



# Friends School Mullica Hill Parent Association Notes 2011-12

October 3, 2011

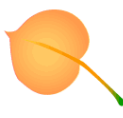
Next PA Meeting: October 18th at 7pm in the Library

## The FALL FESTIVAL

*was a huge success!!* We hope all students, parents and guests had a wonderful time. The PA is busy calculating the numbers, but the results look great so far; well over \$10,000.00! Thank you to all the parent volunteers and donors that made this event possible, and please be sure to patronize all the incredible vendors that donated.



Adelphia Restaurant - Deptford  
The Arc Specialty Bakery - Sewell  
BluePlate Restaurant- Mullica Hill  
Botto's Italian Line Restaurant - Swedesboro  
The Candy Box - Pitman  
Classic Cake - Sewell  
Country Sweet's Bake Shoppe - Woodbury  
Crescent Moon - Mullica Hill  
Dunkin Donuts - Sewell and Williamstown  
Filamena's Lakeview - Deptford  
Harrison House - Mullica Hill  
Heritage Station - Richwood  
Hollywood Diner - Woodbury Heights  
Mandarin Oriental Restaurant Group  
My Favorite Muffin - Sicklerville  
Natural Harvest Food Market - Mullica Hill  
Peters Diner - Williamstown  
Pitman Bakery - Pitman  
Sweetsboro Pastry Shop - Swedesboro  
Target - Sewell  
Village Bagels - Mullica Hill  
Walgreens - Williamstown  
Zallies Shop Rite - Gibbstown, Glassboro,  
West Deptford, Sicklerville, Williamstown



Don't forget to save items for the **Rummage Sale** in May. Collection dates for children & adult's clothing, household items and more will be posted soon!

mixedbag  
designs

Our next big fundraiser is **Mixed Bag**. These exciting products are available for purchase now through October 17, 2011. There are a variety of bags, totes, and pouch sets available for purchase, and the best part is that the PA will make a 50% profit on all items sold. All products are made from recycled



materials and tested for safety and quality. One featured product, "Foodies" eliminates the use of plastic bags and can be washed for continuous use. Be sure to look for the magazine



and order form in your child's backpack today!



Did you know...**MANDARIN RESTAURANT GROUP** is now a part of Script. They offer the finest in Chinese and Japanese Cuisine with 6 locations to serve you. See Lori Rowe or Maddie Kropp for cards.

**Script Orders Due:** October 14th, 2011

**Script Delivery:** October 21th, 2011

Also, **Unique Image Photography** has extended the Double Dollar Fundraising Certificate to Oct.14th.

**1st PA Meeting Minutes - - September 13, 2011 at 7:00pm - page 1****Meeting opening: Welcome and moment of silence.****Introduction of all individuals in attendance including PA members and FSMH staff.**

- Individuals in attendance were listed as they signed in on the attendance sheet.

**Discuss the PA's Goals for the school year 2011-2012**

- Lori Rowe: Our primary goal is to raise money for the PA while providing a fun and educational experience for our children. To increase funding means an even better educational environment for students and teachers alike. All parents are welcome to participate and encouraged to get involved in PA activities and fundraisers.
- Our next goal is to find better ways to communicate PA activities. For this reason a PA newsletter was created. We will have additional information on the Parents Association web page that is linked to the FSMH website.
- The PA secretary, Denise Pastino, will work with the new FSMH Communication Manager, Erica Salmon, to publish PA newsletters and PA web pages to help keep everyone informed of PA activities.
- Maddie Kropp has been designated the PA Liaison to the school.
- To better demonstrate how PA donation dollars are used, we plan to have a section called "PA \$\$'s at Work". This is where parents can find out how much money has been donated and where and how those dollars are spent.

**Discussion of fundraisers and PA events**

- A listing of current fundraisers and events were included on the September 19th newsletter and will be included on all future web pages. Any changes will be communicated as soon as possible.
- Our next big event is the Fall Festival is October 1st, 2011 from 10:00 to 4:00pm. Next is the school Auction on May 4th, 2012. Lesli Alexis is leading the Auction committee.
- Forms have already been distributed to all parents requesting donations of drinks (by grade level) and baked goods for the Fall Festival. Donations are also needed in the form of books and prize table items. Bring these items to the Salem Building. Monetary donations are also welcome to help defray the cost of goods and materials needed for that day.

**2011-'12 School & Fundraising Events**

**Back to school night, Middle** - 9/29 @7pm  
**Fall Festival** - Oct 1st , 10:00am to 4:00pm  
**Mullica Hill 2nd Saturday** - Oct 8th, Nov 12th  
**Dinner with Bruce, PK to 1st** - Oct 19 @ 6  
**Dinner with Bruce, 2nd to 5th** - Oct 25 @ 6  
**Dinner with Bruce, 6th to 8th** - Oct 27 @ 6  
**Board Game Night** - Nov 15th, 6:00 to 7:30pm  
**Thanksgiving Day Feast** - Nov 18th  
**Movie Night** - January 13, 2012  
**Yoga and Healthy Eating** - February 9, 2012  
**Carnival in Venice** - February 2012, TBD  
**Movie Night** - March 5, 2012  
**Spring Auction** - May 4, 2012  
**Toscana Fundraiser** - TBD, April 2012  
**Grandparents Day** - May 11, 2012  
**Rummage Sale/ Car Wash** - May 19, 2012  
**Barnes & Noble Night** - June 6, 2012  
**Field Day** - June 8, 2012  
**2nd Saturday 5K Run/ walk** - June 2012

- Leslie Alexis: This years Auction will be held at the Mansion in Voorhees. Committee members and volunteers are still needed to help make this a fabulous event. The theme for this years Auction is "Planting Roots and Growing Dreams". We are also looking for presenting sponsors that will be identified on all advertisements about the auction. If anyone knows of a business, group, or organization that would like to be a presenting sponsor, please have them contact me. We are also looking into applying for grant money that is available. More information will be provided about that.
- Our newest fundraiser will be Mixed Bag with orders due October 17th. Also, the Magazine and Script sales are ongoing, along with Target card links, and the TD Bank Affinity program. Our goal is to get the word out about these various fundraisers. These cost nothing to the individual, but benefit the school greatly because the vendors donate to the PA directly. We will explain these fundraisers in future newsletters.

**Attendance**

Lori Rowe  
 Denise Pastino  
 Valerie Aglialoro  
 Sara L Sickler  
 Gloria Kro-piewnicki  
 Patty Sanderson  
 Beth Reaves  
 Andrea Brosky  
 Eunice Englehart  
 Bruce Haines  
 Linda Wolfe  
 Barbara Pulliam  
 Lesli Alexis  
 Traci Furlong  
 Stacey Johnson

**1st PA Meeting Minutes- - September 13, 2011 at 7:00pm - page 2****Discussion of fundraisers and PA events - continued**

- Discounted tickets will be available for purchase prior to the Fall Festival. There will also be coupons placed in the surrounding community, offering 5 free tickets upon entry. This coupon was created to promote outside visitors to come to the festival.
- There will be a limited number of commonly used script cards, available for purchase with Maddie Kropp. Cash will not be accepted, but you can leave a check made out to "Friends PA", for the purchase of cards. In addition a representative will be available most Fridays, at pick up, to sell script cards. Cards will also be available for purchase as the Fall Festival Harvest Shop.
- Barb Pulliam has volunteered as Enrichment Coordinator. If anyone has any ideas they'd like to share, please give Barb their ideas and all suggestions will be compiled and presented to the FSMH. The Administration will determine if the ideas are appropriate and can be adopted.
- In an attempt to have greater exposure in the surrounding community, FSMH and the PA will begin working with the local township during 2nd Saturdays. The goal is to make people aware of our school and what it has to offer. We will take part in the 5K Run /1 mile walk event in June.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

- Leslie Alexis: A form letter was distributed to establish grade room representatives. These grade room reps act as liaison's between the PA and parent volunteers, and they will communicate information about the PA. A room rep meeting is planned for Tuesday, September 27th at 3:00pm.
- The PA is in need of Volunteers at the Fall Festival to work at the various tables and games. Volunteers are needed both Friday, for set up, Saturday during the festival, and Saturday evening for clean up. To better organize how volunteers can contribute, a poster will be created to designate areas of need.
- As of this meeting 5 Coordinators are needed for Concessions, Arts and Crafts Table, Games, and Prize Table. Additional volunteers are also needed to help share responsibility and make it fun for everyone.
- Leslie Alexis: Auction volunteers are also needed. These include a class project assistant by grade, a Calendar Coordinator, a person to coordinate the Auction décor and baskets (based on this years theme) and Steering Committee members. The Steering Committee will launch the marketing campaign, raise funds, and promote the donation of goods.
- Barb Pulliam: The Rummage Sale/ Car Wash will be help on May 19, 2012. Everyone is asked to hold on to children's clothing and items for donation. Collection dates will be published shortly. Last years sale made almost \$1,000.00.

**New Business, Comments and Questions**

- New PA Mailboxes are in the main office Salem Building and in the teacher's room in the Hanshi Building. Just leave any PA correspondence with FSMH staff and it will be placed in the PA mailboxes.
- Sara Sickler: Suggested that we improve communication about our Fundraisers, and various events. Another suggestion was that we describe if events include children and the age appropriateness.
- Teacher Patti thanked the PA and parent volunteers that worked on the Back to School Picnic. She also thanked the PA for the money used to purchase the various new technology.
- The Head of School, Teacher Bruce, wanted to thank every parent that helps makes a difference in our school. He complimented on how this creates a wonderful sense of community for our children.

**The 2011-2012 Fundraisers and Reps**

**Mixed Bags** - order due October 17, see Lori Rowe

**Fruit Sale** - orders due, see Lori Rowe

**Spirit Gear Sales** - ongoing sales, Linda Halligan & Christina Cometz

**Script Sales** - Lori Rowe or Maddie Kropp for cards. Shop on line at [www.shopwithscript.com](http://www.shopwithscript.com), type in Enrollment code 2534A47112841

**Magazine Sales** - ongoing, Carol Buck

**Campbells** - ongoing, Pamela Becker

**Box Tops for Education** - ongoing, Pamela Becker

**Flower Sale** - T. Nancy & T. Carol, TBD

**Target Card** - ongoing, ask a Target cashier to link your card or call 800-659-2396 or go to [Target.com/redcard](http://Target.com/redcard)

**TD Bank Affinity Program** - ongoing, just give Lori Rowe your name and address and TD will donate a % of the average balance to FSMH PA