

**Thompson Middle School
PFA Meeting**

November 14, 2016

Call to order: 9:20 am

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Principal's report

November Students of the Month

Grade 6 Carly Jones

Grade 7 Logan Patterson

Grade 8 Molly Buthorn

Granny's Attic

A big thank you to Libby Roberge and Trish Welch for their extensive work on our fundraiser Granny's Attic.

Family ID – Sports Paperwork

Please get your Family ID paper work in as soon as possible for winter sports. There is a link on our website to all necessary information.

Kortney Rose Foundation

Thomson Middle school is a top 3 school, raising over \$800. Kortney Rose Foundation was created by the parents of Kortney Rose who lost her battle with childhood cancer. Thank you to all for contributing.

PARCC

New Jersey is one of very few states that uses a "4" as "meeting the standard". Many states use "3" as meeting the standard. That being said, Thompson students did very well. Please note that Algebra I students took an Algebra I PARCC and are not included in the numbers for 8th grade math.

PARCC dates for 2017

Language arts May 1,2,3

Math May 8,9,10

Science TBD (administered to 4th & 8th graders by NJ ASK)

Please note these dates are tentative due to weather closings over the winter.

President's report

The benches in the front of the school look very nice and inviting. Thompson Middle School has a Facebook page. Please follow and like the page at your earliest convenience. Pictures and events can be viewed on our Facebook page. On Wednesday, November 23, 2016, the PFA will be hosting a holiday breakfast for the staff before school. It is a nice way to kick off the holidays.

Granny's Attic

Libby Roberge spoke about Granny's Attic this coming weekend. The event takes place on Saturday, November 19, 2016 9am-4pm. Thank you to all who have signed up to volunteer. We are all looking forward to a fabulous day.

Carol Farina – Safe Schools Committee

Carol Farina spoke about "Safe Schools". The BOE website outlines what "HIB" is and ways to prevent and deal with "HIB". We need to remind our children that people can take pictures and videos of them at any time as every cell phone has this feature. Middletown school "building use guidelines" have changed in that if any meeting has over 100 "attendees", a security person must be hired. All doors will remain locked at all times except for the following events: Granny's Attic and Back to school night. John McGuire has completed "drill procedures" with Thompson teachers and staff. He is currently working with paras and custodians and will have training completed shortly. Thompson Middle school has 80 video cameras throughout the school. The cameras are very clear and are located in all common areas, entrances and exits.

Treasurer's report

Please contact Melissa Orlando @ mesoto1237@aol.com if you have any questions concerning the treasurer's report.

Corresponding Secretary

No report

Meeting Adjourned 9:50am

Dates to remember:

November 19	Granny's Attic
November 23	Early Dismissal
November 24 & 25	Thanksgiving Break

No *PFA* Meeting in December