

**Thompson Middle School
PFA Meeting**

February 13, 2017

Call to order: 7:00 pm

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Principal's report

We would like to congratulate Mr. Freeman, Thompson Middle School's Teacher of the Year.

An "Early College Academy" presentation will be held on Thursday, February 16, 2017, 6:00pm at Middletown High School North. This is an information session for those interested in graduating high school with an Associates Degree in Arts or Science.

February Students of the Month

6th Grade: Francesca Stella
7th Grade: Robert Generelli
8th Grade: Aidan Kane

President's report

There will be an off premise 8th grade dinner dance on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at Addison Park. All 8th graders should have received an invitation in the mail. Please respond ASAP. If you have any questions, please feel free to email: TMS8THGRADEDANCE@GMAIL.COM

Presenatation

Mrs. Felder invited a representative from the organization "Drug Free NJ". The name of the presentation is "15 minute Child Break", 15 minutes for parents to connect to their children. During this time you may learn things that your child has experienced during the day. You can access information to educate yourself and your children on the danger of drug and alcohol use at the website **drugfreenj.org**. One surprising piece of information from this presentation is the fact the brain isn't fully developed until the age of 25. Exposure to drugs and alcohol affect your brains ability to be aware, sense feelings and make decisions. Below is the mission statement of Drug free NJ.

The mission of the Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey is, simply, to "unsell" drugs to the people of New Jersey - especially our young people.

In the late 1980's, our nation's advertising and media community took on the issue of drugs abuse in the United States. Using the skills and talents of America's top advertising professionals, the Partnership for a Drug-Free America (PDFA) was established to develop and run the largest pro-bono media campaign in our nation's history.

In 1992, we started the Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey (PDFNJ) as a state anti-drug alliance to localize, strengthen, and deepen drug-prevention media efforts. Strong support of New Jersey's media, leaders from government, the business community, and countless volunteers, have made PDFNJ one of the top alliances in the nation. Since our founding, New Jersey's print, billboard, radio, and television media outlets have

donated more than \$30 million in pro bono services for Partnership anti-drug messages, making PDFNJ the largest pro-bono media campaign in state history.

Partnership messages go far beyond "traditional" media. Our anti-drug messages can be found on PATH and New Jersey Transit trains and buses. More messages are placed in the Bell Atlantic Yellow Pages, in Department of Motor Vehicles registration renewal notifications, milk cartons, shopping bags, car litter bags, and many other venues.

At PDFNJ, we're striving towards, and succeeding in, our goal: that, whether in the workplace, at school, at home, or in the community, the people of New Jersey are never far from an anti-drug message. Your interest and support in this effort is deeply appreciated.

*- Joseph A. Miele,
Chair of the Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey*

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 8:00 pm

Dates to remember:

Wednesday, February 15 – early dismissal

Friday, February 17 – School Dance

Monday, February 20– off

Volunteer Opportunities:

1. Dance Chaperones - for Dance on February 17
2. Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary & Recording Secretary – needed for September 2017