

PTA Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2021

Welcome/Announcements

Thank you everyone for being here today back on Zoom, but either way glad to see you all healthy and well. October was a very busy month for our PTA at Ratner-Seaman School.

The Fall Festival was a great event. All the students who came had a wonderful time playing the carnival games, riding the big slide, eating from the food trucks, and doing arts and crafts with Krafty Hands. Thank you to everyone who helped set up and who worked at the event.

The PTA held the candy drive for the military on November 1st and 3rd where we collected left over Halloween candy. We donated a ton of candy to “Treats for Troops.”

We also held photo retakes on November 3. Orders can be placed on the Irvin Simon website.

We are translating flyers and posting on the We Chat app for our families where English isn't their first language.

Mrs. Kletter will be emailing the weekly lunch menu home on Fridays and we will also be posting on social media. School lunch is currently free.

Secretary's Report (Stephanie Richman):

I will take attendance today. The next Board of Education meeting is tomorrow, November 18 at 7:45pm. There is no PTA meeting in December. Our next PTA meeting will be January 19 on ZOOM at 9:30am.

Thank you notes from teachers/staff for recent treats were read.

Treasurer's Report (Emily Wachtel):

All of our accounts are in good standing. We are continuously brainstorming ideas on how to raise more money. A “Where Does the PTA money go?” letter was sent out to inform parents how PTA funds are spent.

JEF: Champions for Charity will be taking place at American Manhasset and Wheatley Plaza to raise money for the Jericho Educational Foundation (JEF) which helps support our schools. The preview day is November 21st and the event is on December 2, 3 and 4th. 25% of sales on those days will go back to the JEF. You can go into the concierge office at the shopping centers to register or you can register online at <https://www.americanamanhasset.com/events/champions-for-charity/>

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Flyers: We are grateful that the office will now be emailing PTA flyers home to our families to keep them in the loop on everything we are doing and how they can participate.

Bulletin Board: Thank you to Angela Bankson for organizing the November bulletin board to include all important PTA and Ratner-Seaman upcoming dates for the month.

Seaman Connect: Thank you Angela and Christine for organizing the Trick or Treating meet up spot for new families. We had a great turnout.

Community Service: We held a coat drive last month which were cleaned by Andrew Howard Dry Cleaners. Our kids designed snowflakes which were pinned on them before they were delivered to The Mosaic Community Church in Sunnyside, Queens just in time for the winter.

Next up is the Thanksgiving Can drive from November 15-19th. Fifth grade students will be sorting and packing up the items we collect to be donated to Island Harvest.

On November 30th at the Holiday Boutique, we will be collecting toys for the holidays for Toys for Hope. There will be a bin set up there as well as in the lobby of the school during the month of December.

We will also be doing a Momma's House collection from the executive board. Donations will be accepted via Venmo. More information to follow.

Thank you for organizing Cards for Veterans as well. Our students wrote sweet messages to veterans and the cards were delivered to The American Legion in Levittown in time for Veteran's Day.

Family Photo: Thank you to Maryam Tehrani for hosting Family Photo Day on November 6th.

Sunshine: Donations are being collected for staff on MemberHub. We will be treating teachers on November 23rd to a pie and coffee treat. "Any Way You Slice It We are Grateful for You" is the theme.

Fifth Grade Committee: We held the laptop case fundraiser and a raffle at the fall festival. We have the cookie dough sale in November and are excited about the 5th grade ice skating fundraiser event on conference day on December 3 from 12 pm-2 pm. Sign up and payment for this event is available on MemberHub. This is NOT a drop off event. Ices sales are going well. Our next one is on November 19th. We are working to get all the 5th grade merchandise up for sale on MemberHub.

Fifth Grade Yearbook: A flyer has gone out explaining how our fifth grade parents can help submit old photos taken in their children's classrooms and at-school events since kindergarten. Baby photo submission was due by November 12 and booster information will be coming soon.

Holiday Boutique: Evening shopping hours for kids and parents will take place on November 30th (cash and credit cards) and for kids only on December 1st (cash only). There will be great items for sale. The fifth grade will be selling hot chocolate and individually packaged munchkins.

Health and Safety: The PTA held a very successful Red Ribbon Week. The kids enjoyed the dress up days and especially tying the red ribbons to the fence.

Fundraising: Our first ever Ratner-Seaman discount card is for sale! They are available at in-person events and on MemberHub. Proceeds will benefit our school.

The Thanksgiving pie sale is going on this month with Jericho Cider Mill. We are selling pies and cider. Pick up will take place at the school on November 23rd via the car line from 2:40-3pm (pies will be brought to your car) or from 3:15-4pm in the cafeteria.

Membership: Our membership for families and staff is open on MemberHub. It's \$10 per family to join the PTA.

SEPTA: SEPTA held their most recent meeting "Life After Jericho" last night with the high school. Another "Cookies & Canvas" will take place in March 2022.

Programming: Our programming committee has booked a Yoga instructor from Yogi Beans to work with the kids today and on Friday.

Sweatshirt: The sweatshirt sale closed on October 29th and we will deliver the items to your children's classrooms as soon as they arrive.

PTA Luncheon: Please save the date for Wednesday, May 18th for the PTA luncheon.

Mrs. Kletter's Report

Check out Games for the Holidays at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yF-0uOJeQvWK6CzvGUKI6wssi9Vrly42tWhqWgoGdFw/edit>. The more time we spend with the kids, the better we get to know them and are more in tune when something changes.

Students wrote about their heroes for Red Ribbon Week and we had them read their stories over the morning announcements.

Please pay attention when waiting in the pick-up car line. Also please don't pull into the parking lot unless there is enough space for your car.