

Member Organization Reports

November 7, 2013

GPFA Notes:

Goosehill has had a busy October culminating in a festive Halloween Parade and Sing-Along last Thursday. The GPFA organized a successful Photo Day at the beginning of the month. At our GPFA meeting Mrs. Herschlein did a "mini" Reading Workshop giving specific strategies for supporting our developing readers. This was followed up by another full-length Reading Workshop on October 25th that was both well attended and appreciated by the parents. We are also happy to report that the Lunch/Recess Program has started and the slots through December are already filled up with parent volunteers. The Kindergartners and First Graders love seeing their parents at lunch and recess! GPFA is gearing up for its first annual "Parents Night Out" held at Honu on Thursday, November 14th. We are looking forward to a few hours of fun and socializing including raffles and silent auction items in support of our school and programs. Raffle winners will be announced at our GPFA meeting the next morning where we will have Mrs. Bellino presenting to the parents about the Common Core. In December we are going to hold our GPFA Meeting at Rexer-Parkes on Wednesday, December 11th at 9:30am. Anyone in the community can shop at Rexer-Parkes and Nahla that day in support of Goosehill. Our main fundraising goal for this event is to purchase bookcases and furniture for a quiet "Reading Space" in an unused hallway. We are hoping that this space will be both a place where teachers can take their classes or small groups and it can also be used as an alternative space for a small group during indoor recess. Finally, in December Goosehill families will participate in our annual Holiday Cookie Bake providing delicious holiday treats for the faculty and staff.

LHSPTG Notes:

The LHS*PTG has had a great month. Our after school clubs are a great success with over 116 kids enrolled in the running club, rainbow loom and debate club. This year's book fair was an ancient Egypt theme, which was enjoyed by all the kids, teachers and parents. On Halloween we had our Fall Festival, which had a Hoe Down theme with a line caller, carnival games, mini golf and a harvest table. It was extra special since we had to cancel last year due to Hurricane Sandy. On Friday the 6th graders had their annual Halloween Dance at the George Weir Barn, which was a lot of fun sprinkled with some nervous energy about their first boy girl dance. And finally, to cap off the

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weekend, on Sunday we had our 20th anniversary Little Apple Fun Run. We had great weather and approximately 369 runners!

Coming up, on November 20th our 6th graders are going into the city to see Matilda on Broadway and we have a Holiday Boutique November 19th-21st that allows the children a chance to do some of their holiday shopping.

Our Big fundraiser, LHS Unites, was on October 18th and it was not only a great success but a lot of fun as well. We sold 359 raffle tickets with 68% of our families participating. We thanked everyone who bought a raffle ticket with a cocktail party at the Huntington Country Club.

WSSPTG Notes:

Our WS Win was held on October 18 and it was a truly special evening. We sold 194 tickets and had 75% of families participating in our raffle. We had a magnificent turn out at the celebratory cocktail party as well. On October 20, WS was honored to host a visit from Senator Carl Marcellino who presented us with a citation for being the recipient of the National Blue Ribbon Award. Senator Marcellino addressed the children and encouraged them to be proud of their accomplishment and keep up the good work! Our WSKC annual coat drive had a great turn out and 4 large bags of winter wear were donated to the Helping Hands Mission. Our Book Fair was very well attended by parents and students! It was wonderful to see everyone so excited about books! The giant traveling map of North America was delivered on October 28 and the teachers are using it to enhance their curriculum and in preparation for the Geography Bee. Our Annual Halloween Dance was held on Friday, November 1 and a great time was had by all. Our next PTG meeting will be held on November 12 at 9:30 am in the Community Room. Photo re-take day will be on November 20. We are looking forward to the production of our WSTA play, *The Wizard of Oz*, coming in December.

CFA-PTO Notes: see separate sheet

SEPTA Notes: see separate sheet

FOCUS Notes: see separate sheet

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. **The Coffee House Jam**, this Friday, November 8th, 7pm in the
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Cafeteria Come see our students perform THEIR music THEIR way!

2. The Fall Drama Production

Come to see OZ!

Performances: November 22nd, 23rd and 24th-7pm on Friday and Saturday, and 2pm on Sunday in the PAC

If you missed our Fall Nite Out at the Founders Room at The Paramount, you'll want to be sure to come next year. Parents and teachers had an opportunity to mingle, the food was delicious, the venue was lovely and the teachers gave us the gift of their talent. It was a wonderful evening.

Cultural Arts Committee Notes: _see separate sheet

Seahawks Booster Notes: see separate sheet