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## PTA Presidents Message Dana Durso & Meaghan Wrona

### Dear Parents, Teachers, and Friends -

This school year has flown by and we can hardly believe that we're coming to the end, both of the current school year and of Erika's term as East Lake PTA's Co-President. We have truly enjoyed the last year with this great organization and are so grateful for all of the amazing people who we've met. Without you, our volunteers, the things we did this year would never have been possible.

The PTA has hosted a number of wonderful events this year including assemblies, workshops, and family events, not to mention programs to enhance the educational experience for our children. Our second half of the school year has included fun family events like PARP and an awesome kickoff by our Author in Residence, the inaugural St. Baldrick's fundraiser, our boys and girls socials, the Family Fun "Adventureland" night and Long Island Ducks game, the Reflections Ceremony recognizing student work, Mother's Day Plant Sale, Father's Day Boutique, as well as everyone's favorite, Field Day!

As the summer comes to an end, we want to thank our current Executive Committee and all of those who volunteered to chair, as well as participate on, our many committees. All of your work has made such a profound impact on our students and their families.

And while Erika's younger child graduates and she moves out of East Lake, Danielle is honored to serve as President of this amazing school with its truly special families, teachers and administration, for another year.

In closing, we thank everyone for your commitment to East Lake. The children really appreciate all the things that East Lake School and the PTA do for them. We hope you enjoy reading all of the great information in this newsletter!

Enjoy your summer!

-Danielle and Erika

### Please Welcome the 2022-23 East Lake PTA Board!

Erika Conti - Co-President  
Danielle Ocuto - Co-President  
Luz Bove - 1st Vice President  
Stacie Tranchina- 2nd Vice President  
Christina Vitucci - Treasurer  
Meaghan Wrona- Corresponding Secretary  
Ashley Ianotta -Recording Secretary

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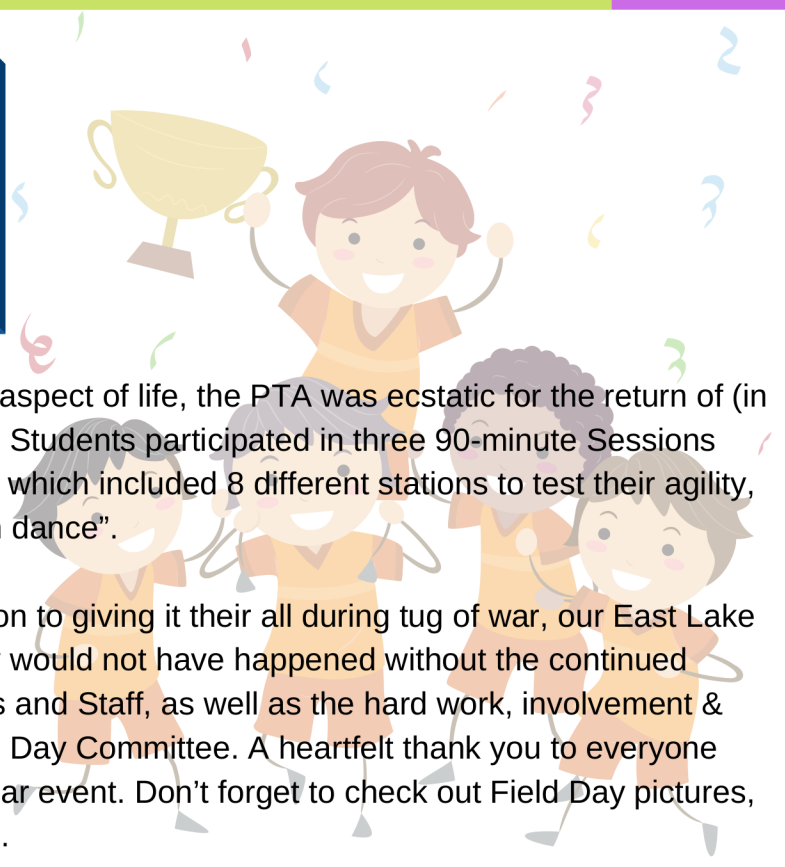
Please join and be a part of what makes East Lake special!

# Adventureland

For the first in-person event of the 2020-2021 school year, students and parents had a fun-filled night out at Adventureland! More than 700 excited people from East Lake and McKenna spent the evening riding rides, playing games and enjoying the company of friends.



# Field Day



After a year of unprecedented changes to every aspect of life, the PTA was ecstatic for the return of (in person) Field Day at East Lake on June 8, 2021! Students participated in three 90-minute Sessions throughout the day (K & 1st, 2nd & 3rd, 4 & 5th), which included 8 different stations to test their agility, determination and ability to conquer the “chicken dance”.

From taking pictures and dancing at the DJ station to giving it their all during tug of war, our East Lake students had a (giant beach) ball! This Field Day would not have happened without the continued support of our amazing East Lake Administrators and Staff, as well as the hard work, involvement & energy of the East Lake Class Parents and Field Day Committee. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated and/or supported this spectacular event. Don't forget to check out Field Day pictures, which are posted on the East Lake PTA Website.



## Plant Sale

The ever popular East Lake Plant sale returned this year with great success! Despite facing some obstacles, the East Lake community was still able to purchase gorgeous flowers, plants and herbs, just in time for Mother's Day.

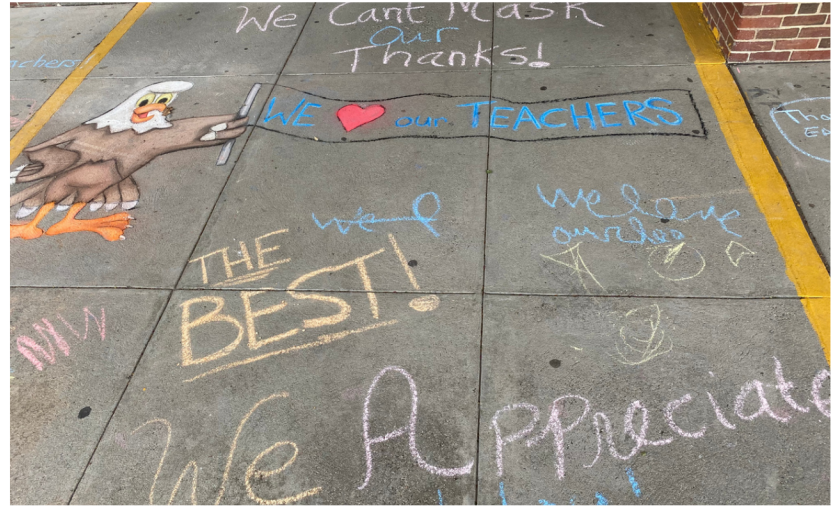
Since we were unable to have the sale at East Lake this year, co-chair Megan Kelly hosted the event at her home, which resulted in a great alternative that provided safe and easy pick up. We thank everyone who volunteered and participated in this year's sale.



## Staff Appreciation

East Lake teachers and staff were honored in May during Staff Appreciation week. They were greeted with 'Chalk the Walk' messages of thanks from students to kick off the week, and then enjoyed Philly Pretzel Factory snacks, catered lunch from Zona, and many donated raffle baskets.

Thank you East Lake teachers and staff for helping our students soar!



This year's PARP theme was "Reading Through the Seasons", which showcased that reading can be done in any season! For two weeks students were asked to read for 15 minutes a day with their reading partner for five days a week. Interesting and fun virtual events were rolled out in addition to some cool dress up days.

## PARP

This year's program was well received, especially by all the raffle and bookmark prize winners. PARP's finale consisted of grand prize raffles and the unveiling of a book vending machine, gifted to the school by the PTA. To say this made for an exciting PARP is an understatement. Thanks to all who helped and participated!



## PTA Awards

This year, the East Lake PTA applied for consideration for a handful of New York State PTA Awards, recognizing the hard work, dedication and commitment that our membership displays.

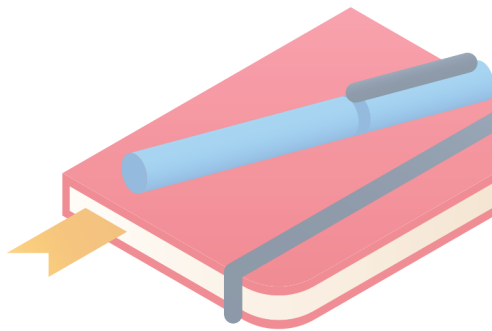
We are proud to announce that we won the Early Bird Award for membership (September 2020), and the Male Engagement Membership Award (April 2021).

The results for the NYS PTA PARP Award and National School of Excellence / Hearst Award will be released in August 2021.

## Newsletter Committee:

Co-Chairs:  
Mallory Kerley &  
Danielle Ocuto

Committee:  
Jennifer Azzariti  
Hope Wygand



## Student Editorial

Thank you to all the participants. We loved reading your fantastic work! The question posted to students was "What is one thing you want to learn this summer and why?"

### Parker Kennedy Ms. Hall, 2nd Grade



I want to learn how to kick the crossbar of a goal this summer with a soccer ball. At soccer there are a couple of players that are really good and I think I can be as good as they are. This summer I want to challenge myself to be better than them and have FUN doing it! Another reason I want to practice soccer is because my brother is really good at being a soccer goalie and I want to be able to kick the ball around him and score a goal for the first time. I know if I want to reach that goal I have to train hard and work hard. Part of my training will include dribbling, shooting with both feet and practicing juggling. These skills will help me get better at the sport and help me to help my team in the fall. I also think it would be fun to try something new this summer like basketball.

### Jaden Maione Mr. Sollazzo, 5th Grade



This summer, I want to learn about investing. I want to get into investing because it seems interesting and I could make money. Some things I could invest in are companies like Microsoft or cryptocurrency like Bitcoin. People are making lots of money with Bitcoin. I want to start investing using apps like Robinhood or Acorns. I could use the money I get from investing to invest more, buy things I want, or save it for bigger things like college. I am really looking forward to investing this summer to see how much I can learn."

## Join the PTA

The East Lake PTA has been working hard behind the scenes - and we need your help!

Scan the below QR code and become a PTA member today

