

Lower School Parent Association Meeting
November 9, 2017

Welcome & Introductions: Regan La Testa, LSPA Chair
Janine Stewart, LSPA Vice Chair

Regan-

- Suggested a great book for parents to read: *Daring Greatly: How the courage to be vulnerable transforms the way we live, love, parent, and lead*; by Brene Brown.

Director of Parent Relations: Ann Fleming

Guest Speakers: Barbara Robins, Head of Lower School
Nancy Fleury, Associate Head of Lower School
Malika DeLancey, Associate Head of Lower School
Randi Hyatt, MPA President

Barbara-

- Last week was very busy. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the week run as smoothly as it did. Halloween, Spirit week, stuff a bus, bakesale, etc.
- Blankets of Hope Chapel this week
- Visit Day- November 18
- Report Cards- November 20
- Grandparents Day- November 21- Flexible dismissal day-children can leave early or may stay until the end of the day.
- Professional Development Day- Monday, November 27th
- Celebrate Peace- December 21st
- Yogurt has debuted in the dining hall and it has been a big hit- still

Nancy-

- Rights Week- Using History for now, women's rights, animal rights, etc.- what it means for a group to have rights and what it means to respect those rights. Children being introduced to various groups who have advocated for their rights.
- Learning for Living theme "Developing Empathy" dovetails nicely with Rights Week.

Randi Hyatt, MPA President-

- Thank you for all you do!
- Reminders: New York Trip November 15th open to all who may be interested.
- All-School Survey before winter break- want feedback about volunteerism and how it has changed. Please take part. We value your feedback.

All School Committees:

Parenting Education: Stacey Mannes, Chair

- Parenting education: November 16 @ 7pm Lyceum
- November 27 @7pm Lyceum- Alex Meyers- Understanding Gender Identity

Lower School Committees:

Faculty Free Fridays: Nina Basu & Cristina Ginsburg, Co-Chairs

- Still need December volunteers!

Original Works: Jen Borz, Chair

Bake Sale: Cindy Emerson

- Raised \$248.00. Parents often forget to send their child to school with money for the bake sales. Last week was such a busy week. We are brainstorming about ways to remind families to send in a dollar. Perhaps IOUs issued at the tables. Room parents may start a prepay policy.
- Next bake sale is before Valentine's Day. May send reminder email to parents to help remind them to send their child to school with money for the bake sale.

Teacher Appreciation: Yune Meyer, Chair

- Friday, December 8 in the Kelley Center- Sign-up coming in email soon. Please sign up to contribute items to for the Teacher Appreciation Breakfast.

Box Tops/Giant Rewards: Christine Tamaddon

- First boxtops submission this year was about \$97 in addition to hold over boxtops from last year of about \$100. A parent suggests a cut and paste sheet that will help families to keep track of and to send in the box tops they collect. Another parent suggests a competition between grades. A reminder to send in boxtops will be added to parent news.
- Amazon Smile- a long procedure to establish our school as a participating school with Amazon Prime, but the business office is still pursuing it.

Charleston Wrap update; Deliveries to school will be ready for pickup on 11/21.

Upcoming Events:

- **November 16 at 7 p.m.:** Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age (Klein Lyceum)
- **November 21:** Grandparents' Day
- **November 27 at 7 p.m.:** Alex Meyers: Understanding Gender Identity and Expression (Klein Lyceum)
- **December 1** Faculty Free Friday

Next Meeting December 7, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in Mullan Board Room