

Coffee With The Principal/HSA Meeting
April 27, 2017

Upcoming Events

Principal McKenna began the meeting by talking about the upcoming musical: Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory. She stated the play will take place on May 9th, 12th, and 13th, and that the presale of tickets will begin on Monday, May 1st. All ticket money should be sent in to Ms. Gooding and if there are any tickets left, there will be tickets on sale on the day of the show.

Kindergarten Open House will take place on May 12th at 1:30 PM. Reading Olympics is May 9th for 4th and 5th grade and May 22nd for middle school grades. Blue and Gold Day will be on Thursday, June 8th. On May 16th there will be no school due to Election Day and May 26th will be a ½ day.

Standardized Testing

The PSSAs for math ended on Wednesday, April 26th and the PSSA for Science for grades 4 and 8 will be held next Monday and Tuesday. The Keystone Algebra test for 8th grade will be on May 24-25. The PSSA results should arrive in the summer.

School District Survey

The School District's survey for parents is open until June 23rd. You must enter your child's ID number on the survey, which may be found on the report card. Please fill out a survey for each child.

Incident

The serious incident that happened last Friday was handled according to district protocol. The protocol states that if a threat is made the principal must call the Philadelphia Police Department, the School District, and the Department of Homeland Security. Due to the timing of the threat being before school started the situation was able to be taken care of and the school was determined to be safe to open for the school day. Principal McKenna noted that she followed the guidance of homeland security and the code of a terroristic threat. She stressed that it is extremely critical to monitor social media of children and everything must be reported whether it is a joke or not. She stated that some students are angry at the student who reported the threat but she is working with Ms. Poulos on handling that situation.

A discussion ensued with the parents about having more education for the students about social media.

Principal McKenna noted that she would like to have more lockdown drills at the school.

Staffing

There will be four positions available next year: an art teacher, a technology teacher, and two grade teachers.

A parent asked about the NFL draft that came to school on Tuesday for the 6th graders. Principal McKenna explained how the 6th grade was chosen (due to the testing schedule and having the right number of students in the grade) and how she didn't know about the details until the last minute.

HSA Meeting

Laurel Landau introduced herself as Home and School President and briefly talked about a few past and upcoming events. Casino Night (May 20th) was highlighted and the upcoming McCall Relays (April 30th) were mentioned. Helpers were requested to help distribute the boxes for Art to Remember on Monday.