

Cantiague PTA

PTA MEETING 09/08/22

08 SEPTEMBER 2022 / 8:45 AM / Outside under the tent and streamed on Facebook Live

ATTENDEES

PTA Executive Committee, Dr.Sapienza, Mr. Grishman, Dr. Sherman, Denise Nash, Dr. Eisman, Jill Citron, Kim Conger

AGENDA

PTA Updates- Jennifer Cohen

- Welcomed all in attendance, introduced herself
- Announced the theme of the year “Cantiague Elementary Celebrates Everyone”
 - Encouraged all to help fill the front board with what they are celebrating this year
 - Shared her hope to get volunteers and parents back into the school and to get more people involved
 - A great reason to get involved is to get to know teachers, staff, and Dr. Sapienza better
 - You can sign up at the table here or by using the QR code
 - Encouraged all to join the private PTA social media accounts

Superintendent Updates- Mr. Grishman

- Shared his excitement to see everyone together again and a sense of normalcy. Noted it was great to see such a large turnout for this meeting and thanked Jen Cohen for her leadership.
- Said it was great to see the excitement of students and staff the first week of school
 - Daily attendance was 98% the first week back

- Congratulations to Dr. Sapienza and staff for doing an amazing job greeting the kids on the first day and preparing the school for reopening

Principal Updates- Dr. Sapienza

- Welcomed everyone and gave a brief intro of himself
- Thanked the PTA for their continuous support year round
- Thanked the custodial staff for getting the school ready and making sure the summer program that hosted students from around the district ran without a hitch.
- Announced a few new items:
 - Scheduling- building equity for kids across the board
 - Increased kindergarten physical education during the week
 - Added into the master schedule the arts and music instead of being pull-out options. Kids will no longer have to forgo recess to play an instrument.
 - Air conditioning in the gym has been completed. (Every instructional space is now air conditioned throughout the district.)
 - Grade wide recess is now offered as it was Pre-Covid. Kids can now interact with their peers and individual classes are no longer assigned separate areas to use during recess.
 - The return of in person author visits and field trips will be planned this year.
- Reminders:
 - Dismissal changes- all changes need to go through Mrs. Debbie Hennes in the front office. Email her at dhennes@jerichoschools.org as well as your child's teacher if you need to pick up your child early, if they will not be taking the bus home, if they are going home with someone else, etc.
 - Devices- one device has been assigned to every student but they will not be going home everyday unless there is a special assignment from the teacher.
 - Picking up your child from school- please review the map and procedures. If you are driving to pick up your child please stay to the right of the cafeteria and not in the bus loop.

- Thanked everyone for coming and reminded everyone they can reach out to him anytime if they need to.

Additional PTA Reminders:

- Spiritwear is on sale at www.cantiaguespiritwear.com Free shipping now through 9/26
- 9/13 Meet The Teacher Night- Room Reps will be sharing more info
- 9/14 Blaze Pizza Fundraiser: Order from Blaze from 5-8pm and mention Cantiague PTA
- 9/16-9/17: Homecoming at the MS/MH Volunteers needed
- 9/21 Picture Day
- 9/23 Welcome Back Picnic: Everyone welcome. Pizza and italian ices provided by the PTA. Look out for how to rsvp
- 5th grade events coming up: Sports Night and Car Wash

SEPTA liaison: Marisa Amato

- Introduced herself, SEPTA, and encouraged everyone to be a member of SEPTA
 - What is SEPTA? Special Education Parent Association
 - Any parent of a child with an IEP (Individualized Education Program) or is in an inclusive general classroom, or in a small class (there are 2 at Cantiague) is encouraged to join SEPTA
 - Your child does not have to be a part of Special Education to join SEPTA
 - Monthly meetings discuss topics that are helpful to all parents regardless of if your child has a 504 or IEP (ie How to teach your child self advocating skills)
 - Information how to join and get involved will be passed out at Meet The Teacher Night