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part of what makes
East Lake special!*



Jennifer Azzariti and Judy Snyder Co-Presidents

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

This school year is flying by! It's halfway through and in addition to all of the learning that's happening, we've also had a number of great events.

We kicked off the year by welcoming our Kindergarten parents with the BooHoo/Yahoo Breakfast. Then two weeks later the whole school community came together for the Back to School Bash. In addition, we hosted Bingo Night, an Islander Game, the Ties and Tiaras dance and our first-ever evening kick-off event for PARP (Pick A Reading Partner). We've also spent a lot of time thinking about others... we hosted the annual PTA Blood Drive, a coat drive, canned food drive and a pajama drive.

In the fall we participated in the East Lake Boosterthon Fun Run fundraiser. This week-long event kicked off with an in-school pep rally and had the kids both excited and engaged in a character program led by "Mermaid Mel" and "Dancin' Dee," with some special appearances from "Dr. Know-It-All." At the end, the students participated in the outdoor Fun

PTA Presidents' Message Jennifer Azzariti & Judy Snyder

Run- complete with a DJ. It was definitely a fundraiser that was FUN for the kids!

Rounding out the second half of the year, we're looking forward to a number of great things! Just around the corner we have the Boys Social, the Plant Sale, the Ducks Game, the Family Fun Fishing Trip and of course, everyone's favorite: Field Day!

At the end of the school year, several of our board positions will need to be filled. The positions of Co-Presidents, 1st Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary will all be open. We encourage you to consider filling a position.

The PTA has accomplished so much in the first half of the year, and we thank you all for your support, participation and encouragement. We're looking forward to rounding out the second half of the year with the same enthusiasm. The kids truly do appreciate all of the great things our school and PTA do with them.

We hope you enjoy reading all of the great information packed into this newsletter!

Thank you,

Jennifer Azzariti and Judy Snyder
PTA Co-Presidents



A Message from Principal McKillop

Dear Parents:

Happy 100th Day! By the time you are reading this edition of the East Lake Eagle the students in the primary grades will be celebrating the 100th day of school. It is hard to believe, but we are past the half-way point of the school year. With winter upon us please be sure to have your child dress appropriately for school. Although the building is warm, those few minutes outside before the doors open can be cold and whenever

possible we will send the students outside for recess. Student arrival on East Lake Avenue continues to be much better this year, since parents are utilizing the entire drop-off area and taking a slow and cautious approach. Please continue to pull forward so that we can keep the traffic moving and students can arrive quickly and safely.

The East Lake PTA continues to provide many wonderful activities and events for our students. We look forward to the spring activities that are planned and the collaboration with our library and reading departments when Laurence Pringle comes to visit as this year's Author in Residence. Currently, the PARP Committee is doing a terrific job as the students seem to be enjoying this year's theme almost as much as Mrs. Velte and me. Keep on reading boys and girls!

Looking forward to the transition to spring at East Lake, the months ahead are going to be extremely busy with many PTA events and school activities. I'd also ask that you mark March 20th on your calendar as that is the night of East Lake's 16th Annual

Family Math Night for 3rd-5th graders and their parents. This evening continues to be both educational and enjoyable for all participants. We again encourage your presence at this evening event. Last year we had a terrific turnout.

Our PTA continues to be an integral part of our community. Parent volunteers support our efforts by providing numerous opportunities for students to apply classroom learning. If you are not already a PTA member, I urge you to do so and maybe consider getting involved with one of their committees. The East Lake School community is fortunate to have such a positive and supportive PTA and your involvement is truly beneficial not only your child, but for all students.

Finally, if you ever have any questions or concerns about any aspect of your child's education, feel free to contact me or Mrs. Velte. We welcome your inquiries. Have a wonderful remainder of the school year!

Thomas A. McKillop III, Principal

your 2018-2019 pta officers

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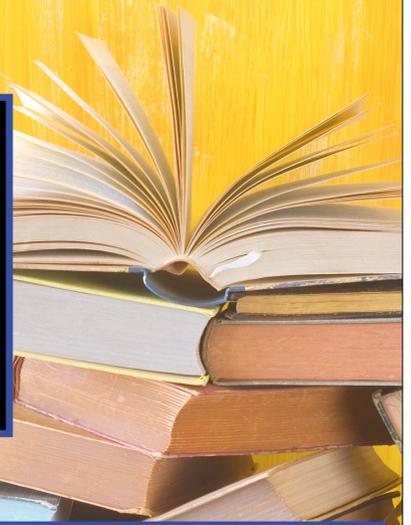
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BACK TO SCHOOL BASH



book fair



PARP - Travel the World Through Books

Jennifer Azzariti & Danielle Ocuto, Co-Chairs

This year's PARP program took students on a reading adventure that lasted for three weeks beginning at the end of January and ending right before February break. This year's theme, "Travel the World Through Books," kicked off with an evening event that had students and their reading partners participating in a number of reading-based activities, including a book swap. In addition, students received their very own reading passports that they were to sign each week to certify they had done their reading for the week. Approximately 80% of students participated in this year's program. Following the travel theme, each grade level was represented by a continent and their hallways were decorated by parent volunteers to reflect each continent.

New for this year -- raffle tickets for borrowing books from the public library -- one student from each grade won a reading-themed raffle basket, and one grand prize winner from the school won an Apple iPad. Anyone who borrowed a book from the public library



was eligible for the raffle prizes. Additionally, parents were encouraged to submit selfies of their children participating in PARP, earning extra points for their grades. For those grades who led PARP for their "division" at the end of week 1 and 2, students received a bookmark prize designed by one of their classmates. The leading grades for week one were first grade and fourth grade. Week 2 leaders were 2nd grade and 3rd grade. The two grades that ultimately won PARP were 2nd grade and 4th grade. In total, East Lake student traveled 13,465 miles through reading this year during PARP.



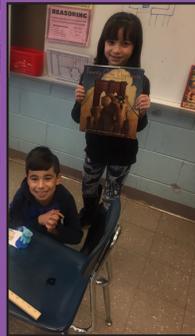
Scavenger Hunt

Tina Flynn

On October 10th the blocks were filled with happy children walking to and from school completing their "signs of fall" scavenger hunt. This was simply about motivating students to get out, get moving and take note and appreciate their surroundings. Kindergarten won with the highest percentage of participation and was rewarded with an extended recess.



S.T.E.A.M



S.T.E.A.M. (Science/Technology/Engineering/Art/Math) continues to be a wonderful addition to the East Lake programs in grades k-5. When students engage in activities that combine different elements of STEAM, they experience guided inquiry in which they must ask thoughtful questions, discover answers, apply what they learn, and problem-solve creatively. Students attend STEAM with Mrs. Gennardo on a rotating basis. Grade levels explore various science and engineering topics through hands-on projects.



remind

A great way to stay informed of upcoming PTA events.
Text to this number: 81010 | Enter this message: @elpta
You will receive a response with further directions.

Ties and Tiars



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happy halloween



holiday party

Dana Durso
Chairperson

The PTA Holiday party took place on 12/10/18 at Bacaro Italian Tavern. A little over 50 of the most amazing hard working members attended.

Everyone had a great time and enjoyed getting together over dinner and drinks.





EXPLORE the Arts!

PARTICIPATE in PTA Reflections

Reflections - Erika Conti & Lindsay Guzzo, Co-Chairs

East Lake received 22 student submissions for the annual New York State PTA Reflections Program, which celebrated its 50th anniversary with the theme, “Heroes Around Me”. The 22 submissions were received from grades Kindergarten through 5th, in the categories of Visual Arts, Photograph and Literature. The Reflections Ceremony was held on March 18, 2019, at which time the winners were announced. All of the participants did a wonderful job!

PHOTOGRAPHY

Primary

Mila Gobbo

Intermediate

Morgan Rezza

LITERATURE

Primary

Anna Conti (forwarded to regional judging)

Charles Celona

Liv Vertescher

Intermediate

Sophia Conti

Vivienne West

Danny Schiereck

VISUAL ARTS

Primary

Shawn Crespo & Matthew Tromba

Ryan Wygand

Liv Vertescher

Intermediate

Abigail Sawicki

Victor Crespo

Danica Lopresti

Our winning entry went on to compete on the Regional Level. We are very proud of all of you.

handbell choir

East Lake Handbell Choir had their first performance of the school year at Village Hall for Massapequa Park’s Holiday Open House on December 2nd. The group performed a selection of holiday tunes after starting off with “The Star Spangled Banner”.



arts in education

Erica Burns, Chairprsrson

In November we had singer/songwriter Jared Campbell present "The Blue Project". Jared performed two captivating assemblies; he sang to our lower elementary grades songs like "The Superhero Song" and "No Bullies Allowed", and our upper elementary grades enjoyed songs like "Change the World" and "Beyond the Gray". Students left the assemblies with the positive messages of how to change the world through kindness and how practice makes progress. Feel free to visit Jared's website to hear his music at jaredcampbell.com



blood drive

Erika Conti & Danielle Sforza, Co-Chairs

East Lake PTA held its Annual Blood Drive on November 1, 2018! The theme was "You Can Be a Hero, Too!" Prior to the Drive, students submitted creative posters, which represented the Blood Drive Theme. Winners were selected at each grade level, as well as overall Winners for K-2 and 3-5.

A week before the Drive, the 5th graders engaged in an assembly, presented by the New York Blood Center, wherein they learned about the significance of the circulatory system and the necessity of blood donation. The day of the Blood Drive, several enthusiastic 5th Graders participated in the Little Doctors Program, wherein they helped blood donors with the registration process and/or at the Canteen, after donation. Overall, the Blood Drive was a great success! East Lake was able to donate enough pints of blood, which may be used to save up to 75 lives. Thank you to everyone who donated!



Bingo, Islanders & Circus Night

Janice Consalvo and Tricia Pflaum, Co-Chairs

The Family Fun Committee has done a great job coordinating fun events for our East Lake families. When autumn was in full swing they hosted a Bingo Night at the school where participants won great prizes. The winter months were fun-filled with an Islanders hockey game. We look forward to more fun in the spring when the committee plans an outing to a Long Island Ducks game as well as a family fun fishing trip!

On March 1st, in conjunction with the Arts in Ed committee, Family Fun co-hosted Circus Night. The evening was broken into different time slots where families came and enjoyed some pizza together. They then made their way through a number of circus stations where their children showed them the different things they learned during circus week at school.



box tops

Melanie Valle

Schools may earn up to \$20,000 cash per year! Each box top you clip is worth \$0.10. If each student collected 100 box tops over the entire year, East Lake would receive more than \$5,000! Our school has earned \$860.80 so far. Great job East Lake - keep clipping those Box Tops!

save the dates

BOYS SOCIAL
apr 5

**PTA GENERAL MEETING-
Breakfast with
the Superintendent**
apr 17 at 8:45am

PLANT SALE
may 8 and 9

**PTA MEETING &
AWARDS CEREMONY**
may 14

**FAMILY FUN
FISHING TRIP**
june 1

FIELD DAY
june 7

**LONG ISLAND
DUCKS GAME**
jun 8 at 6:35pm

**FATHER'S DAY
BOUTIQUE**
Jun 12 and 13

student editorial —



CALLING ALL WRITERS! EAST LAKE EDITORIAL CONTEST



The East Lake PTA Newsletter Committee
wants to see your wonderful student writing!

The contest is for all students in grades K-5.
2 winners: one from grades K-2 and one from grades 3-5.

**The Winners' Editorials and Student Photo will be published in the June 2019 Issue of
the PTA Newsletter!**

Topic: Proud to be ME!

Ideas: There are many ways I have grown this year.

I am really proud of myself for ...

Some things I have worked hard on this year are...

SUBMIT your EDITORIAL by Wed, May 15 to the PTA Mailbox

1. Your editorial should be typed or handwritten on a single piece of paper
2. It should be a max of 3 paragraphs – but it can be less
3. Include a heading of "My Newsletter Editorial"
4. Proofread your writing – grammar, spelling & punctuation
5. Write your name, grade and teacher's name on the **BACK** of your paper

All entries will be judged by the EL Newsletter Committee

EL PTA Newsletter Co-Chairs

Diana Morales Suarez & Tina Villalobos

