

Maugham HSA Meeting

Thursday, November 19, 2020

1. Welcome

Glad to have you all with us this evening. Mrs. Brown & Dr. Ferrara with us.

2. Dr. Ferrara's Principal Report

a. Drop-off/Pick-up Reminders

- I try to be outside in morning and afternoon. Noticed a bunch of abandoned cars in carpool line. If your child needs assistance out of the car then park and walk your child up to school. It holds up line when parents wait for child to walk into car. Even for 1:10 pick up for K & 1st, you need to follow carpool rules. Please let grandparents, caregivers and others that pick up your child the rules.

b. Makeup Picture Day - Mon, 11/23 - Cohort A, Kindergarten, Virtual Students

- Wind was not safe on original day. We will send out a detailed reminder of the times. Virtual students will be broken up alphabetically.

c. Parent Teacher Conferences - Thurs, Dec 3rd & Fri, Dec 4th

- Teachers are working on report cards. Report cards will be available on Wed, Dec 2nd at 3:00 pm on Genesis. If your conference is before the 2nd, you won't have access to Genesis report card but teacher will share it with you during the conference. Rubrics for grading is under district website. This year is a little different, for K & 1st that are in class daily, assessment will be more similar to past. Hybrid children assessment has been a little different this year. If your conference is running long, please ask teacher to schedule another time to finish up to be respectful to other parents.

d. Travel for Holidays

- Questions have been coming in regarding travel around holidays. Parents have been open about travel and willing to switch to virtual. If you decide to change child to fully virtual, every Friday, teachers have packets outside to pick up for following week while at home. If you are traveling during holidays and switching to virtual, you might not be here to pick up packets so you might not have access to all fully virtual materials. If not physically here to pick up materials, you will not have complete materials. Teachers will not be sending packets in the mail. Please let us know if you are traveling out of state and when you will be returning so we can let you know when you can return to in person instruction. If your student is supposed to be in school, you have to fill out Qualtrics, even if you are quarantining coming back from a trip. Please let teacher, Mrs. Martin or Dr. Ferrara know on in-person days that you will be virtual. A lot of college kids coming home and are coming from states on the list. If welcoming people into your house who are coming from hot spots, they need to quarantine, the child can come to school unless if visitor has symptoms or Covid. None of cases in Tenafly have been related to school, have been outside cases. Monday, Dr. Ferrara will send out Q & A about traveling.
- e. Early Dismissal - Wed, 11/25 - 12:45pm
 - Conferences are half day dismissal as well. We will send out reminders.
- f. No School - Thurs, 11/26 & Fri, 11/27

3. HSA Updates

Membership Toolkit – 62% registered, 90% of those registered paid their dues. Directory easy to use. Can use app to sync calendar to your phone. 3 different calendar options you can download to your phone: district calendar, HSA Meetings & HAS events.

Volunteer opportunities – Fine Arts, School Supplies & 5th Grade Committee & Yearbook. We would like parents to sign up. If you have any other ideas, let us know.

4. HSA Committee Reports

a. Book Fair - Weeks of 11/30 & 12/7

- Excited about the book fair. 1st virtual book fair. K, 1st & 2nd will be able to create wish list for books they want to read & purchase. Teachers will help guide students to find reading level.
- Older grades will purchase books during school virtually. Parents can put money in ewallet. Books shipped free to home.
- Theme week - will be working with Mrs. Herbst. Try to get students excited. 25% of sales will get put back to our school.
- Teachers still doing wish list so parents can donate books. We have extra scholastic dollars to put towards getting materials for the teachers.
- Can parents order books separately from students so can buy gifts for children? They believe there will be a way for parents to purchase books separate of their children buying books.

b. Teacher Appreciation

- Have conferences coming up and as a small token of appreciation we want to make sure they have individually wrapped lunches that HSA took care of for teachers to have on conference days.

c. 5th Grade Yearbook

- Cheryl Shuster sent email out to all 5th grade parents. Yearbook cover contest due Dec 11. She will be sending out reminders to send in specific photos for your child.

d. Scrip Gift Card Program - www.shopwithscrip.com (Maugham code: A38B14846L945)

- There will be no selling of gift cards at this time. In order to participate, you need to create an account on Shop with Scrip website. Then download the RaiseRight app to purchase gift cards. Gift cards can be sent directly to you or

as e-gift cards. Other family members or friends can use our code to help raise money for our school.

e. Box Tops Program

- We are not raising as much money with this program now that we don't collect physical gift cards. Please download app and scan in receipts to raise money for our school. You have up to 14 days to scan in receipts.

5. Upcoming Events & Reminders

a. Register for MTK & please support HSA by paying dues

b. Tenafly's Got Talent:

i. Auditions due Wed, 12/2 (grades K-12)

- Encourage your kids to do this

ii. Aired on Sat, 12/23 at 7pm on Channel 77 (THS-TV)

c. Regional Community Mobile COVID-19 Testing - Tues 11/24

- In Paramus

d. Tenafly H.S. Tutoring Club - Zoom every Tuesday 3:30-5pm

- You can sign up for this if interested.

e. Kindergarten Registration for Maugham School on 1/26-28

- This year registration will only be done electronically. If you forget to do it on those days, there will be make up day in March. Will include info in eNews.

6. Questions, Comments, Concerns...

- Since not bringing in lunch for teachers, can we still make a donation? – yes, please let us know.
- Likewear orders have been shipped
- Teacher of year committee met today and will share results next Monday.
- Mrs. Brown spoke, As teachers we so appreciate the support you give us and how much we appreciate you support us. Like how we are trying to keep things “normal.”

7. Next HSA Meeting: Thursday, Dec 17th

Have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving!