

Washington Township School District
Parent Teachers Association – Open Committee Chairperson Announcement

June 2, 2015

Dear Parents,

The PTA is actively planning for the upcoming school year events and activities. **We will host our last general meeting on Tuesday, June 16th at 7pm in the Brass Castle Library.** During this meeting we will begin planning for next year's school year; which includes electing chairpersons for all open PTA Events/Activities and the positions of Vice President and Treasurer. If you are interested in fulfilling one of the open chairperson positions or the position of Vice President or Treasurer, you must attend the June 16th meeting. Please note, this meeting requires at least 10 PTA Members, we hope you can join us!

For those parents who have not been actively involved in the PTA, we ask for you to reconsider your involvement (especially parents of children in Kindergarten, First & Second grade)! We recognize you may be hesitant to volunteer due to a full time job, additional children or general concern with regards to the amount of time needed to support an activity or event. If you happen to fall into one of these areas, we ask you to kindly reconsider. There are so many different areas where volunteers are needed. Many of our activities/events are once a year and not very time consuming.

Based on the number of children in our schools, we have less than 20% of parents involved in PTA Activities/Events, *we need your help to increase this number. Without an increase in the number of volunteers, we will look to eliminate those Events/Activities without Chairpersons.* **We would like to reiterate eliminating Events/Activities is not a result of lack of funds.** We exceeded our fundraising goals this school year and plan to increase budget amounts for 2015-2016.

On the back side please find a list of all open PTA Chairperson Event/Activities for the upcoming school year, 2015 – 2016. If these positions are not filled, we will be forced to eliminate Events/Activities for the kids in the upcoming school year. Please know, we do not want to cancel any activities/events, however, we need your help in volunteering to fill the open positions! If you have questions/interest in a Committee, please reach out to Michele Wooley for additional details (mwooley96@gmail.com or 973-580-7144).

To all of our outgoing and remaining chairpersons, thank you for every minute of your time this school year. You have been wonderful to work with, our children are very lucky to have your support!

We do hope to see many new faces at our PTA General Meeting on June 16th at 7pm in the Brass Castle Library.

Kind Regards,

Stacy, Tracy, Michele & Jennifer

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WT PTA OPEN PTA Chairperson Positions 2015 – 2016 School Year:

Room Representative: Assigns room representatives to each teacher/class. Conducts two meetings per year with room representatives to review party dates & responsibilities. Works in conjunction with Teacher Appreciation Committee in May.

Reflections: Promotes and coordinates the National PTA contest for arts and literature at our schools county level.

PTA Website: Maintain PTA Website and facebook page with regular updates of Events/Activities

Hospitality: Coordinate the donations of refreshments/treats or decorations for Back To School Nights, Veteran's Day, Winter Concert, and the Spring Concert.

Scholarships: Coordinate the reading of applications for our two \$500 scholarships given to Warren Hills High School students. Also coordinates the 6th grade Helping Hand Award. The recipient of this award is selected by the 6th grade teachers and is based upon his/her ability to be a good, caring and thoughtful person.

Field Day: Coordinate parent volunteers/staffing at water booth and all field day stations in conjunction with the Gym teacher(s).

Be An Angel: Organize gift or clothing donations from families for less fortunate children/families in our school district during the holiday season.

Book Fair – Port Colden: Responsible for coordinating the fall and spring book fairs with Scholastic. Coordinates parent volunteers, teacher shopping times and parent communication.

Plant Sale – Port Colden: Responsible for coordinating flowers for student purchase with local greenhouse. Coordinate parent volunteers, teacher shopping times and parent communication.

Ink Cartridge Collections: Collect computer ink cartridges for redemption with Staples.

School Spirit/Bulletin Boards: Plan school spirit activities and awards for the children. Responsible for decorating the main bulletin board in Brass Castle three times per year.

Spirit Wear: Responsible for promoting Washington Township Elementary School products for student/family purchase.

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