

DHMS HOME AND SCHOOL SEPT MEETING
TUESDAY, September 19, 2017

Introductions of the new board by President Erin Troy. Vice President- Michelle Fitzpatrick, Treasurer – Kate Ford, Secretary – Johnna Healey.

Principal Report: 1. Introduction of New Lead teachers and Art Teacher.

- a. Jen Holstein 6th Grade lead teacher
- b. Robert Best 7th Grade lead teacher
- c. Kathy Kania 8th Grade lead teacher
- d. Lauren Love Art Teacher

Mr. Salerno reminded everyone to check the school Website for the current DHMS newsletter. In place of actual wed folders, an email will go out on Wednesdays with all Wed folder info along with other pertinent information.

They held a hero assembly on Sept 11, in the court yard, this years recipient was Upper Darby Fire Chief James Johnson. It was broadcast live on the schools private in house you tube channel.

Constitution Day was celebrated Monday Sept, 18th, 2017 on the front lawn of the DHMS with great fanfare and coverage by the local media. They were joined by the 7th and 8th grade Girls Ensemble.

PSSA reports were delivered to the school today. They will come with students with prior notice. They will go home with the first MAP scores

Mr. Salerno addressed these concerns that were voiced thru social media:

The cleanliness of the bathrooms for both students and staff. They are fully stocked everynite by the cleaning company hired by the district. They are double checked every morning by the maintenance staff at 6:30 am. Any issue that arises during the day will be addressed immediatly when it is reported. They've received good feedback from the students themselves. Sign's of encouragement have been put up in the girls bathroom outside of the art room. So far so good with the respect so far from the students regarding the signs.

Mr. Salerno let everyone know that the students are now taking the MAP tests. (Measure of Academic Progress) They are taken in the fall winter and spring. The data is used to a snap shot of the students progress. They were able to take the MAP test in the classrooms thanks to 10 new chrome carts that hold 30 new chrome books each.

Sept 20th a Bus Evacuation Drill will be held in the DHMS bus loop.

1st quarter Interim reports will be available to see using the home access center.

A lock down drill will be held in the beginning of Oct with the help of the Upper Darby Police Dept.

Addressing the transportation issue concerning the buses: A large population of our students are being effected by this national epidemic right here at our school. They are very well aware of the issues of late

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pick ups as well as late arrivals in the afternoon. Please contact the school immediately with any issue as they are hearing about it in real time while they are happening. The district is currently interviewing and are trying to fill over 20 positions needed .

Mr. Salerno was happy to report a great back to school night with a generous amount of parents in attendance. Having no parking left the evening of bts is a good problem to have.

Please contact the office with any issues or questions during the day.

Michelle Fitzpatrick addressed this month hot topic of communication.

We now have a new Facebook Page. All information pertaining to school as well as home and school will be posted there. Questions answered to the best of our ability. Only positive comments will be posted to the page. Pictures of students will not be posted unless they have already been posted by the School District. Please be sure to bring a friend to our monthly meetings.

Treasurer's Report.

Current balance is \$4,470.38

\$250 ck was written and donated to the family of a DHMS student whose mother passed away unexpectedly to help with funeral costs.

We sponsor two \$500 scholarships for seniors of the high school. The scholarships go to former DHMS students. We sponsor the teacher appreciation luncheon at the end of the year, fund the 6th and 7th grade socials as well as donate a photo booth to the 8th grade dinner dance. We donate funds to pizza w/friends.

We do not hold fundraisers thru out the year. We count on Dues and proceeds from our annual auction to fund our projects and the needs of the school.

Alice Dobbins will be co-chairing the 6th grade social with Steve Arditi.

Breakfast with Principal is Friday, Sept 29th in the cafeteria. Questions and concerns will be addressed by Mr. Salerno. Please rsvp asap.

A note: the district website is not a mobile friendly site. If you need to access it you need a computer.

Our School Board member liason is Kate Smith.

OPEN Floor:

Tim Kelly- asked about google classroom. (not all teachers are using this)

District Home and School rep is Michele DeRusso

6th Grade parent – addressed the crumbling court yard and possible fundraiser to help it get refurbished

Call office for Home Access Center problems and help. Meeting was adjourned by 8pm.