



East Hills Middle School
Charger News

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Dates to Remember...



May

- 5/2 Parent Association Meeting at 9:30 am
- 5/4 Cabaret Talent Show
- 5/9 Staff Appreciation Lunch
- 5/15 Primary Elections (Teacher Flex Inservice / **School Closed**)
- 5/18 8th Grade Farewell Dance
- 5/28 Memorial Day Holiday **School Closed**
- 5/31 Middle School Track Meet

June

- 6/4 8th grade Awards Banquet
- 6/8 Last Day of School (11:30 Dismissal)

President's Message

As we come to the end of the 2017-2018 school year, I would like to thank everyone that participated in making it a successful and fun year for the students and staff at East Hills. It takes many hands to accomplish the numerous events that the parent association sponsors throughout the year. Thank you to **Leah Hirschbeck** for tackling the Charger Challenge in October, **Lilly Gaydos** and **Diane Mitchell** for coordinating our two book fairs, and **Soma Roy** for creating our informative newsletters throughout the year as well as making sure we had plenty of volunteers to help guide parents and visitors during the BASD Education Week in October. Thank you also to **Wendy Simpson**, **Joanne Endrick**, and **Jen Woolley** for attending the PAC meetings throughout the school year and providing updates for membership, as well as a special thank you to **Keri Kullman**, for coordinating snacks and baked goods donations for all the school dances that the students love to attend.

Additionally, I appreciate all the hard work and support of the executive board throughout the year. Thank you **Alison Piripavel** for the thorough meeting minutes she provided monthly, as well as sending out various emails and reminders to keep everyone up to date on school events throughout the year. Thank you **Lisa Kemp** for your diligent and conscientious work on creating and maintaining our annual budget and paying our bills in a timely fashion. Thank you **Leah Hirschbeck** for supporting me in the Vice President role, and **Lilly Gaydos** for maintaining our membership records.

Lastly, thank you to **all the families and friends of East Hills**, for supporting our Charger Challenge with both your monetary donations and volunteering your time to make it a successful event. Thanks to everyone who supported the school dances with donations of baked goods and snacks, and volunteered during Education Week, Staff Appreciation, the 8th grade awards banquet, representing EHPA at the 50th anniversary celebration & selling wristbands. We were able to accomplish many things thanks to the support of our membership.

To the students and families that are leaving our East Hills family and moving up to high school, we wish you well. We are sorry to see you go, but wish you an exciting adventure as you begin this new chapter of your life. I wish everyone a wonderful and relaxing summer, and look forward to working with you again in the 2018-2019 school year.

Happy Summer!
Debra Suleiman

Annual Staff Appreciation Lunch

The Staff Appreciation lunch is coming up on Wednesday, May 9th. We are in need of baked goods, decorations and flowers. If you can help, please let me know: keri.kullman@gmail.com. Thank you for all of your donations this school year! I will be sending a sign up genius as well.

Keri Kullman
Hospitality
keri.kullman@gmail.com



Reminder

Don't forget to renew your East Hills Parent Association membership next school year. Membership is free but it must be renewed every year. Look for the membership form in the summer newsletter which will be mailed to every East Hills family in August. Complete the form and send it to school with your child or drop it off in the office to continue your membership. Don't forget to tell your friends to join too!

Yahoo Email: contactehpa@yahoo.com

Twitter: @EastHillsMSbasd

Facebook: www.facebook.com/EastHillsmsbasd



East Hills Parent Association

Executive Board 2017-2018

Executive Board:

President – Debra Suleiman

Vice President – Lilly Gaydos

Secretary – Alison Piripavel



Treasurer – Daria Hill

Membership/Newsletter Coordinator – Deb Yocum

Committee Chairs:

Book Fair – Teri Feldman and Brie Chambers

PAC - Joanne Endrick, Wendy Simpson, Jen Woolley

Hospitality – Lisa Kemp

EHPA Meeting Dates for 2018 – 2019

Our monthly meetings will continue to be the first Wednesday of every month. Since our morning meetings are the most well attended, all meetings will be at 9:30 am. We will have one evening meeting when Dr. Roy visits which will replace one of the dates below; however, that date has not yet been determined.

2018

September 5th, October 3rd, November 7th and December 5th

2019

January 9th, February 6th, March 6th, April 3rd and May 1st

REMINDER: Volunteer Clearances

If you plan on volunteering at any BASD school including East Hills, you will need to complete your clearances as mandated by the State of PA. The Volunteer Clearance Procedures can be found on the East Hills Parent Association Website as well as the BASD website. The PA typically has volunteers work at Book Fair, Charger Challenge, American Education Week, Award's Reception, Farewell Dance ticket sales, and Staff Appreciation breakfast. However, there are many other school or parents groups such as band, theatre, etc. that will require these same background checks.

All volunteers must have their clearance results, volunteer application, and driver's license brought to the **specific school office PRIOR to the event** you will be volunteering at. Parents CANNOT bring this information to the school the same day they are scheduled to volunteer.

The *PA Criminal Background Check* and the *PA Child Abuse Clearance Check* can be done on line, are approved quickly, and are FREE. If you have not lived in PA for the last 10 years, you will need to complete the FBI Criminal Background Check which will cost \$28.75 and will take longer to approve.

Thank you in advance for proactively completing these clearances that will allow you to volunteer at East Hills and in other BASD schools.



**Parent Advisory Committee
Minutes
February 8, 2018, 7:00pm
Monocacy Room, Education Center**

I. Call to Order

II. Introductions

III. Approve minutes from February meeting

First - Amy Wuertele

Second - Sue Testa

IV. Framework for Citizenship

Some changes have been made to the Code of Conduct as in trying to make it apply to all students from grade K-12. Focus groups containing middle/high school reps are being organized to review the material in the Code of Conduct and offer feedback.

Leader In Me has been established in the elementary schools and The Lead Program is currently being practiced at Nitschmann Middle School while other middle school are in training. The Code of Conduct will be designed to think of the student when applying discipline and building the framework where the same expectations are for every student.

We went over the application of Restorative Practices/Restorative Justice between students, teachers and principals. This is an idea that will be brought to the School Board in May. These practices/justices are a good way for students to think about how their actions affect others around them.

There are 5 practical applications of Restorative Practices.

1. Social Discipline Window: RP suggests working with the student and families instead of permissive responses to be more successful outcomes.
2. Affective Statements/Questions: Getting students to express themselves and communicate how they feel.
3. Fair Process : Has been effective in business organizations
4. Circles : To foster relationships with participating students.
5. Restorative Conference: A structured meeting in a circle with the offender and victim along with their family and friends.

V. Elementary Specialist Update

Starting the 2018-19 school year the 5 related art classes will be : Art, Music, Physical Education, Digital Literacy, and Spanish.

Libraries have evolved from a place to borrow books to innovation hubs for students and teachers. Digital Literacy will engage students' creativity, critical thinking, technology literacy and informative literacy.

Spanish in the elementary schools will expose students to the language and cultures of our Spanish families. Lessons will be complimentary to the topics taught in the regular classroom. The BASD's goal is to expand the global awareness of students and help integrate easier to middle and high school.

*"May your heart be light and
Happy, may your smile be big
And wide, and may your pockets
Always have a coin or two inside!
Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!!!!!"*

Next PAC Meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 22nd @ 7:00pm in the Monocacy Room at the Education Center

Book Fair

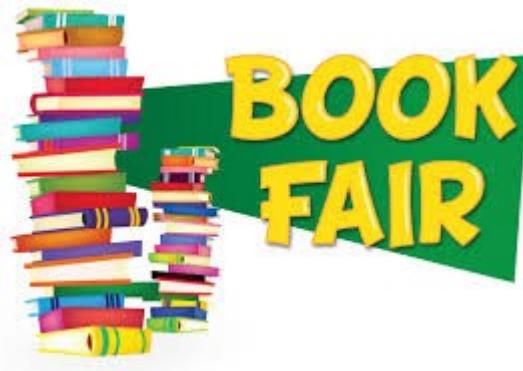
Thank you to everyone at East Hills Middle School who purchased books and made the Spring Book Fair a success. As a result, our school will receive approximately \$1,400.00 in Scholastic Dollars to spend on books and/or educational items for the school.

Once again we had a Free Book Contest and a Poster Contest. During the Book Fair, a student from each class won a free book of their choice while other students had the opportunity to win a free poster. Overall, we gave away close to \$300 in free books to students. We were even able to provide some teachers with almost \$200 in free books to use in their classrooms.

A special THANK YOU to all of the great moms for volunteering their time to help at the Book Fair. We couldn't do it without you!

Lilly Gaydos
Diane Mitchell

Book Fair Chairs



The Charger CHANNEL News

Mr. Horvath started an exciting new venture at East Hills: The Charger Channel News program. Team Cruise in 8th grade took over the production with the assistance of the phenomenal tech expertise of Mrs. Collazo. Team Cruise works with Ms. Rodriguez to gather the news and write the script. A student producer/director takes the script and makes decisions regarding the filming of the program on a weekly basis. East Hills news and updates are collected on Monday and Tuesday; the script is written on Wednesday; it is handed over to the rotating anchors and sportscasters late Wednesday to practice; finally, filming is completed by student videographers on Thursday mornings. Mrs. Collazo takes the film and edits the scenes, including extras that special news correspondents from Team Cruise work on throughout the week. Those interviews with staff and students and commercials for events are added to the program.

The Charger Channel News is on the East Hills website on Friday afternoons. Previous episodes are archived.



Please subscribe to the EHMS Charger Channel on YouTube, by clicking the link below and then clicking the red subscribe button. The Charger Channel is updated every Friday with the latest and greatest news, and will keep you updated on all the great events and happenings at our school. If you like to be in the know, go click this link <http://www.youtube.com/c/EastHillsChargerChannel> and share with all your EHMS friends and family.

Please note, you must be logged in to a YouTube or Gmail account for this to work.



EAST HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

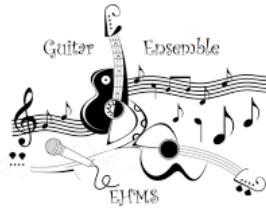


Charger Arts Night

*Join us in our celebration of student work in Art, Music, and
World Languages.*

Tuesday May 8, 2018

6:00-7:30 p.m.



Report from Mr. Quelet, Mrs. Dutt and Mrs. Collazo:

- May 4 is the EHMS Cabaret Talent Show, 6:30 p.m. in the EHMS Auditorium. We had a large number of students audition, and this promises to be a great show this year.
- May 16 is the Guitar Ensemble, 6th grade Chorus, Charger Records Band, and EHMS Dance Club spring concert, 7 p.m. in the EHMS Auditorium.
- May 25 Guitar Ensemble is scheduled to perform at Spring Garden Elementary School.
- The Charger Records original songwriting and recording program continues to grow. Please contact Mr. Quelet if you have interest or need more information. A sample song file is available.

You can be a **star** at the East Hills Middle School

Cabaret

A Celebration of Multicultural Talent

May 4, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

East Hills Middle School Auditorium

Tickets: \$5.00

PERFORMERS NEEDED!

Want to Audition?

Get More Information & Sign Up Outside of Room 140.

Proceeds will go to EHMS
Guitar Ensemble, Sixth Grade Chorus & School Music Technology

For More Information See/E-mail: Mr. Quelet, Mrs. Dutt or Mrs. Collazo Matos

See Mrs. Collazo Matos - Room 159 for Pre Sale Tickets

**2018 8th Grade Farewell Dance
HOLLYWOOD NIGHTS**



This exciting and fun semi-formal night to celebrate our 8th graders will be on Friday, May 18th from 6-8:30 pm. Tickets cost \$8.00 and will be available for purchase during lunch the week before the dance. Students will enjoy an evening of music, food, and friends.

We are looking for parent volunteers to:

- Sell dance tickets during lunch
- Assist in dance set-up
- Assist in dance clean-up

Any questions can be directed to Ms. Merrill.

Email – amerrill@basdschools.org

Have an AWesome Summer!

