlimited food and drinks, live music, no assigned seating or number calling and most importantly, a cool, casual vibe. Due to space concerns we have a 300 attendee cap so don't miss out!

Our program is just about ready to go up on our website: fpptaprizeparty.yolasite.com. The grand prizes are NOT to be missed so keep logging on for updates.