Cantiague PTA Meeting

May 14, 2019

1. Welcome by PTA President, thanked Administration for being there.
2. PTA News
3. Game Night- was a successful event with a good turn out and everyone had fun.
4. Teacher’s Appreciation Week- Treats were set up in the staff lounge each day and everyone was very appreciative.
5. Career Day- coming up Friday, May 17. Sign up to participate through the signup link in Mrs Faust’s email.
6. Book Fair- One afternoon/evening only on Wednesday May 22. Volunteers can still sign up to help out.
7. Picnic Around The World is coming up on June 6
8. Committee sign up <https://signup.com/go/dyVzSKo>
9. Room Rep sign up <http://signup.com/go/kLvzxSr>
10. 5th grade committee sign up <http://signup.com/go/ZBhRFbB>
11. Cantiague gear on sale at <http://squareup.com/store/cantiague-elementary-pta>
12. There will be one more PTA meeting this year next month to swear in the new officers for next year
13. Samples shown of this year’s Field Day t-shirts. Teams will be red, blue, and purple. The staff will wear green.
14. Election of Executive Committee Officers for 2019-20:

Proposed slate of candidates submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Shewar Khan, President

Stephanie Neumann, Executive Vice President

Prachi Dharia, Vice President of Fundraising

Geralda Sarraf, Vice President of Fundraising

Lauren Melone-Silverberg, Vice President of Programming

Jenn Camhi, Vice President of Media

Shital Adur, Secretary

Roshni Devjani, Treasurer

Vote was taken and slate approved.

1. Jericho Education Foundation: Brick fundraiser. Personalized bricks can be purchased at <http://www.bricksrus.com/order/JEF>

Deadline to purchase bricks is June 26, 2019

1. Principal’s Report: Mrs. Gina Faust

Thanked members of the PTA for all their time and efforts, thanked for everything provided during Staff Appreciation Week, mentioned the start of ABC Countdown is next week. Thanked Administration for being there. Administration reminded everyone of the Budget Vote coming up next Tuesday. Please come out and vote. All programs will continue to be in place next year. Please support the School District ballot to continue capital projects such as air conditioning in the schools. Note that the Library budget is also on the ballot but it completely separate from the Capital Projects for the school district.

1. Special Presentation: Ms. Maureen Judge and Mrs. Lisa Palmieri, Cantiague Reading Specialists

Summer Reading Tips\*Slides of the presentation will be available through an email that will be sent out by Mrs. Faust

1. Discussed “Summer Slide” referring to the educational ground that children lose during their 2 month break from school. Discussed ways to keep their skills fresh.
2. Just Read! Research shows that reading just 6 books during the summer helps prevent struggling readers from regressing. When choosing the 6 independent reading books, be sure they are choosing the right ones for them. Not too hard, not too easy.
3. Advised to not discourage reading of comic books or graphic books (books that have more pictures than words, similar to a comic books but more pages.) These are “like candy” and great for reluctant readers.
4. Discussed the 5 finger rule and how to know if a book is just right for your child.
5. Discussed benefits of reading such as it helps to improve memory, develops compassion, helps develop relationships, reduces stress, improves vocabulary.
6. Great resources to find free reading programs online;

myON through the New York Libraries: [www.myon.com](http://www.myon.com)

StorylineOnline.net

Free Rice: freerice.com : includes reading, math and science and child can help feed the hungry for every skill they do right

Reading Rockets : begins May 15

1. Discussed Phonemic awareness- auditory input and manipulating sounds in your head. Discussed examples such as rhyming and syllable count which really helps early readers.
2. Discussed ways to create a reading routine for the summer

i.e create access to lots of books around the house, provide choices, encourage child involvement in creating the routine, make it fun and engaging, use incentives if necessary.

i. Summer Reading Hacks

Suggested ways to make reading fun: “Bingo,” use closed captioning on the TV during a favorite show and turn down the volume, book swap with friends, get a favorite magazine subscription, take pictures of kids reading books and post.

1. Listed some good resources to find popular titles: Amazon, Epic Reads, goodreads, what should I read next