



Parent Council Meeting November 7, 2015

Moment of Silence

- Parent Council and the entire WFS community want to say a **BIG ‘Thank You!’** to **Tricia and John Cranmer** for hosting the **Wine and Cheese** event in October. Their home was a beautiful, welcoming space and the turnout was fantastic. Thank you for hosting such a wonderful event!
- Also, a **BIG ‘Thank You!’** to **Debra Berman and the 7th and 8th grade families** that made our **Harvest Festival** fantastic this year! The day was beautiful and everyone had fun!

FUTURE PLAYGROUND/OUTDOOR SPACES

Sharla Franco: Parent Council (PC) has prioritized the playground and outdoor spaces in our fundraising efforts.

PC donated \$6,000 to the school last year during the insurance audit and toward a playground consultant. Funds from this original \$6,000 still remain.

On December 5th, a Playground/Outdoor Spaces brainstorming session will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. This will be a critical step going forward with the chance for our community to raise suggestions, ideas, innovations, and experience toward this endeavor. Childcare will be provided. Please come!

SPRING FETE

On May 6th, an adult Gala will be held at Taylor’s Farm in Cinnaminson (Thank you to Lily and Peter Taylor!) **November 14th, a 6:30-8:30 PM meeting** in the auditorium will kickoff the planning with committees and roles being determined. Childcare will be provided for the meeting. Additionally, a meeting will be held on December 3rd, 10:30AM at Taylor’s Farm in Cinnaminson. **Get involved!**

The Spring Fete will be an Art Sale. We are seeking MAXIMUM support in this fantastic fundraiser! floydsharla@gmail.com, lilytaylor@icloud.com, Michael Iaquinto and Dottie dottie.eline@gmail.com

Committees:

- Alumni
- Art
- Auction
- Food & Drink
- Decor & Entertainment
- Lists & Invites
- Marketing
- Sponsorship
- Location & logistics

GIVING TUESDAY, November 29th

COAT DRIVE! Coats, hats, gloves, new or gently used. All sizes needed. Need a couple volunteers to help receive items in the mornings at drop-off (8:10-8:30 AM) Contact Sharla to lend a hand: floydsharla@gmail.com

TREASURER'S REPORT, Lily Taylor

Itemized report and summary provided.

(Report is always provided at PC meetings. Ask Lily Taylor if interested in having copy of report. lilytaylor@icloud.com)

PC General Funds \$22,596.18

Review of Annual Expenses:

Middle School Dances

Fall Treats

Popsicles in the Park

New Family Welcome Packs

Autumn Wine and Cheese

Staff Breakfasts

Assemblies (\$1,500.)

Coaches (\$1,000.)

Library (\$1,400.)

Art Funding

\$300. Each grade wish list. Jon Hall reached out to teachers.

Michael Iaquinto: For example, Miss Fay asked for high hat cymbal, round drum, etc. \$300.

With the desire to encourage transparency and for the community to see how the funds are benefitting our children, we want to approve this wish list and share how we are improving our classrooms and supporting our teachers.

We would also like to extend the wish list to Mr. Wayne to see if there are things that would be of benefit to him and his position.

Lily: Proposed Fete Goals:

Fete Goal: \$100,000.00 Minimum \$10,000.00 to contribute to playground.

Hoping for 150-200 people. Virtual program with ads. Diversify sources of income.

Fete is being held for development of the school.

HOLIDAY SHOP December 8th, 8:30-11 AM, in Atrium.

Allows grades Pre-k through Fourth to do their “holiday shopping”. Tricia Cranmer and Brandi Thurber lead this sweet event. Volunteers are needed to help wrap gifts. Contact Tricia or Brandi to lend a hand. 5th Graders also help with this event.

tricia@thesummersgroup.net

brandi@thurberdentalspa.com

COOKIE WALK Emily Cecchini

Annual tradition of cookie exchange the morning of the Christmas Program. For \$5, you are given a Chinese takeout food container to hold your selections from a huge variety of homemade cookies (gluten-free and nut-free tables are also offered!) Please volunteer to bake cookies or help out. Emily Cecchini will email a sign-up list! Fun event. Who doesn't love cookies?! The Cookie Walk will be held in the atrium this year. Coffee is provided.

Emily: Emays16@yahoo.com

POINSETTIAS Kelly Cardillo

WFS always has the most GORGEOUS poinsettias. Great for decorating in your home or giving as gifts! Order poinsettias at the Thanksgiving Program. Pick up your plants in December (TBA) A couple of volunteers are needed. Contact Kelly. misskellya79@yahoo.com

SKATING PARTY Chris Gehringer

Last year's party was a fun success. Chris Gehringer will be planning another skating party for us this winter. Information will follow.

DANCES Brandi Thurber will be coordinating Parent/Daughter dance in February. To volunteer, contact Brandi. brandi@thurberdentalspa.com

ALL SCHOOL EVENT: Sixers Game? Skyzone? Aquarium? Let's plan something fun that we can all enjoy in the grey days of winter. What do you think? Volunteer!

AFTER HOLIDAYS/ GIFT CARDS: After the holidays, donate any unwanted gift cards to PC. We can use them when creating baskets for the gala, etc.

Handouts in Pick-up line after school. Parent push to be aware of events and get involved.

HOLIDAY RECEPTION: December gathering for parents. Location, date, and time need to be planned. Usually held in restaurant/pub.

BOX TOPS: AD Guarino, Courtney Love. We are signed up for program. March deadline is next. Save your box tops and contribute! Gather them from family/friends! Our goal is to earn \$3,000 from Box Tops! We can also have a competition between classes. Get our kids involved! Winning class with the most box tops can earn an ice cream party, etc. Questions?
courtneyshanelove@gmail.com

PAULSDALE EVENT: Michelle Tartar along with Liz Martino are planning a tea to be held at Alice Paul's family home in Mt. Laurel. Alice Paul, a suffragette champion, is buried on our WFS grounds. More information will follow. tartar@tcnj.edu

BOOK FAIR: Wednesday, November 16th. Barnes and Noble, Moorestown. 10AM-9PM. Also, order online November 16th-20th use code #12919048 to benefit our school. Forget cooking! Enjoy lunch or dinner on the 16th at Bertucci's! 15% of sales will go back to WFS.
Bring Forms for Fundraiser!

TECH AT BARNES AND NOBLE: David Shields said that Chris Gehringer had a great display a couple weeks ago at the Barnes and Noble in Cherry Hill. Nice Display and represented WFS well with student volunteers. Generated interest. Chris Gehringer also provides Childcare at PC meetings. A BIG *Thank You* to Chris!

CINNAMINSON DAY: postponed due to rain, this well-attended event is open only to local businesses in the community. It should be a necessity that WFS has a big presence at this event. It usually takes place the first Sunday in October.

USE AMAZON? Sign up for **Amazon Smile** (need to access with your computer, not smartphone), a percentage of your Amazon spending gets sent to WFS. Westfield Friends is registered under **Philadelphia Yearly Meeting**. More information to follow.

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Next Parent Council Meeting: December 5th in the Auditorium, 6:30PM.
This is a special all-community meeting to help brainstorm ideas for a new and improved
Westfield Friends School playground!

All are welcome to attend Parent Council Meetings! Please join us!
Child Care is offered in School Library