

HSA Meeting Agenda for Thursday, September 14, 2017

1. Kindergarten Meeting 7 PM

Principal Ferrara – Welcome to new Kindergarten parents. 8 days into school. Kindergarteners already know the building. Feel comfortable and settled. Visited all the classrooms and read to all the K-2 grades. Is your Buffalo ready for Kindergarten / Dragons Love Tacos.

Monday Back to School Night – Sept 18th. Parents can ask questions, hear presentations, curriculum, see classrooms, see lockers and class seats. Principal will talk to parents that night about school year and focus on technology at Maugham. Have chrome books in all classrooms except K. Knows all the Kindergarten first names.

First full day Monday September 18th for Kindergarten. Have routines and visited all specials.

5th Graders – buddy program with Kindergarteners. 5th Graders read to K classes and by end of year, K read to 5th graders.

Parents welcome to ask questions and learn about the HSA activities and ways to get involved. New ideas welcome. Making Maugham even more outstanding.

Susan Carlin – Welcome. Introduced HSA Executive Board.

Showed video about Maugham. Be a volunteer. Join a HSA committee. Always ways to get involved, even if working parent.

Q&A Session. None

Make sure all K Parents getting E News. Biweekly information for school. Reminders for sign up and event dates.

Sign up for MobileArq and directory. www.maughamhsa.com

Sign up for Honeywell. Reminder for back to school night coming next week. 3-5 grades 7-7:45. Then presentation by Principal Ferrara. Then K-2 grades can go to classrooms.

Buses – rainbow transportation paid for by parents. Mrs. Gross in charge for bus transportation

2. 7:30 Regular HSA Meeting Welcome

Welcome. Monthly meetings. Very informative. Updates from Principal Ferrara. Great way to get to know other parents in school.

3. Introduction of the Executive Board Members
 - a. Co-Presidents: Susan Carlin, Michele Goldberg, Cheryl Shuster (new) and Dara Wasserlauf (new)
 - b. Co-Treasurers: Natalya Michaels and Kate Williams (new)
 - c. Co-Secretaries: Christine Chun (new) and Lauren Dayton

4. Introduction of the Faculty Representatives (Ann Brown and Cullen Winfield)

Joined by faculty representatives Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Winfield. Glad to be back. Everyone is getting used to new routines. Teachers here before school started and got classrooms ready. Appreciated the flowers and new bench for Jim Byrne outside school. Teachers get a “new job” every year and teachers appreciate everything the HSA does for the school.

First assembly tomorrow. Astronaut assembly. Taking off to outer space.

One big community. Give to the children and to each other. Appreciate the HSA and the parents for our community.

5. Principal’s Report

- a. Great start to the new school year!

- b. Pickup / Drop-off reminders

If someone new is picking up, please notify teacher and Mrs. Walsh. I.e. babysitter, playdate. Let the office know. Teachers typically do not check emails at the end of the day, so call Mrs. Walsh.

Share our pick up / drop off rules for Maugham with new people.

- c. 5th Grade Buffet Lunch Fundraiser

Fundraiser a huge success. Third year doing this for the kids. To get an opportunity to try the school lunch options.

Fall lunch starts Monday through December. If any child is consistently not eating the lunch on a particular day, the lunch aides will tell teachers to inform the parents.

- d. PARCC testing

Some parents were able to view PARCC scores when logged onto Genesis. Accurate PARCC scores. 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. NJ Assessment in reading, writing and math skills in April.

Scores by itself does not necessarily mean much. Waiting from NJ state what the scores mean by broken down skills in each subject. Full detailed in literacy and mathematics.

NJ Ask Scores. Just got a list of the scores. Maugham always does well.

Maugham does not teach to a test here. Teachers expose children to both testing concepts and other learning. Maugham does not send home practice tests, but will have some review on computer and familiarity with test format.

Chrome books in every classroom now, which clears up the library during testing days. Can do less time testing.

PARCC scores by end of the month. NJ Ask scores as well. Can chat with teachers and principal.

- e. Back to School Night will be on Monday, September 18th. Schedule as follows:
 - 7:00 PM - 7:40 PM (3rd, 4th & 5th grade classroom visitations)
 - 7:45 PM - 8:15 PM Welcome Address by Principal Ferrara in the auditorium)
 - 8:20 PM - 9:00 PM (K, 1st & 2nd grade classroom visitations)

Good opportunity to learn about classrooms generally. Individual conferences will be arranged through Sign Up Genius. HSA / classroom parents get first dibs for individual conferences.
 - f. Kindergarteners begin full days of school on Monday, September 18th (3:05pm dismissal)
Kindergarten students are ready. Will have recess on that day. Have late lunch 12:20-1:05. Half lunch/ half recess. Join the first graders. If weather is nice, K will get extra recess.
Help open the containers and know lunch will take longer for K to eat.
Dismissal is 3:05 before the rush of all the older grades.
 - g. School Portraits will be taken on Wednesday, October 4th
New company this year. Will be online. Once you got the photo taken, can see the picture on different backgrounds and select the one you like. Digital options.
6. HSA Committee Reports
- a. Clubs Committee (co-chairs: Serena Chai, Susan Scherman, Joanne Surick)
Susan – reminder after school club registration closes tomorrow 9 PM. Please register kids for clubs. Great enrichment opportunity and meet other children in grades and across the grades. Fundraiser for Maugham. Offering nearly 30 clubs. 3:15-4:15. Pick up promptly at 4:15. Clubs will begin Sept 26th. Schedule

on Maugham HSA website. Friday 3:10 table set up to collect cash payments for clubs. Please bring collect cash or checks. Made out to Maugham HSA.

Club pickup will be in front of school near main entrance. Release children to their parent/caregiver.

Have two Maugham faculty which are at the school during clubs.

If racing the clock, can register for after school SAC or friend pick up. Let the club coordinator know.

Can only go to SACC if pre-registered for SACC. Cannot do it that day.

If you pick up after 4:15, will be taken out of the club without refund.

Clubs confirmation will be finalized by next week for the parents/ caregivers.

If you paid by cash/check, and don't get your choice, then can get second choice.

If you registered online and it let you in at that time, should be into the club.

Kindergartners will be picked up at the classrooms and brought to the clubs.

- b. Lunch Committee (co-chairs: Stephanie Cohn, Angela Hitchcock, Daryn Katz, Alia Koch, Cathy Levine)

Daryn Katz–

Monday September 18th – fall lunch starts. Ice cream will start Friday Sept 29th.

Oct 2-3 will be change order period and deadline to make changes for lunch.

Oct 4th – cash collection change period – outside table on front lawn. Bring exact change or check.

Oct 10- new lunch changes will be in place.

Volunteers for serving lunch – appreciate the help and want to make sure everyone has the opportunity to do so.

- c. Fall Event (co-chairs: Alissa Epstein, Jill Gabay, Karen Krassman) – Save the date: Saturday, October 14th (2pm-5pm at the Maugham playground)

Free event

Rain or shine. If rain, Tenafly middle schools.

Snacks, games, music, crafts

- d. Hospitality for Orchestra Concerts is still in need of a chairperson

If you have a child in the orchestra, please consider.

Christine – former chairperson. Two year term.

Holiday concert, spring concert, junior orchestra, 2nd grade violin concert.

Requiring coordination for Refreshments and flowers.

- e. PASET (Parent Association for Special Education in Tenafly) is still in need of a representative
Principal – PASET meets twice a month. Usually PASET meets twice a month. Usually at Tenafly diner. Opportunity to talk about challenges, resources available and meet PASET coordinator. Parents of all different grade levels and then meet again by school level.
7. Next HSA meeting will be held on Thursday, October 19th at 2pm.
 8. Questions/Comments/Concerns