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## Presidents' Corner



Hello Hillside Family & Friends,

It's hard to believe that another school year has almost come to an end. We hope you would agree that we've had a very exciting, eventful year and yes, there's still more to come!! We know that none of what we do for all of the students at HGS would be possible without your help. We THANK YOU for that and hope that you will continue to support PTA by participating in our yearend fundraisers - Art to Remember, Mother's Day Plant Sale, and Family Game Show Night. We know we can count on you to help us end the year with a bang!!

With the end of the 2017-2018 school year also comes the end of our time as your PTA Co-Presidents. We would like to take a moment to thank our amazing executive committee - Lily Cho, Kerri Connolly, Shelley Anif, Dara Cefaloni and Tracy Onorato - without whom we would not have been able to do our jobs!! We would also like to thank Mrs. Torreano for her leadership and helping hand every step of the way. We'd like to thank all of our wonderful HGS teachers, especially Mrs. Cullen, for their continued support throughout the years!! We can't forget our dedicated Event Chairs who have worked so hard to make all of our PTA sales, special events, and fundraisers the absolute best!! Last, but not least, we would like to thank all of you, our members, for all of your help, hard work and support always!!

*Kathryn & Michela*



## Important Dates

5/11/18	Spring Plant Sale	5/31/2018	Awards & Installations
5/15/18	School Budget Vote	6/8/2018	Family Picnic
5/16/18	PTA Meeting	6/12/2018	PTA Meeting
5/18/18	Family Game Show Night	6/13/18	Kindergarten Moving Up Day
5/22/18	HGS Spring Concert	6/19/18	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Moving Up Day
5/28/18	No School	6/22/18	Last Day of School - 11:30 am Dismissal
5/31/18	HGS Kindergarten Orientation Kindergarten Classes only have 1/2 Day of School	Congratulations Class of 2018!! We will miss you!! Good luck!! 	

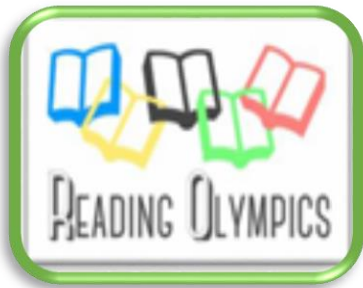


School Budget Elections will be on held on Tuesday May 15, 2018 at Tully Park from 6:00 am - 9:00pm. For more information on the upcoming election visit the school website and click on the Budget Tab at the top of the page.

## HGS Happenings



The **4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance** was sizzling!! This year, students were asked to vote on their theme and chose a "**Beach Party**". They enjoyed their summer fun themed evening complete with Tiki bar (serving water & snacks), DJ, dancing, learning to hula, sand castle building, trivia, limbo, flamingo toss & lobster lob. Thank you to Dara C. & Tracy O. for organizing the event.



**PARP 2018 Reading Olympics – Light the Way to Reading** gave students an opportunity to participate in fun activities and projects, all involving reading with their chosen "*reading partner*". This year's theme also encouraged the students to research and learn more about the Winter Olympics, including all of the amazing sports and athletes involved in this great event. Our 2-week PARP program ended with the *Closing Ceremonies*, where all of the winning teams, classes and individuals were awarded medals & prizes. A special thank you to Katie N. & Michela C. for organizing the event.

### **PARP Reading Olympics Class winners:**

Gold - Ms. Hartmann (5-H)

Silver - Mrs. Sheehan (4-S)

Bronze - Mrs. Feld (5-F)



### **PARP Reading Olympics Team winners:**

Gold - Cross Country (Coaches - Ms. Sawicki & Ms. Hansen)

Silver - Figure Skating (Coaches - Mrs. DiBartolomeo & Mrs. Barry)

Bronze - Skeleton (Coaches – Mrs. Szarek & Mrs. Price)



**Teacher & Staff Appreciation Luncheon** was snowed out the first time we tried it this year, but our chairperson, Vanna C. was ready for take 2. With a theme that showed our HGS teachers & staff that they are our *Superheroes*, a delicious meal catered by Piccolo Gourmet, and desserts purchased from Buttercooky and donated by our members, the luncheon was simply



# Upcoming Events

## Family Game Show Night



Family Game Show Night will be held on Friday, May 18, 2018 at 7 pm in the gymnasium. (Doors will open at 6:30pm.) Reservations are \$5.00 prior and \$7.00 at the door. Our evening will be hosted by Keith from *The Brain Show*!! The students will participate in their own "Brain Show" during the day. Family & friends will play against each other during the evening show. We will also have a few guest teachers participating!! Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be sold by our incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. Please join us for this fun-filled family event!!

[http://www.thebrainshow.com/school\\_assembly.html](http://www.thebrainshow.com/school_assembly.html)

## Awards & Installations



This year's ceremony will be held on Thursday May 31, 2018 at 7:00pm in the gymnasium. Please join us as we celebrate the wonderful teachers and volunteers that have gone above and beyond throughout the year. We will also be installing our new Executive Committee for the 2018-2019 school year. Refreshments will be served. This is an evening you won't want to miss!!



## Family Picnic



Our end of year family picnic is a time for students, parents and staff to celebrate another school year at Hillside Grade School. Mark your calendars!!! This year's picnic will be held on Friday June 8, 2018 and will be catered by Applebee's. Additional information will be sent home in the Friday folders. We are currently seeking a chairperson and volunteers for this year's Family Picnic. For more information on chairing this event please email [hillsidegrade@gmail.com](mailto:hillsidegrade@gmail.com).

## Arts & Education



May 18<sup>th</sup> - The Brain Show<sup>sm</sup> "Learning can be cool and fun." It makes for an engaging school assembly show because it presents an entertaining, yet educational platform to involve the students, as well as their teachers. It has the authentic look and feel of a real live TV game show complete with colorful podiums that feature computerized lights and sounds.



June 20<sup>th</sup> - Chris Poulos, Everyday Hero: The Guide to Being an Upstander. "Through stimulating and often amusing anecdotes and real-life experiences from Chris' own life and that of his family as well, this interactive program motivates the students to instill a lifelong culture of kindness amongst themselves and in their community."

## HGS Fundraiser Updates



### ***Family Square Dance***

Families came together and celebrated at this year's Family Square Dance. There was BBQ and Dancing. Thank you, Mrs. Rudd, for teaching all of our students the dances & thank you Michela C. for organizing.

Total Fundraised:

**\$851.00**



### ***Holiday Boutique***

Students were invited to come and shop at this year's holiday boutique. They were able to shop for love ones and some even found gifts for themselves 😊 Thank you Jackie M. & Victoria for chairing this event.

Total Fundraised:

**\$1,086.15**



### ***Winter Plant Sale***

Thank you to everyone who ordered wreaths and poinsettia during our Winter Plant sale. A special thank you to Karen D. and Angela M. for organizing the event.

Total Fundraised:

**\$206.00**



### ***PTA Book Fair***

Students enjoyed shopping at this year's *Scholastic* Book Fair. Patty C. and Anita R. did a fantastic job organizing the event. Our PTA was also able to give back to our students and teachers by using *Scholastic Dollars* to purchase new books for our classroom libraries!!

Total Fundraised:

**\$1,186.52**



### ***PTA Supermarket Fun Night***

Our biggest fundraiser of the year thanks to all of the families and friends who came out to play bingo, try their luck at over 100 great raffles and win some amazing prizes!! A big thank you to chairs Tina O. & Kerri C. A great time was had by all!!

Total Fundraised:

**\$6,110.00**

### **Upcoming Fundraisers:**

- \*Art to Remember
- \*Family Game Show Night
- \*School Supplies Sale

# In the Spotlight



This month's *Teacher Spotlight* is shining on Mrs. Pesenti!! Our vocal music specialist has been busy writing songs for the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Cantata, preparing our various choirs for the Spring concert, and getting her Hand Chime students ready to make beautiful music once again!! Let's get to know her a little better.....

## Mrs. Sharon Pesenti (Music Teacher)

1. What's your favorite food? *I love pizza, French onion soup and cheesecake. So basically anything with cheese!*
2. What's your favorite color? *Any shade of Turquoise.*
3. Do you have any hobbies? *I like to crochet, knit and compose music.*
4. Do you have pets? *No*
5. What's your favorite movie? *I love movie musicals such as: "West Side Story", "GiGi" and "My Fair Lady."*
6. What's your favorite book? *I enjoy reading biographies about singers like Peggy Lee, and composers like, Mozart or Beethoven. I also read historical novels.*
7. Who is your role model? *My mother, Jean Reitzfeld. I composed a choral song in her memory titled, "A Woman of Valor." It was performed by a women's choir of professional singers at Christ Church in Oyster Bay in August of 2017.*
8. What's your secret talent? *I love to cook and make parties (I inherited that from my mom; she celebrated every milestone).*
9. Do you have a favorite Quote or Saying? *"Life is like a banquet so enjoy every moment!"*
10. What profession, other than your own, would you like to attempt? *I would like to be an actress.*
11. Where is the farthest place you have ever traveled? *Western European Countries*
12. If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go? *Africa. I would love to see the animals in their natural habitat. In addition, I would like to learn more about African drumming.*



This month's *Volunteer Spotlight* is shining on Tracy Onorato!! She's our Corresponding Secretary. She's chaired multiple events such as Outdoor Movie Night and Paint Night. She's always ready to lend a hand and she has connections all over the neighborhood!! Take a moment to get to know a little more about her....

## Mrs. Tracy Onorato (Corresponding Secretary)



1. What's your favorite food? *Pizza*
2. What's your favorite color? *Turquoise*
3. Do you have any hobbies? *I love reading, crafts, and shopping!!*
4. Do you have pets? *A guinea pig named Daisy.*
5. What's your favorite movie? *The Sound of Music*
6. What's your favorite book? *I love to read Roald Dahl books to my kids!*
7. Who is your role model? *My mom. She is the most caring, patient person who always puts her family first.*
8. Do you have a favorite Quote or Saying? *"Your Attitude Determines Your Direction"*
9. What profession, other than your own, would you like to attempt? *Police Officer*
10. Where is the farthest place you have ever traveled? *St. Lucia*
11. If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go? *The Moon*

