



## Lincoln Avenue PTA October's Meeting Agenda

- Welcome/Call to Order/Pledge
- September Events Recap
  - Book Vending Machine the process began last year; book fair sales are dedicated to the Erin Halliday Fund which will in turn purchase the books for the machine; allows one free book for every students during the school year; coins will be earned; right now they are going to the Lincoln Learner of the Month and going forward Mr. Armano and teachers will come up with some other ways the students can earn coins
  - PIN thank you for everyone that stopped by; members signed up for our giveaways for membership; Britz family and Mr. Armano won for teachers
  - Staff Appreciation going forward we want to make sure that everyone is appreciated; using National days like Custodians day; they received box of snacks and a handwritten note
- Treasurer's Report checking \$15,060.47 Outstanding \$3,533.96 Savings \$3,656.75
- Membership Update 100% of goal (325) currently at 340 members; winner of kids yeti was Britz family and winner of teacher mug was Mr. Armano; membership contest for classes ends 10/20- at this time we do not have a class with 100% so class parents please encourage sign ups; first class received pizza and ice-cream party; Suffolk County level Lincoln Avenue is being noticed; Lincoln Avenue is top 10 in Suffolk County for hitting membership goal; we would like to have the number of students in LA as the number of members; thank you to Mr. Armano and administration for helping spread the word for joining
- Ways to Stay Connected:
  - Newsletter
  - On PTA website, Facebook
  - Sent monthly via email
  - Website: <https://www.lincolnavepta.org>
  - Remind App
  - Facebook & Instagram Instagram is preferred social media for sharing; please tag Lincoln Avenue PTA when attending events
  - Email: [lincolnavenuepta@gmail.com](mailto:lincolnavenuepta@gmail.com)
- Year-round Fundraising:
  - Box Tops App [www.boxtop.com](http://www.boxtop.com) and sign up under Lincoln Avenue; there is an app that you can scan
- Upcoming Events
  - Fall Pictures 10/5 & 10/6 tomorrow and Friday; class schedule went home; Amanda; Shannon and Stephanie will be there to help

- Virtual Bingo 10/5 tomorrow night; have the kids have some Halloween jokes and can wear their costume; boards were dropped off at their house already; prizes will be delivered immediately; we would love pictures when prize is delivered
- Fall Festival 10/6 bounce house, DJ, pumpkins for kids, food trucks (brick oven pizza bbq food and bakery/coffee) are cash; sand art; photography, face painting, tattoos; volunteers go to the back of the field
- Book Fair 10/16-10/20 flyer went home already with info for e-wallet on one side and library classes on the other; separate scholastic flyer and all book baggies will be going home separately; sign up in the back of the room for book fair; teachers wish list will be created by teachers for their classrooms and we will be asking class parents to send the list out to parents to contribute; online ordering goes until 10/29; we can use volunteers on Thursday 10/19 to help with the pre-k from 11:15-12:00; idea purchase the teacher wish list books and use for holiday or teacher appreciation gifts; parent question: Can you bring your child to volunteer? Response was you know your child and if that could work
- Trunk or Treat 10/20 27 cars signed up, goal is 40; trick for treat from car to car; donations being welcomed for candy but PTA is supplying candy; QR code in the book of room to sign up; teachers can decorate and some have volunteered; candy has to be allergy free; each car will get two spaces per lot; if you are sharing decorations with another car share so we can plan accordingly; it is a free event for to create a safe night; it is Lincoln Avenue Only
- Fall Catalog Fundraiser ends 10/20 still going on; order online to go to your house; clearance section listed online that is not in the catalog; can set up link to text and email to family/friends to help with sales
- Red Ribbon Week 10/23-10/27 Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign observed at the end of October. This year's theme is "Be Kind to Your Mind. Live Drug free". A letter will be going home to explain the fun themed days and at home mindful activities to help the children participate each day. The fun themed days include; wear red, purple and gold, pajamas, neon colors and a favorite sports t-shirt/jersey. There will be an assembly for the students k-5 by Jodi Cameron who will focus on breathing and stretching techniques to help keep us in the moment.
- Reflections ends 10/27 Allison and Maria are chairing; creative program for children that want to show off their talents; your child can share in the category; for example photography, music, dance, art; judges in the community will be judging blinding the work that is submitted; here is a winner per category and per age group, the theme is I am hopeful because...
- School of Excellence survey ends 11/1 emails will have survey that is to be completed by 11/1; this survey will allow us to hear what you have to

say; survey will look at relationships between parents & teachers/ parents & PTA/ community; we can see what is needed and come up with an action plan to solve

- 5th Grade Committee
  - Boo Bags are on sale
    - \$6 a bag; up to 5 addresses in the Sayville/West Sayville area;; delivered week of 10/22 up to Halloween; help supports 5th grade class; sneak peek to come; some may be available in person at Trunk or Treat
    - About 60 sold at this time
  - 5th grade MS photo
    - 10/16 at 5pm; please spread the word; flyers are going out this week; class parents are asked to share information; rain date will be next day and time TBA
  - Year Book Photo List and 5th grade theme are in progress; the students will be asked to vote on their favorite out of three
  - Monthly treats continue this month with a surprise for Halloween
  - Any 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents can reach out to Connie with questions
- Teacher Liaison Report Coach Bolger shares first parent workshop is after the SEPTA and MS/HS PTA meeting; it will not be recorded but will be recording; Homecoming; self-esteem walk on 10/27 using HS volunteers; sensory walk by the gymnasium to help when a child needs a break to bring them back on task
- Principal's Report thank you to the teachers for coming and PTA for giving me time for Coffee with the Principal
  - Thank you Dr. Ferris because with him and BOE we have AIS; helping provide small group instruction; allows the teachers to tailor their instruction to meet the needs of all students
  - SEL committee met today for the first time; excited about activities; Lincoln Learner of the Month will be announcing the first learners around the time of the official book vending machine ribbon cutting ceremony
  - Dr Cox met with Armano over the summer and discussed Homecoming for the elementary school; Coach explains please share what the children are involved in either it is a sport or activity; 20 games will be outside in their Sayville Proud gear for a sense of community; spirit week will mirror the HS; it will be from 1pm-3pm; teachers will be the volunteers; they will discuss if they will have spectators
  - Halloween Parade: letter going home next week
  - Will Lincoln have after school programs? Yes, the teachers will be brainstorming ideas on what they want to do and then community can sign up. Starting middle of November
- Guest Speaker
- Other Reports:

- SEPTA VP thanks building for helping push membership and fundraiser of spirit wear; clothes, blankets, hats, scarfs; meetings will be combined with MS/HS so it feels more inclusive; \$8 to join membership
- SMBA co president shares that SMBA supports music and arts; provides scholarships and grants; there is a grant now for elementary school to use to take a class or private lessons; membership drive; fundraising at concession stands at school plays; MS is Bye Bye Birdie; HS is in March; Summer music program is back; that was a fundraiser
- Shared Decision- Making Team
- Board of Education
  - Dr Ferris is guest speaker; shared that he struggled with school as a child and felt that he wanted to play baseball bc it made him feel good; but he realized he wanted to be a teacher so he could help them see their full potential; that lead to leadership; happy to be here in Sayville; he sees how the teachers care about the kids
  - Hiring staff that has the same love for teaching as him; he feels good that Mr. Armano and Mr. Bullis have that same love; you could see it on the first day the way they were dancing
  - He believes that every child should feel that they can achieve anything they want when they leave LAE
  - He studied the district last year to see what they loved about Sayville and what they want to be improved; Goals from that survey are now feeling cared for; being independent learner per grade; collaborators and communicators; critical thinking; being kind to one another; transparency with bullying policies; improvements of health and safety
    - 1. Every building needs to make a plan to meet the goals above
    - 2. Look at our elementary programs/ curriculum by creating committees
    - 3. Sense of belonging
    - 4. Finance; STEAM labs, AIS teachers; how are we using our money and aligning it with goals
    - 5. Communication- transparency by using newsletters and social media;
- Question: Will buildings receive ACs? Response more complicated bc it is more than just getting AC. Electrical grid in buildings is not made for it. It would need to be updated in all buildings. It would come from capital improvements and hard with 2% tax cap; they are redoing roofs; installing solar panels; save money and then trickle down to be able to slowly roll out AC in younger grades and work about
- Question: Teachers college is folding, what are you planning on using? Response: Teachers College is not folding just Lucy is no longer; using a workshop approach; fluency; comprehension; decoding; Foundations helps

address the phonics piece; reading and writing helps with comprehension; Dr. Ferris believes small groups helps with meeting the needs all of students; the teachers can use iReady and running records to differentiating their learning;

- Question: When does iReady start? Response: Progress monitoring; iReady is one tool; happens in fall, winter and spring; helps see where the child is with reading, comprehension; starts in Kindergarten in the winter; all other grades start in the Fall; helps with running records to identify what the child need
- New Business - we welcome your ideas! **After school programs: Could we have community input? Mr. Armano is thinking he may include it in the weekly Leaf Let.**
- Meeting Adjourned