

**Thompson Middle School
PFA Meeting**

May 9, 2016

Call to order: 9:20 am

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Principal's report

Mr. Kirkpatrick announced the students of the month. He read a very nice biography of the student, presented them with a plaque and photos were taken. The students of the month respectively are:

May 2016

6th grade – Ryan St. Clair

7th grade – Jolene Gianone

8th grade – Danny DeCrescenzo

June 2016

6th grade – Allison Hesse

7th grade – Victoria Povall

8th grade – Laura Futamura

Mrs. Stolte was happy to report that the registration forms for all athletics would now be online. You only have to fill out the athletic forms once and have an annual physical for your child. This will stream line the medical clearance process for all. It should be live by the end of June.

Mr. Kirkpatrick thanked our outgoing board members Rosanne Mazza, Lisa Yasuk and Claudia Healey, for their volunteerism and efforts to make our school a better place. He welcomed all of the 5th grade parents and conducted a tour of the school at the end of the board meeting.

The students schedules will be available the end of August and lockers will be assigned the first day of school. Times will post on the school website when students will be able to walk the building with their schedules. A good idea for incoming 6th graders.

PARRC had a statewide problem the first day and a district problem the second day. After the glitches, PARRC administration went smoothly. PARRC make-ups are almost complete.

New hires for the 2016-2017 school year are as follows-

Resource room Science/ Social Studies

Language arts

Special education

Science

Science/Social Studies

Math

The eighth grade promotion ceremony will take place on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 2:30 pm at Middletown High School South. Since the class is so large, the limit for tickets is 4.

The last day of school is June 23, 2016. June 22, 2016 will be the eighth grade breakfast and awards ceremony and June 23, 2016 will be a volleyball day for the eighth graders.

Treasurer's report

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

Corresponding Secretary

President/Vice President reports

Gift cards were given to

Mrs. Stolte for staff person of the year

Mr. Sturgis for support staff person of the year

Mrs. Ragasseo for teacher of the year

Mrs. Kelesidis for the arrival of her baby

Mrs. Ford Student of the Month assistance

Mrs. Felder, our student coordinator, for her assistance in booking the PFA speakers

Internet safety presentation by Monmouth County Prosecutors Office - Detective Rick Bruccoliere
-will be seen by your children on May 23, 2016.

Parents should be aware of the MANY social networking applications such as

meet me	tagged
Webkins	Club Penguin
Instagram	Meerkat
Omegle	You Tube
Facebook	Twitter
Instagram	Snap Chat
Ask.fm	Vine
Musically	Kik
WhatsApp	YiKYak
Secrets	Afterschool
Tumblr	Foursquare

Many online victims are lured in the following manner:

Courting, chat, exchange pictures, telephone conversation, video conference, send gifts, set up a real time meeting – Always away from the child's home usually at a park or a playground.

He encouraged parents to be aware of the sites their children are visiting.

Detective Rick also discussed bullying and how kids can help each other by being a *helpful bystander*. A *harmful bystander* does nothing to assist the victim. A helpful bystander helps the person get up and/or helps

them gather their belongings if he-she were tripped, tells an adult that they witnessed someone being bullied. Encourage the victim to go to a guidance counselor.

Recent legal case: a school was able to sue the bully and his family as the school did everything they were supposed to do to help the victim but the bully still persisted.

Bottom line, talk to your children on a regular basis about internet safety and bullying. They may seem like they are ignoring you, but they do listen.

Meeting Adjourned 11:00 am

Dates to remember:

5/11/16	High Honor Roll Breakfast
5/12/16	Open House for 7th grade students @MHSS
5/18/16	Early dismissal
5/25/16	7th grade trip, Band concert 7pm,NJASK Science Test for 8th grade
5/30/16	school closed
5/31-6/03/16	Book fair
6/01/16	6th grade chorus concert
6/07/16	school closed
6/09/16	8th grade dance @ school
6/10/16	8th grade Pool trip
6/14/16	7th & 8th grade chorus concert
6/15-6/23/16	Early dismissal
6/21/16	8th grade promotion ceremony
6/23/16	Last day of school