



Lincoln Avenue PTA September's Meeting Agenda

- Welcome/Call to Order/Pledge:

Principal Welcomes Everyone and speaks about:

- Mr. Armano welcomes everyone by stating how wonderful our children are and welcoming the staff members; he has spent the last 15 years of his career in NYC; Why did he leave the city? He has a 5 and 2 year old; wife teacher is Islip wanted to be closer to home. What are his plans? Communicate and transparency by having Coffee with the principal at PTA meetings; emailing once a week with the Weekly Leaflet; posting on social media to tell our story by living it; can always email if you have questions
- Thanks the PTA for opening day with sidewalk chalk and Lightening the Lion to welcome everyone back
- Lincoln Leader of the Month with align with STRIDES; first leader of the month will be announced in October; there will be culminating activity for all of the leaders at the end of the year
- Beautiful Pond in our school and will be starting a service learning project for the students in the Spring
- Family Friday have the parents and community members coming into the building to see what is actually happening in the building firsthand
- Mr. Armano wants to use his Coffee with the Principal for questions and concerns
- Wants to rebrand and put Lincoln on the Map; adding a purple and gold flag; spirit weeks; elementary homecoming are ideas to move the school forward
- First day of school created a “block party” by dancing while the kids got off the bus
- Walker Dismissal is being changed by having designated doors; Mr. Bullis says how dismissal needs to be safer by making sure that the children are released to parents; parents can write letters to allow their children to be released without a parent to walk or ride their bikes home Parent suggestion: the door that opens to let children out shuts too quickly; needs to keep the door open a little longer than 3:25-3:30; Mr. Bullis admits it is a staffing issue and will be working out how to make it longer past 3:30 Parent asked if there is a form that needs to be filled out for dismissal: Mr. Bullis states they will be mailing home a dismissal slip so it is streamlined that everyone does it the same way when dismissal request needs to be changed;

right now phone calls, Remind or email are okay to use Parent Question: How does a different parent pick up? Mr. Bullis said use the form

- Mr. Armano states that the policy of devices has changed; it does align with the BOE policy and a letter will be going home at the end of the week
- PIN is 9/20
- Sayville STRIDES Color Mile 9/30
- If you don't want your child posting send a letter by the end of September so the office can make a record of it
- Tomorrow is Go Gold Day; all sporting activities are supporting Cancer
- Parent Square will be used by the school; please sign up if you haven't already the office has directions if you need
- President Gabriela McQuillen: Plan for this PTA needs to be more than just fundraising; NYS states that the PTA needs to be a PTA of advocacy; Lincoln Avenue has been chosen to be a School of Excellence
- President Stephanie Flynn School of Excellence is a survey that is put out by the National PTA so you can share your experience and what you want to see; then an action plan is created to help make our community better
- Members of the board include Co Presidents Gabriela McQuillen; Stephanie Flynn; Co Vice Presidents Connie Dinkel; Jacque Buckshaw; Treasurer Kristhian Datone; Recording Secretary Shannon Rickard; Corresponding Secretary Amanda Mullin
- Bulletin Board in the front of the building will be used and updated with photos and information
- First Wednesday of each month will be PTA meetings with the exception of December/June
- Class Parents will receive something on Parent Square so on PIN night we know who the parents are; class parents need to relay information from PTA meetings to the families in the class
- Summer Events Recap
 - School Supply Fundraiser: profit over \$1000; money will be used for events this year
 - K-Playdate: Amanda and Jacque say thank you to all that same to the playdate. Special thanks to Mr. Armano for allowing the gymnasium to be used; pre-k will be incorporated

next year; was rescheduled because of weather; played games inside by taking each class separate so they could meet each other

- Welcome back for staff & students
- Treasurer's Report: Checking \$15,482.50; Outstanding Checks is \$2,704.42; Savings \$3,656.72
- Membership Update: Gaby McQuillen is the new Suffolk County membership chair presenting an award to Lincoln Avenue for the Early Bird Award for meeting 50% of membership; at this time we have 224 members; being a member allows you to have a voice in the school; we are at 68% of our goal; have grandparents, aunts, uncles join so they can volunteer at school events like the book fair; Jacque has the membership magnets and bracelets see her at PIN at the table
- Ways to Stay Connected:
 - Newsletter will be sent out the day after PTA meetings
 - On PTA website, Facebook
 - Sent monthly via email
 - Website: <https://www.lincolnavepta.org>
 - Remind App each grade/class has its own code
 - Facebook & Instagram Photos right now are alone being posted on Instagram because it is private
 - ● Email: lincolnavenuepta@gmail.com
- Year-round Fundraising:
 - Box Tops App
- Upcoming Events
 - Reflections Allision Rothstein states that allows us to celebrate the students; students need to submit their work and judged by community members that have no connection with Lincoln Avenue; the theme is "I am hopeful because..."
 - Fall Catalog Krishtian states that the catalogues have been delivered and going home next week; runs from now to October 20th; children sell items and get prizes
 - Fall Festival 9/29 (rain date 10/6) Stephanie states that fleirs went home; it is not a drop off event; free to attend; bounce house, food trucks to pay for food; djs, highschool national honor society are volunteering for face painting; 4:30-7pm; you need to register and RSVP that you are coming
 - Fall Pictures 10/5 & 10/6 Stephanie states that info will be going home and on social media; schedules will be made with office and try before lunches start; we need volunteers; these pictures are the ones that go into the yearbook; 5th grade will be coordinating a picture in front of the middle school and info will be coming home
 - Virtual Bingo 10/5 Gabby runs on Zoom, cards go home the day of Bingo; children do earn prizes and someone will bring it to your house; we ask that you allow pictures
- 5th Grade Committee: Connie states that we had a banner donated to the school for the students to take a picture with on the first day; purple and gold M&M went home the first day for

5th grade students; will be meeting directly after tonight's PTA meeting; 1st big fundraiser for the 5th grade class will be the Boo bags. They will be ordered via Cheddar Up until 10/20. Up to 5 addresses in Sayville or West Sayville area. Personalization for the boo bags and/or booger will be available if filled in on the order form. Flyers go out next week; any questions contact Connie Dinkel

- **Teacher Liaison Report:** Coach Bolger thanks the PTA for the special treats and decorations on the first day; K teachers thanks for the goodie bags; Color Mile is 9/30 wear white; Mrs. Bailey stated that PIN is not for preK

- **Principal's Report:**

- **Guest Speaker**

- **Other Reports:**

- ○ **SEPTA :** Looking for members to join; will be selling spirit wear at PIN night with a clothes rack so everyone can see sample sizes; Tuesday, 10/10 and 11/14 in Middle School Cafeteria at 7pm; Santa breakfast 12/2 from 10-2pm

- ○ **SMBA Non for Profit parent group;** sponsors summer art/music program; over \$10,000 in scholarships; parents need to be members and volunteer for students to win; they have a Facebook page

- ○ **Shared Decision-Making Team** Was known as the Site Based Team; first meeting coming up next week; it will be a hybrid by streaming the meetings; they do need another member; it is a committee that meets once a month that discusses projects that the school wants to take on; September 27th @8:15 am

- ○ **Board of Education**

New Business - we welcome your ideas!

Meeting Adjourned