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# January, 2017 PTA Newsletter

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## **JANUARY Save the Date**

- 2: School closed, New Year's Holiday
- 3: Welcome back!
- 4: Board of Ed mtg 7:30pm
- 10: Exec Board mtg 8:30am at Municipal Bldg
- 16: School Closed, MLK Day
- 20: SPIRIT DAY Favorite Sports Attire!
- 23: Tricky Tray mtg 6:30pm
- 23: PTA Gen mtg 7:30pm

## **New Year - new chance to get involved with the PTA!**

There's no better time than January to try something new. Join us for our January meeting!

## **NOTE FROM A PTA EXECUTIVE OFFICER:**

Happy New Year! My name is Kathy Argobright and I am the Treasurer for the PTA. With my husband, Derek, and our two children, Robinson in Mrs. Martinka's 3rd grade class and Alixandra in Ms. Wohl's 2nd grade class, I have lived in Green Township for a little more than two years. I grew up in Bergen County.

This month, don't forget that January 20<sup>th</sup> is a Spirit Day. Please have your child(ren) wear their favorite sports team attire. Also, our next Tricky Tray planning meeting is Monday, January 23 at 6:30pm in the Performing Arts Room. Tricky Tray is our biggest fundraiser. We still need volunteers! Please come out and help. Our volunteers have fun and help raise lots of money for the school. Immediately following the Tricky Tray meeting is our January General Membership meeting. Join us! Finally, look out for information on next month's Valentine's Family Dance, scheduled for February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Wishing you all the best in 2017!

**New Year's Resolutions?** The folks who run the Main Office at Green Hills share with us their New Year's Resolutions for 2017.

**John Nittolo, Superintendent** - Be nicer, be better, show patience.

**Seth Cohen, Principal** - To play more, stress less and not break things during Giants games.

**Janice Lawrey, Main Office Secretary** - To truly live in the moment. I resolve to slow down, focus on what is really important in life, and be present in whatever situation I am in, whether it is a good situation or a difficult one.

**Unwanted holiday gifts? Donate them to the Tricky Tray!** The PTA will happily accept donations of new unwanted gifts and use them to create awesome Tricky Tray baskets. Just because a gift isn't perfect for you doesn't mean it isn't perfect for someone. For more information, contact [greenptanj@gmail.com](mailto:greenptanj@gmail.com).

### **Reflections Contest Winners!**

The Reflections Committee is happy to announce the winners of the Green Township PTA Reflections art contest. More information about the contest and the names of the winners in each category is on the [PTA website](#). Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone who participated and volunteered!

**PLAYGROUND UPDATE:** We are continuing our discussions with vendors and plan to select one in the next few weeks. We can't wait to start building this spring. **Help make the playground the best it can be for our kids by donating, sponsoring, or buying bricks today!** For a limited time, **bricks and sponsorships are still available!** To order bricks online, view clip art choices, or to upload your own custom artwork or logo, please visit: [www.polarengraving.com/GreenHillsSchoolPlayground](http://www.polarengraving.com/GreenHillsSchoolPlayground). Check out Family, Component, and Premier Sponsorships at: <http://www.greenhillsplyground.com/ways-to-donate> or contact Erin Fortunato at [ekfortunato@gmail.com](mailto:ekfortunato@gmail.com) for more information.

## June 2, Save the Date for Field Day! June 2, Save the Date for Field Day!

**VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT** - This month, we shine our volunteer spotlight on someone who is as hardworking as she is fun - April Orozco. Caring for four young children, managing a busy family life, and volunteering in many different roles could prove overwhelming for any of us. But, April seems to thrive in the midst of it all. She is often gracefully and generously helping others and encouraging her kids to help out too. The most remarkable thing you may notice is that she almost always has a smile on her face and is ready to laugh and include others in the fun. Mom of two current GHS students, Luca in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and Sophia in 1<sup>st</sup> grade, and two future GHSers, Anthony in preschool and Olivia who is about to celebrate her 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday, April is a Sussex County native whose love of the people, places, and traditions in this area shines through clearly in everything she does.

April is a natural and fun-loving hostess who always make sure everyone is taken care of. These characteristics are put to great use with the PTA's Hospitality Committee, which she Co-Chairs with Nicole Vidal. "Nicole and I have a lot of fun working together and coming up with different ideas. When the Book Fair theme was 'Monsters,' we created a Cheese Doodle Monster for the Teacher's Tea. We have done bloody fingers, pirate booty, peg legs and chicken wings. We try to out-do ourselves each time. It is nice to be in the school and talk to the teachers one-on-one. After all they do for our kids, it's nice to give back to them - even if it is with extra-large Pixy Stix and candy!" It isn't just the teachers April takes care of through her Hospitality work. During the Veterans Day assembly reception, she welcomed each veteran personally and made sure every honored guest, custodian and administrative assistant had a full heart and a full plate.

In addition to serving as Hospitality Committee Co-Chair, April is part of the Playground Committee, helps with Tricky Tray in a variety of capacities, and is Chair of the Membership Committee. April first got involved with the GHS PTA when her oldest child was in Kindergarten. "Kate Mull and Antoinette Melillo were doing a membership drive at a school function and I signed up," remembers April. Now, as Chair of the Membership Committee, April is the one welcoming new families to the PTA and encouraging all families to get involved. As April says, "I love it. I love getting to know the parents and teachers and there really is no better way to do that than introducing people to the PTA and all we offer the school and the community."

## VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Thank you to our PTA Members who volunteered at PTA events and activities last month! \*\*\*If your name

should be included here and isn't, please let us know and we'll be sure to thank you next month.

**Holiday Shop** - So many volunteers made the Holiday Shop special and memorable for the students this year. If anyone has the list of volunteers, please share it with us at [greenptanj@gmail.com](mailto:greenptanj@gmail.com) so we can thank them.

**GHS Apparel Sale** - Thank you to Sandi Terranova for coordinating the GHS Apparel Sale.