

April 30, 2019

## Maurice Hawk Elementary School Weekly Update

The West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District has created a new email system for parents and guardians. Every week you will receive our school's newsletter. This email will include school information, PTA news, district updates as well as athletics, community education, counseling information and more.

### School News

#### Reminders

- Ms. Marshall is on maternity leave. Krista Santoro will serve as our school counselor while Ms. Marshall is on leave. Ms. Santoro's contact information: Phone - 609-716-5252; ext. 5427 (the same extension as Ms. Marshall) Email - Krista.Santoro@ww-p.org.
  - Follow Maurice Hawk School on [Twitter!](#)
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### PTA News

#### Updates

- Staff Appreciation Week - As always, PTA is organizing the event with activities to recognize our hard-working, dedicated & enthusiastic GUIDING ANGELS (teachers and staff) of Maurice Hawk. We request your help and support to ensure this special week is memorable for our Guiding Angels. You might have already seen the flyer sent home with your child(ren) before spring break.
  - Every year, we host a Staff Luncheon. We ask for your help in donating small gift baskets, gift cards, money towards catering, beverages, cutlery and/or your time. Please [click here](#) to sign up.
  - Any monetary contributions can be made by: cash or check (made payable to "Maurice Hawk PTA" sent to school with your child in an envelope marked "PTA Staff Appreciation"), or using the PayPal account: [mhawkpta@gmail.com](mailto:mhawkpta@gmail.com)
- Below are activities planned for Staff Appreciation Week:
  - May 6: Stars for our Angels
  - May 7: Flower for our Angels
  - May 8: Favorite Color day
  - May 9: Staff Lunch
  - May 10: Chair Massages
  - For any questions please contact the committee.



- PTA ByLaws Due for an update - As a part of National PTA, we need to update our governing bylaws every three years. Nothing has changed since our last amendment, in 2017, which reduced our number of vice-presidents from 6 to 3, thereby reducing our quorum from 19 to 13. We need a quorum of members present at each meeting where a vote takes place, whether to approve the budget or vote for our officers! If you would like to read them [click here](#).
  - The bylaws govern our election process, relationship to the state and national PTA, and how to run meetings and manage committees. We will be voting to approve our bylaws at our final general meeting of the year on May 23!
  - Questions? Contact our bylaws chair, Stephanie!
- Nomination Committee - The committee presented its report on the slate of the nominees for the 2019-20 PTA Board.
  - The Slate of nominees are:  
 President - Sejal Pandya  
 Executive VP - Padma Katapalli  
 Secretary - Veena Pathak  
 Treasurer - Minhwa Cho  
 VP, Events - Neelam Khanna  
 VP, Communications - Gaurav Saxena  
 VP, Membership - Mamta Kashyap  
 Additionally, they recommend Vasanti Anand for the By-Laws Standing Committee Chair

At this point, nominations can be taken from the floor on the day of the election; therefore, if you have intent on running for the above positions, you must email ([nominations@hawkpta.org](mailto:nominations@hawkpta.org)) the committee, your intent to run (in writing) by May 15.

Elections will be held on May 23 at our last general meeting of the school year.  
Thank You!

## **Events**

- May 1: SEPTSA in conjunction with AAPSG and Dutch Neck, Maurice Hawk, Town Center and Wicoff PTAs, present Best Practices in Early Literacy – Becoming a Reader: May 1, 7 p.m. at Grover Middle School. Deborah Lynam, director of partnerships and engagement at the AIM Institute for Learning and Research, will be the presenter. Deborah is active in literacy and education initiatives at local, state and national levels, and holds graduate-level certification in Orton-Gillingham through Fairleigh Dickinson University. The AIM Institute for Learning and Research provides teachers and professionals both training and access to field experts in the areas of spoken language, reading, writing, and



math. The programs reflect the latest research and knowledge of best practices and evidence-based instruction within each area.

- May 6-10: National Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 9: Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- May 14-15: 3rd Grade Chorus Concert, 7 p.m.
- May 16: Field Day for 1st - 3rd Grades, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- May 21: Field Day for Kindergarten, 9:30 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.
- May 23: PTA General Meeting - Election and Principal's end-of-year report

Please consider volunteering, without your help we the board cannot continue to have the fun events.

### **Useful links**

This is your PTA and we want to hear from you. Reach out to us with any comments or questions!

Email | [Website](#) | [PTA Calendar](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Donation Information](#)

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### **District Updates**

#### **Events**

- Mark your calendar for the opening of the [HAPPy Museum](#) on June 4, 2019, from 6-8 p.m. at High School South.

#### **Reminders**

- Each week we will upload all flyers and a PDF version of this email to the [website](#).
- Useful links for the district: [District Website](#) | [Academic Calendars](#) | [Calendar of Events](#)

#### **Community Events**

- 2019 [Plainsboro Centennial Events](#) Information
- [A letter from the Mayor](#) of Plainsboro Township about Founders Day
- Looking for more programs, clubs and things to do around WW-P? Check out the [community event section](#) on the district's website!

#### **Counseling**























