

CMS PTO Annual Newsletter May 2017



Thank you for all of the donations that were dropped off for the teacher/staff appreciation luncheon. The staff were overwhelmed with the generosity and consideration that was shown to them. This day could not have gone as well as it did without the support from you and the two parent volunteers, Julie Labonte and Renee Stead, who helped with setup and break down.



Shout Out!

- Thank you to The Acorn Alcinda Foundation Inc, on behalf of the Camlin family, for their \$1,000 donation towards PTO initiatives. The PTO met in April and voted to set this funding aside as the first All-Star sponsor towards our Harlem Wizard event scheduled for November 18, 2017.
- Thank you to Steve Randall from SKRandall School of Karate who volunteered his time during our winter enrichment program.

- Thank you to parent volunteer Kim Kady for volunteering her time during our winter enrichment program.

Literacy Opportunity for the Exeter Historical Society

The CMS PTO is proud to be a sponsor for the Exeter Historical Society **Reading Round**. The event is being held on Saturday, June 3rd from 10-11:30 am. This is a drop in event that will be promoting fiction and nonfiction summer reading materials for children grades K-8 and beyond. The event is free for members of the Historical Society and \$5.00 for non-members. The PTO has provided funding to support free admission for 15 attendees. For more information on how to attend this program or access scholarship funds please contact the Exeter Historical Society at 778-2335 or inquire information through info@exeterhistory.org. Please see the flyer that is attached.

Supporting other PTO Events:

The Stratham Memorial PTO and Wiggin Library are providing a free showing of the movie "[Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age](#)" on May 24 at 6:30pm in the Cooperative Middle School Auditorium. "Screen use" is an important topic for the families in SAU16 and we want to support a community discussion. To help facilitate this, we have also arranged a panel discussion following the movie with staff from schools across SAU16, a local psychologist (Ben Hillyard) and the resource officer (Amanda Bibeau). Please see attached flyer.



Looking to Grow!

Next year a few of our CMS parents will be saying goodbye due to their children graduating from CMS and moving onto the high school level. We would love to add more members to our committee and begin to prepare for that transition. If you are interested or please do not hesitate to reach out to Kim Houghtaling at khoughtaling@sau16.org or Renee Stead at mpsrds76@hotmail.com.



With your support we have been able to:

- Replenish the funds for the 2016-2017 school year.
- Support a new STEAM enrichment center initiative request from our library media specialist. Students can be seen engaged in exploring how

something works, building or creating, problem solving, or becoming one with their artistic self during the school day when they have free time or after school when the library is open.

- Kick off our winter enrichment initiative and provide scholarships to students who needed them.
- Set up beverages for the parent/teacher conferences. (Food was provided by the CMS staff.)
- Provide holiday gifts for the CMS staff at their annual holiday gathering raffle. (gift card donations)
- Host our Family Free Bingo Night. We had a larger turnout this year and fun was had by all.
- Support a 7th grade request to bring in Sheryl Faye as a presenter. Mrs. Faye is a well known performer who brings females within our history to life through a one woman performance. She performed her Anne Frank presentation with a message of perseverance, hope, and the importance of human kindness through difficult times.
- Family Free Movie Night! Over 80 people joined us on April 20th to kick off April vacation in style.
- Fiscally contribute to the end of school activities for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. These funds are being used to replenish supplies, build upon current practice and purchase new supplies, and more.
- Support the Wellness day through reimbursement of supplies needed for sessions.
- Provide an appreciation luncheon and gift for every CMS staff member as a token of our appreciation for all that they do.
- Purchase a class set of "Choice" Magazine for the health department. This magazine will enhance their health programming with high interest current resources.
- Secure the Harlem Wizards as our fundraiser for next fall. More information about sponsorship opportunities and needs will come in June.
- Welcome the incoming 5th grade parents with refreshments for during the 5th grade transition parent night.
- Set up refreshments for all parents who attend the Open Houses in the fall kicking off the 2017 school year.
- Purchase PTO T-Shirts for standing PTO members to wear at PTO community hosted events or CMS community events such as open house.
- Sponsored a literacy initiative for the Exeter Historical Society. Our financial contribution will support admission of 15 interested participants.

- Continue to build upon our public relation resources: signs, badges, website, and more.

Any unused funds will be carried over to the 2017-2018 school year to support the Harlem Wizard fundraiser and fall financial teacher or school requests.

Planning for Next Year:

Here are some of the dates that we have in the books or are in process for the 2017-2018 school year.

- Monthly PTO meetings: The meetings run from 6:00pm to 7:30 in the media center at CMS typically on the first Tuesday of the month, unless there is a holiday.
 - September 9th, October 3rd, November 11th, December 5th, January 2nd, February 6th, March 6th, April 3rd, May 1st, and June 5th.
- Harlem Wizards November 18th, 2017. Tickets will be on-sale starting in September.
- Holiday Workshop/Santa's Village: December 9th. Details will be shared in early November.
- Family Bingo Night: January 19th; snow date February 2nd.
- Family Movie Night: March 31st; snow date April 20th.

Thank you for the continued support for our organization!

Co-Presidents: Renee Stead and Kim Houghtaling

Treasurer: Julie Labonte

Recording Secretary: Tami Gunst

Additional community and CMS staff members: Robin Marquis, Dana Trahan and Brody, Elizabeth Dion, Pat Glennon, Kelly O'Neill

CMS administration support: Lauren McGrath and Patty Wons