

Hemlock PTA Meeting October 1, 2024

Principal Report- Mrs. Odone

- School Improvement Projects: Courtyard complete, students will participate in garden planting in the Spring, MPR air conditioning to begin this Fall
- Upcoming events- Fire prevention visit 10/8, Unity day 10/16 wear orange, Storybook Parade & Pumpkin Hunt 10/31, Veterans Day Assembly and Parent/Teacher conferences in November
- Communication: weekly grade level and principal newsletters received via ParentSquare
 - Instagram: @gchemlock
 - Twitter: Hemlock GC

SEPTA Update- Erin Debrich

- Join - \$20 support all learners and parents on [website](#)
- SEPTA Connect- will start in November, connect veteran parents who are new(ish) to Special Education
 - Last year- 40 veteran parents and 30 parents seeking connection
 - Look in the SEPTA newsletter for more details
- Reflections entry includes accessible arts division - copies of details with Mrs. Odone and on PTA website [here](#)

PTA Committee Updates

Reflections- Lauren Peeples

- Create original work of art in the theme "Accepting Imperfection".
- Submissions can be placed in the box located in the lobby
- More info on the PTA website [here](#)
- Award ceremony in spring for all district winners
- Lauren will visit each classroom to do a read aloud to get the students thinking about the theme

Photography- Maria Pepicelli

- Photo day went very well
- Proofs will be sent out by Irvin Simon via email
- Nov. 15th retake day- please let your teacher know that you would like a retake. There will be a whole school photo as well

Garden- Kristin Petti

- Installed a butterfly garden
- Designated garden boxes for each class
- Add Fall and Spring crops to increase year-round student engagement
- Volunteer opportunities to care for the garden with student after school. Contact Hemlock School GCPTA if interested in volunteering.

PARP- Alyssa Vitez

- Theme: I Count My Lucky Stars
- Events: Movie Day, Literacy Nights, virtual author visits in December and February, Spotlight on the Library in January, PARP Week in March and Book Ninjas in June
- Students will have opportunities to win book kits throughout the year for participating in the events

Health & Safety- Andrea Baglio

- September- safety magnets “Don’t Pass the Flash” at front desk
- October- Teal Pumpkin (allergy awareness) project will be on display in front lobby in October, non edible items for Halloween
- October 16th- Unity Day, wear orange to show we are united for kindness, acceptance and inclusion
- Indoor Recess Bins- A sign up genius will be circulated asking for donations to refresh the indoor recess bins - games/ activities for students to do during inclement weather
- January- Dental Awareness presentations
- April- Bike Safety
- May- Sun Safety

Sportswear- Kristen Whitaker

- Fall online shop open through October 13th. Shop [here](#). New merchandise on website that was not at BTSN.
- Nov 16th, 9-noon pickup at Garden City Middle School for online orders
- Possibly selling at Football or Centennials Games - let Hemlock School GCPTA know if you would be interested in working a table
- A big thank you to the Spirit Week committee!

Overview of Resources on GCUFSD Website- Mrs. Odone

- [GCUFSD Website](#)- Menu- Curriculum and Instruction- Literacy- [K-6 Literacy Resources](#)
 - Unit overviews
 - Family resources that include book recommendations
- [GCUFSD Website](#)- Menu- Curriculum and Instruction- [K- 5 Math Resources](#)
 - Overview of units in Illustrative Math
 - Family guides with a newsletter and video for ways to support your child at home
- Video put together by Primary Principals pointing out how to navigate the district website for these resources is available [here](#)

Upcoming Dates to Know:

- October 14th: Schools Closed, Columbus Day

- October 16th: District Wide Unity Day, Wear Orange
- October 17th: All Schools PTA Meeting, 7:00pm, Garden City Middle School
- October 22nd: Board of Education Meeting, 8:15pm, Garden City High School
- October 31st: Hemlock Storybook Parade, 9:00am, Hemlock
- November 5th: Schools Closed, Election Day
- November 6th: Reflections Submission Deadline
- November 6th: Hemlock Veteran's Day Assembly
- November 7th: Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences, 6:30-8:30pm
- November 8th: Parent-Teacher Conferences, 9am-12pm
- November 11th: Schools Closed, Veteran's Day
- November 13th: Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences, 6:30-8:30pm
- November 15th: Photo Retake Day and Hemlock School Photo
- November 16th: PTA Sportswear Pickup, 9am-12pm
- November 19th: Joint Primary PTA Meeting, 9:30am, Hemlock
- November 26th: Board of Education Meeting, 8:15pm, Garden City High School
- November 28-29th: Schools Closed, Thanksgiving Recess