

Peekskill CSD PTO Committee/Building Report Form

Submission Date: April 3, 2016

Committee/Building: Hillcrest Elementary

Representative Attending: Marisa Anzovino

Items Requiring a Vote: None at this time

Items Requiring Discussion:

- Refreshments for Poetry night. We serve cookies, coffee and juice packs. Will PTO be able to fund the purchase of cookie trays? Staff will donate coffee, water and juice packs.

Items for Information Only:

You Be the Chemist Challenge

6 students participated in the recent NYS You Be the Chemist Challenge. Even though they were knock out in Round 2 of 4 rounds, they acquitted themselves quite well and were the **only** 5th graders in the competition. Special thanks to Jen Bruno for coordinating!

Box Out Bullying Assembly Program

Hillcrest Elementary had the *Box OUT Bullying* assemblies in March and this was educational but highly entertaining as well. It was interactive, had students and staff playing a part. It was so closely aligned to our PBIS initiative that we would love to have them again next year. Thank you to the PTO for their financial support. Pictures from the assembly were sent to Marisa.

“Taking Care of You” Lunch Time Sessions

Working with the director of the Hillcrest Community School Initiative, all Hillcrest staff has been participating in a monthly “Taking Care of You” relaxing lunchtime session. Lunch, candles, meditation and great conversations in the middle of the day with a promise of no “shop talk” as a way to recharge and refresh!

Hangin' @ Hillcrest Nights

Poetry Cafe at Hillcrest -

Our second annual Poetry night is scheduled for April 21st from 7:00 PM – 8:00PM. The cafeteria will be “atmospheric” as our young and not so young poets snap their fingers to original or favorite poems. Parents will also collaborate to write their own free verses.

April Hoops – April 27th

Our March Madness Basketball event was cancelled and students have requested overwhelmingly that we reschedule it.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Scheduled to coincide with our two Parent -Teacher conference days (April 28th & 29th 12:30 – 3:00 pm. We have planned a community outreach for parents attending conferences. There will be tables set up in the cafeteria with information regarding local activities – Field Library, Farmers' Market,

Youth Bureau and Family Ties. We will also have a bake sale with proceeds going to the PTO. Staff members will donate baked goods, and provide coffee.

We will also be displaying our Enrichment projects in the hallways so that parents can look around while they wait for their conferences.

NYS ELA begins this month – April 5-7

NYS MATH – April 13 - 15

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