

**Thompson Middle School  
PFA Meeting**

**October 10, 2016**

**Call to order:** 7:00 pm

**Welcome**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Principal's report**

**September Students of the Month**

Grade 6 Tyler Smolensky

Grade 7 Shannon Marinich

Grade 8 Sophia Gonzalez

November 4, is the end of the marking period. Transportation issues have been ironed out. At an assembly today, students running for the executive board for Student Council read speeches. Voting will take place later this week. After the speeches, Mrs. Felder ran a positive attitude assembly. (described below)

**Open Houses for 8<sup>th</sup> graders**

Middletown High School South      10/20/16 - 6-8pm

Middletown High School North      11/03/16 – 6-8pm

The open house gives parents and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students the opportunity to see the school and meet with teachers, students and administrators.

Both High Schools offer “Freshman for a Day” programs in the spring. Each student is matched up with a student at the High School and attends classes for ½ a day. Transportation is provided by Thompson. Your child may request to be paired with a sibling, neighbor or friend. If no request is made the school will pair you up with a student.

PARCC data will be discussed at the November PFA meeting.

**President's report**

We currently have 890 families at Thompson Middle school. Of those, 415 families have joined the PFA using “My School Anywhere”, which is accessible on the school’s website.

We are collecting Box Tops for Education. Please save them and send them into school with your child or drop them in the office. We will be using the money we get from this organization to buy items needed by the Activities Council (supports clubs in our school).

Janitor's Day was October 2 and the PFA provided lunch for our hard working Janitorial staff.

School dance is Friday, October 28, 2016 5:00-7:00pm. Volunteers are needed to chaperone. Please contact Gina Deans if you are able to help out. [ggdeans810@gmail.com](mailto:ggdeans810@gmail.com)

## **Granny's Attic**

A wonderful tradition at Thompson Middle School, in its 36<sup>th</sup> year. This is the only fundraiser Thompson Middle School has all year. Libby Polyviou and Trish Welch will be co-chairing this event.

210 vendors, inside is sold out, accepting outside vendors.

Setup is Friday, November 18, 2016 and event is Saturday, November 19, 2016

Young volunteers welcome!

We need a security person day of the event from 6:30 – 9:00 am. Please let Libby or Trish know if you or someone you know can fill this role.

Will be using "Sign Up Genius" for all volunteering positions. On there you will find we need many volunteers such as:

The Bake Shop

Raffle

Door

Baked Goods, Soda and Water

If you can't volunteer your time, please consider donating a requested item. This fundraiser has been so successful in the past because of all the assistance we receive from our wonderful school community. Thank you in advance for your help!

Any questions, please feel free to contact:

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## **Treasurer's report**

Please contact Melissa Orlando @ [mesoto1237@aol.com](mailto:mesoto1237@aol.com) if you have any questions concerning the treasurer's report.

## **Corresponding Secretary**

No report

## **Speaker**

**Mrs. Felder** gave a presentation about HIB, Harassment, Intimidation and bullying. Mrs. Felder runs our Student Assistance Program and will help students with Suicide prevention, Drug and alcohol abuse and HIB issues. She will act as a liaison should your child require outside assistance. In 2011, the Anti Bullying Bill of Rites was created to protect individuals from bullying. This negative behavior can happen anywhere such as the bus, hallway of school, bathroom and on social media. Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying happens when a negative comment is made about a person's race, color, religion, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, disability or any other distinguishing characteristic. The purpose of the presentation was to teach the children

(and the adults) the difference between teasing, conflict and bullying. It also encouraged the children to be an “up stander”. An up stander stands up for someone who is being picked on or bullied.

Scenarios were presented to show the difference.

**Meeting Adjourned** 8:05 pm

**Dates to remember:**

10-12-16	No school
10-19-16	Board of Education meeting – 7:00pm
10-20-16	Snack & Paint(\$15) 2:40-4:00 (ish)
10-24-16	Picture Day
10-26-16	½ day
10-28-16	School Dance 5:00 - 7:00pm Chaperones needed contact Gina Deans

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