

# Member Organization Reports

## January 9, 2014

### *GPPFA Notes:*

Our November meeting was very well attended. Mrs. Bellino came and spoke about the core curriculum and what it means for our students, and why the core curriculum was adopted. It was very informative.

In December we had a toy drive for family service league. We had three very large boxes filled with toys that were picked up before break.

We have been doing a lot of fundraising the past two months. We are creating a new reading space, so we needed to raise money for this project. In November we held an evening event at Honu, which was great, we raised more than we had anticipated. We also held our December meeting at Rexer Parkes/ Nahla in Huntington. They generously donated proceeds from the day towards our reading space. We had some raffles, and also asked if anyone wanted to “sponsor a seat”, again we raised more than anticipated. Now we are in good shape to start getting approvals and order furniture. Hoping to install during February break.

Looking ahead we have an Islander game on January 25<sup>th</sup>. We are encouraging families to attend. We already have a number of tickets sold, and hoping to sell some more. Not a huge fundraiser, but more promoting. It will be a fun day for the kids to go to a game and see some of their friends from school. Flyers in the back in case anyone wants to attend.

For our January meeting next week we have a nutritionist coming in to speak about ways to help make our kids lunches and after school snacks a bit healthier. Always nice to hear new ideas.

At the end of January we will have family fun night for Kindergartners. This will be a science program for the students to enjoy with their families. The current first graders saw this program as in n school assembly, and loved it.

## **GPIA Notes continued:**

The first graders will also have an evening science program to enjoy with their families in the beginning of February.

## **LHSPTG Notes:**

LHS\*PTG started off the holiday season with the annual Holiday Boutique which began on November 19<sup>th</sup> and ran through the 21<sup>st</sup> and concluded on the 22<sup>nd</sup> with a school apparel sale. The children all really enjoyed “shopping” for their friends and relatives and getting into the spirit of the season.

In December the 6<sup>th</sup> graders started auditions for Beauty and the Beast. The play has been cast and rehearsals have begun. The play will be performed on March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> in the gym at Lloyd Harbor School.

Many parents helped with the annual holiday cookie bake on December 13<sup>th</sup>. The staff of LHS enjoyed trays of home baked cookies by the parents. We had a surplus of cookies, which allowed us to give trays to the CSH Library, CSH and Huntington Fire Department, Lloyd Harbor Police Station and the DNA Learning center.

This month we have 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Game Night on January 15<sup>th</sup>. These are typically games that focus on math. On January 16<sup>th</sup> we have our LHS\*PTG meeting at the school where Jane Golub will be speaking on decision making and avoidance skills in the presence of peer pressure. On January 29<sup>th</sup> the 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders will be invited to movie night at the school.

## **WSSPTG Notes:**

WS enjoyed quite a busy two months! On November 9 our second graders were treated to an author visit by Valerie Pfundstein who discussed her book “Veterans: Heroes in our Neighborhood” just in time for Veteran’s Day. On November 14 our entire school enjoyed the music of the Heritage Blues Trio from Lincoln Center. We were all encouraged to dance, stomp and sing along to some of their wonderful musical selections. Our Holiday Boutique was a great success as we changed companies this year and both parents and students were thrilled with the quality, pricing and selections offered. On December 12 our staff was treated to beautiful cookie trays baked, wrapped and delivered by our wonderful parents. We are happy to state that our year book is almost half way completed thanks to the diligence of Dr. Vardy and her Committee and to all our parent contributors and photographers. In December we had our first HHH sandwich making of the season and our

## **WSSPTG notes continued:**

second and third graders put together 30 breakfasts and lunches for the mission. Our toy drive netted 10 large bags of toys, hats, gloves, scarves and stuffed animals. Our annual LAX shorts sale went extremely well and everyone was pleased with the quality and design of the school shorts and socks. We also launched a new Spirit Wear web site partnership with mylocker.net and have already netted our first 12% commission check. The site has fully customized gear and a great selection which includes our own school logo! On December 15, we enjoyed the hard work and excellent talents of our WSTA cast as they performed *The Wizard of Oz* at the PAC. What a great show! Congratulations to Heather Baxter, 4<sup>th</sup> grader, as the winner of our Spelling Bee. Our upcoming events include Skate Night this Sunday at 6:30 PM at the Syosset-Woodbury Park Skating Rink, Movie Night on January 24 where we will be viewing *Despicable Me 2* with dinner and raffles, our Winter Concert for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders on January 27 and *Daddy and Me* on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, which will include a pasta dinner, games, bingo and more. Lastly, our next PTG meeting will be held next Tuesday, January 14.

## **CFA-PTO Notes:**

Irving Roth, a Holocaust survivor, came to the Jr/Sr High on November 23rd. He gave a moving presentation to the whole school about his experience as a teenager in Czechoslovakia during WWII and then as a concentration camp inmate during the last part of the war. His presentation was moving and inspiring to all the students and the parents who attended.

The Cookie bake was very successful. Many many cookies were brought in, and the Health Dept. finally received a plate of their own!

The Literary Luncheon committee is working hard. the luncheon will be on MARCH 26th at the Huntington Country Club. The speaker is political blogger Josh Marshall who will speak about the development of the "blog" and where digital journalism is presently and where it is going.

Jr High will have a dance this coming Friday, January 10th. Details in the weekly notes. The Jr High Winter concert will be on January 22nd.

## **CFA-PTO Notes continued:**

The CFA will be hosting the Yankee Doodle Circus in the field house Sunday March 1st at 1:00pm for a fundraiser. Everyone in the district is welcome. More information will be going out in the weekly notes for each school and in the backpacks for the K-6 graders.

Mr Contess came to the CFA meeting on Tuesday and gave a wonderful overview of the IT development within the district.

We are looking for volunteers to be on the nominating committee for the 2014-2015 CFA Board.

Our next meeting is February 4th at noon in the Jr High library.

## **SEPTA Notes:**

## **FOCUS Notes:**

## **Arts Booster Club Notes:**

The Arts play an essential role in the academic success and creative development of our students.

Please support us with your **membership**.

UPCOMING EVENTS and NEWS-

### **1. All-County Chorus Rehearsals (grades 6-12) -**

Tuesday January 14th through Friday, January 19th, Performances through the weekend

### **2. Friday, January 17th, Faculty Talent Show, 6PM in the PAC** Tickets price - \$8

Come see our "usual" cast of characters and some surprising new acts. Text your votes to decide which act is most entertaining!!!

*Proceeds from the concession stand will go towards the Disney trip for students in the Chamber Choir*

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**Arts Booster Club Notes continued:**

**3. Wednesday, January 22nd, Junior High Winter Concert and Art Exhibition, 7PM in the PAC**

**4. The Senior High School Musical Production**

Rehearsals are underway for *Once Upon a Mattress!!!*

If you thought you knew the story of 'The Princess and The Pea,' you may be in for a walloping surprise! Did you know, for instance, that Princess Winnifred actually swam the moat to reach Prince Dauntless the Drab? Or that Lady Larken's love for Sir Harry provided a rather compelling reason that she reach the bridal altar post haste? Or that, in fact, it wasn't the pea at all that caused the princess a sleepless night? Carried on a wave of wonderful songs, by turns hilarious and raucous, romantic and melodic, this rollicking spin on the familiar classic of royal courtship and comeuppance provides for some side-splitting shenanigans. Chances are you'll never look at fairy tales quite the same way again.

Performances: February 7th, 8th and 9th

Save the Date!!!

New Orleans is coming to Huntington! Mark your calendars! Please join us at our Mardi Gras Fundraiser. Saturday, March 1st, 7PM at the Ballroom of Huntington

**Cultural Arts Committee Notes:**

**Seahawks Booster Notes:**