

Peekskill CSD PTO
Committee/Building Report Form

Submission Date: May 1, 2016

Committee/Building: Hillcrest Elementary

Items Requiring a Vote:

- We would like PTO support for renting a large grill for our 4th and 5th grade Field Days. We offer our students a BBQ lunch (Hot Dogs or Burgers) potato/macaroni salad, watermelon, ice cream on Field day. We have rented the grill in the past from A&B Rentals in Cortlandt Manor (\$150, plus I extra propane tank \$30). Our Field days are scheduled for June 16 and 17. Supplies of water and ice would also be welcome.

Items Requiring Discussion:

- NONE

Items for Information Only:

- Thank you's are in order to the PTO for their support of our planned trips and other school activities:

Our Most Improved Classes on the PBIS matrix will be visiting the White Plains Court House where they will participate in a mock trial. Assistant DA, Susan Brownbill Vega, will coordinate this activity and our 2 classes will learn more about the judicial system from a first hand vantage point.

Our 5th graders will spend some time at the Science Barge and the Bezack Environmental Center where they will also be seeing the practical application of what they have been studying in classrooms.

Our 2nd Annual "Hillcrest Poetry Cafe" was made sweeter with the addition of PTO supplied cookies brownies, and water. We added coffee and fruits to make for inspired poetry recital, poetry creation, and sharing!

Our staff will also be nurtured with a first-ever PTO sponsored Staff recognition Luncheon on May 3rd. Thanks on their behalf.

- We had good attendance for our recent Parent-teacher Conferences this past Thursday and Friday. Our teachers were well-prepared and parents were smiling on their way out – usually a good sign!. To more fully capitalize on our audience, Phyllis Elliott, our Hillcrest Community School Initiative project director, successfully arranged a "mini-community fair" to provided parents with information about summer camp resources (Youth Bureau), signing up for library cards and getting information about activities in the Field Library, as well as promoting the Farmer's Market at the NY Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital.
- Enrichment projects were on display in the hallways so parents had time to see, not only what their child's class had worked on, but also what other classes had done. This proved to be an efficient way for parents to spend their time while waiting for their child's conference to begin.

- Our BOCES programs continues this week with in-house assemblies and workshops on the “Journey of Water”
- As usual, Hillcrest's Spring concert will coincide with the May 17th School Budget Vote. We will be “bringing down the house” at Peekskill High School as well as bringing out the voters!

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