

Committee Reports-4/19/2017 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 was a success. Thank you to all of those who attended. Congratulations to Ms. Tierney's class who had the most wins that evening. All the kids did a great job.
- Earth Day Experiment- On Friday April 21st, we will be conducting our own Earth Day experiment at Briarwood! Please find the flier on Document Manager to see how your child can help us reduce and recycle.
- 2nd grade parents- be on the lookout for our Step Up Day t-shirt order forms coming to Doc Manager soon.

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

- All Fun Nights 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, to Gina Cicarelli and Heather Schubert for coordinating 5th 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 led each event.
- The PTA is proud to provide oranges and water for all students during today's Jump-A-Thon. Thank you to all of the parent volunteers.
- Once again the PTA will be providing the gift of a keepsake t-shirt to the 5th Grade Class. Please email your child's shirt size to Jenn Casola - jcasola@gmail.com by Friday, April 21st.
- The PTA will be coordinating a Field Day T-Shirt Sale for the June event. Please watch the newsletter and/or Document Manager for information regarding shirt orders.

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

- The Spring Pep Rally on April 7th was a success and the kids had a great time.
- May 4th Cyber Bullying Assembly for parents and kids
- May 5th Parcc Italian Ice Party
- May 12th Spring Musical

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

As of 4/16/17:

PTA Checking Account: \$82,153.16

PTA Savings Account: \$10,103.57

PTA Food Account: \$14,091.39

PTA Gaming Account: \$100.00

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

The 6th lunch session started on Tuesday. This lunch period will run through May 26th. We have one remaining session after that, for which ordering will open on May 17th.

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

Please be advised that there is no charge for ketchup packets. Ketchup is provided with lunch, and if your child wants additional ketchup, they can go into the kitchen and ask for more.

Please contact florhamparklunch@gmail.com if you have any lunch requests or complaints or concerns about the program.

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)

BWD & BLK-The Teacher Appreciation Committee is planning a **"Gift Card Giveaway"** as part of the weeklong celebration for our wonderful teachers. We are asking for gift card donations from our Briarwood Families. The gift cards can be any denomination from local area merchants. We are in hopes that all teachers & staff members will be able to take home at least one gift card. This is by no means mandatory, but your donations will be greatly appreciated by all, especially our teachers who work so hard for our children.

If you would like to participate please send the gift cards to school with **your name, the written dollar amount & the school in an envelope** addressed to PTA teacher appreciation. We will be collecting the cards through April 21, 2017.

There is also the option this year to contribute via My Food Days

If anyone would like to help out with the week's events please contact Jenn Broyer (JennFortunato@hotmail.com), or Melissa Ritrivi(mricardo77@gmail.com) for Briarwood and Jess Cox at cox.jess@gmail.com for Brooklake.

RMS-In addition to collecting funds for gift cards through the lunch program, a notice was placed to donate gift cards in the PTA newsletter. Children can deliver the cards to RMS main office or drop-off at 14 Sherbrooke Drive. Shortly a SignUp Genius will be added to PTA newsletter asking for donations for the rest of the week.

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.

Assembly 5/3 at Brooklake for 4th and 5th graders and 5/4 at Ridgedale. Sgt. Thomas Rich will visit the students and speak to them regarding topics like texting, dangerous apps, cyber -bullying, etc. He is the creator and CEO of AlwaysConnected.org and is a certified police officer in the State of New Jersey. In his 20th year of service, his entire career has been dedicated to children. Sgt Rich has been traveling the country for the past 10 years and has created programs like this one to help make a difference in the lives of children.

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

Board of Education Meeting 3/27/17

Enrollment: 959 Students

Daughters of the Revolution Essay contest winners were announced- Deepika Agrawal, Bisma Awan, Raquel Carbone, Nicole Ferreira, Gabe Ferriero, Bryanna Gerben, Kolton Hilton, Luke Incardona, Grace Mochnal, Laurie Vuong, Brian Zhang.

The 2017 BASF Chemistry Challenge Participants were presented. Cooper Takach, Bisma Awan, Anna Rack, Daniel Getts

(Cooper Takach, Anna Rack, and Daniel Getts are in the next round)

Next Generation Science Standards Presentation

(<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1z1rB4xqnkULMgE7O2w6MHQH78q0fvBbGfFtEzG1kV5M/edit#slide=id.p4>)

The presentation given by Brian Silksen explains why we are moving to NGSS. Implementation for K-5 will take place in the 2017-18 year. 2 teachers per grade during a week long seminar during summer. 2 1/2 days in service training. Material for teachers arriving in June. NSTA has a grade level webinar. More information will be added online for parents throughout the coming months.

No public comment on agenda

Committee Reports:

Highlights were

Policy: Report cards for K-8 will be changed to standards based to align with other high performing standards districts in the area. We will be changing to a trimester based grade reporting system. Revising summer reading to align with readers writers workshop. Discussion about the Proyecto Summer Science program at NJCU and East Hanover Middle School. 3 year summer program offered to 7th Graders (<http://www.njcu.edu/proyecto-science>). A great opportunity for students.

Borough Liaison: Mr. Shandley attended town board meeting where they honored former Mayor Ralph Loveys and announced plans on renaming Borough Hall. Discussion on extending the nature trail from Stobaus field to Briarwood was discussed.

Open Public Comment: Bill Zuckerman thanked the superintendent for her efforts to promote the need for volunteers for FP Fire Department by allowing signs to be on school property.

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

We have just had our second Box Tops collection for the school year and we have collected over \$500!! Thank you to all who have participated!! We will have one more collection at the end of May. Please remember to send the Box Tops in a baggie/envelope marked with your child's classroom.

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! Questions or to RSVP contact 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)

Thanks to all who came out and supported the RMS Talent Show last month. With your help, \$3,500 will go towards the 8th grade dance. Great job too to all of the children who participated!

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

The Fall/Spring book fairs were a success. In total we raised \$6,138.21 for our schools!

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

Deadline for the yearbook is 4/21. 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)

This season registration was a huge success. Combined, we have approximately 110 runners. RMS Away meets are posted on the RMS athletic calendar. Brooklake schedules were distributed via email to all parents.

We are looking forward to a very busy, fun spring season!

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 and will take place 6/9! 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 have had 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)

A good time was had by all who attended this year's prize party at the Morris Museum raising over \$24,000 for our schools!! The evening began with a lovely champagne toast sponsored by Donna DeFrancesco from Majestic Moments and incredibly delicious food catered by new FP residents Rocco and Adele Flores from Pizza Vita and newly relocated business Oink and Moo (formerly the Broadway Deli).

The committee appreciates the outpouring of support from Florham Park families, who donated \$4,090 to the class basket prize budget, as well as to over 100 school families who donated prizes either individually or in groups!

Many thanks are in order to Suzanne Dougherty and Joanne Holmes for their tireless efforts to organize the prizes and their stunning presentation at the event! Thank you for the stellar work of Nicole Takla, Elvira Green, Jennifer Pulice and Anna Cave for successfully soliciting over 100 local businesses for donations.

Thank you to Tracy Hunt for contributing her creativity to the centerpieces and venue decor, including an impressive display of homemade thank you cards from our children, and to Alexis Seubert for her

efficient handling of online reservations and the guest list. Thank you to Sarah Wyatt, Alfie Zirpoli, and Cassandra Fenyk for their dedicated help with online marketing and promotion.

Thank you to Stephanie Rauschenberger, Kristen Fox, Kelly Ewing, Jackie Smith and Liliana Cannizzo for their ongoing support throughout the planning process. Finally, thank you to our many "one-shot" moms and class moms who stepped in to lend their time and talents where they could to contribute to our success. This event truly "takes a village" to pull together and it is a great tradition that adds to the camaraderie and positive energy of our PTA organization. We encourage your participation next year in a very rewarding experience!