

**Thompson Middle School
PFA Meeting**

March 13, 2017

Call to order: 9:20 am

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

March Students of the Month

6th Grade: Sophia Bojko
7th Grade: Brianna Mason
8th Grade: Tommy Rasa

Principal's report

- We would like to congratulate Mr. Freeman, Thompson Middle School's teacher of the year.
- We would like to congratulate Mrs. Weimer, Thompson Middle School's support staff of the year.
- PFA meeting for the month of May has been changed to May 22, 2017 due to PARCC testing.
- Graduation day will be set later this month once the threat of snow days is gone.
- Mrs. Smith, our art teacher, will be retiring at the end of the year. We are currently interviewing for a replacement.
- Mrs. Schwerin had her baby boy in December.
- A math teacher has been added to Thompson's staff for the upcoming school year to address increased class size.
- Feedback on the 8th grade class trip to Liberty Science Center was positive from students, staff and parent chaperones.
- Mrs. Felder has organized a presentation called "Safe Dates". This presentation will occur during your child's health class.
- Mrs. Felder and Thompson's Peer Leaders will be partnering with The Backpack Crew, a local non-profit organization dedicated to delivering weekend groceries to families in need and raising awareness of childhood hunger in our community. We will host a food drive for this organization from now until the end of the school year. Can you imagine the impact that Thompson's Students, Faculty and Staff can have on the various communities that Backpack services through our giving? We are asking each student to donate an item a week. This will be done by homeroom. The homeroom with the most donations will receive a hot pretzel and ice cream party.

Below are some of the items that can be purchased but not limited to:

- soup
- cereal (no sugar cereal)
- small plastic jars of peanut butter
- crackers
- spaghetti and sauce (no glass jars please)
- instant oatmeal packets
- fruit cups
- tuna
- granola bars
- canned veggies
- mac and cheese

- packets of crackers/peanut butter/cheese crackers

To learn more about the Backpack Crew, please feel free to visit their website: backpackcrewnj.com or even their Facebook page.

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

Every year the PFA views and votes on Grant request of Thompson staff. We are in the process of purchasing these items for the staff.

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 9:40 am

Dates to remember:

March 22, 2017 – early dismissal

April 3, 2017 – PFA meeting 9:15 am

Volunteer Opportunities:

Please look for emails concerning

Staff appreciation breakfast

Staff appreciation lunch

8th grade in school dance chaperones