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The Principals' Pen By Mr. Henaghan

When I first started applying for assistant principal positions, I was most intrigued with the middle school positions that I saw advertised. Perhaps it was because, while I had loved elementary school and high school as a student, my junior high years were just a bit more challenging. I could still vividly recall the doubts, fears, exhilarations and anxieties of that time in my life. I felt that maybe being in tune with those experiences could help me make a difference in the lives of the children currently at that point in adolescence. Now, after two years at PTHS and two and a half years at the primary level at Bower Hill and Pleasant Valley, I am very excited to meet the challenge of becoming the assistant principal at PTMS. I am hoping that my experiences at other levels of education will enable me to understand from where your children have come and to where they are going in their academic, social and emotional lives. Already in my short

	time at the middle school, I have found one of the prevailing
	questions that I face as a school leader to be, "How can we
Presidents - Sue Clark	preserve the joy, energy and purity of childhood in a time in
& Lisa Smith	which our children are forced to grow up faster than we ever
1st VP - Carol Planitzer 2nd VP -Lisa Scoulos	did?" I have gotten to know many of the families of Peters over the
Treasurer - Sarah Lindsay	
Secretary - Lisa Anderson This group is working	past four and a half years, and look forward to working with
in cooperation with the PTSD to	you and meeting new friends as well. If I can ever be of
offer these	assistance, please feel free to contact me. I hope you all
events or programs	have a great end to the school year and a wonderful
	summer!
	Mike Henaghan
	Assistant Principal
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Education	THANKS TO ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED WITH ALL
	THE EVENTS THIS PAST YEAR. YOUR WILLINGNESS TO HELP OUT WHEN CALLED
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Earn cash for PTMS through everyday activities: buying	io moet at mediated.
groceries, shopping online, and	ALSO, A HUGE THANK YOU TO CAROL, LISA, SARAH AND LISA
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Students	
	There will be several Middle School PTA Chair openings
Register at	available for the 2010-11 school year. Below is an up to
www.gianteagle.com or 1-800-474-4777.	date list of those committees needing chairs:
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For parents with students in	Character Counts
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committees with * indicate those that work well to have 2 co chairs; if you are interested, you may want to find a co chair to work with you!

If you are interested in finding out more about these committees or to volunteer as a chair, please contact: Carol Planitzer at cplanitzer@comcast.net

This year's 8th Grade Dance, A Night in the Orient, will take place on Friday, June 4th from 7:30-10:00 PM. Many volunteers will be needed to help make this a memorable event for the 8th grade students! Starting at 1:15 PM. we will gather in the cafeteria to start decorating. The more people who show up at 1:15, the faster we will get done. Even if you can only give 1/2 hour of your time, please volunteer!

Once the Dance starts we will need parents to run the ticket table, and the refreshment table. We will also need some parents (including dads) to hang out in the hallways and weather permitting outside (If you child doesn't want you to "cramp their style" you can be in the hallway!) 7th grade parents are always welcome and encouraged to help with being a chaperone. This way the students don't feel as if their parents are watching them dance! So to sum it up, many are needed on Friday, June 4th from 1:15-10:30 PM.

Please call Lorra Brannen with any questions at 724-942-4323!

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY 20TH - AREA COUNCIL MEETING - 9:15 AM DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

MAY 26TH - STRINGS CONCERT 7:30 PM

JUNE 10TH - GRADE 7 BAND CONCERT & GRADE 8 JAZZ BAND CONCERT - 7:00PM

MAY 31ST - NO SCHOOL

JUNE 3RD - GRADE 8 BAND CONCERT 7:30 PM

JUNE 4TH - GRADE 8 AWARDS - 9:15AM

JUNE 4TH - GRADE 8 DANCE - 7:30 - 10:00 PM

JUNE 7TH - GRADE 8 PICNIC 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM

JUNE 14TH - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

JUNE 22ND - KENNYWOOD PICNIC

The 8th Grade Picnic is scheduled for Monday, June 7th at Peterswood Park (PERMISSION SLIP REQUIRED). Students should turn in a signed permission slip and the \$5 fee to their 1st period teachers right away. Please remember to indicate tee shirt size on the form (the \$5 payment includes a tee shirt).

Volunteers are still needed to help with this event. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Linda Van Newkirk at <u>livartist@comcast.net</u>.

Event Contacts:

8th Grade Awards Michele Bittel mbittel@verizon.net

8th Grade Dance Lorra Brannen lorralee@verizon.net

8th Grade Picnic Linda Van Newkirk Ijvartist@comcast.net and

> Rose Tennant rose@warroom.com

PT Middle School Required Phys Ed "uniform":

The Peters Township Middle School requires all 7th and 8th graders to wear standard gym

clothing in the physical education classes. The required "uniform" is red shorts, of an appropriate length, and a white tee shirt with the student's name written on the front.

Students are required to change out of their street clothes into their gym clothes for gym classes. Each student will be issued a gym locker for the duration of their phys ed rotation.

The Middle School PTA does not offer a Spirit Wear or Gym Wear sale.

The High School requires red shorts and any kind of white tee shirt. Your name does not have to be on the shirt as in the Middle School.

IMAGINATION CELEBRATION: ARTS FOR LIFE! PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 14, 2010

6:00 High School Concert Band Auditorium
6:30 Middle School Chorus Auditorium
7:00 High School Symphony Orchestra Auditorium
7:30 High School Choir Auditorium
8:00 Beauty and the Beast "Be Our Guest"Auditorium
8:15 Community Sing a Long Auditorium

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2010

9:00 Middle School Band & Sixth Grade BandAuditorium 9:15 Fourth Grade Orchestra Cafeteria

9:45 Fifth Grade Band Auditorium 10:00 Fifth Grade Orchestra Cafeteria 10:45 Sixth Grade Orchestra Cafeteria 11:00 Fourth Grade Band Auditorium 11:30 Middle School Orchestra Cafeteria 12:00 Fifth and Sixth Grade Chorus Auditorium 12:45 Theater ScenesCafeteria 1:00 Fourth Grade Chorus Auditorium 1:45 School House Rock (HS Chorus)Auditorium 2:00 High School String Orchestra Cafeteria 2:15 HS Band FrontCafeteria 2:30 Fencing DemonstrationCafeteria 3:00 HS Jazz Band Auditorium 3:45 HS Wind Symphony Auditorium 5:00 Ballroom Dancing Lessons by the Arthur Murray StudioAuditorium/Stage 6:00 Dancing for Life Ice Cream Social Informal Ballroom DanceCafeteria 7:30 Relay for LifeStadium

Saturday 9:00 -1:30

KaraokeOrigami Dance DanceRevolution"I'm Ready for My Close-up!" Make a PuppetArt "Sandox" Elementary Music Practice RoomMusic Technology Showroom

Saturday 11:00 -1:00

Family and Consumer Science Food Concession (proceeds benefit Relay for Life)

Our last Teacher Appreciation event will be a luncheon on May 27. If you would like to help please call or e-mail Denise Gordon @ denisewgordon@comcast.net or 412-443-5406.

Teacher Appreciation Thank You Thank you to Teacher Appreciation Committee Chair Denise Gordon for the wonderful luncheons organized this school year. The teachers and staff truly appreciate your time and effort. Also, thank you to all of the parents who donated food items and drinks for the events. Thanks to all those who helped.

Thank you to 7th Grade Celebration Committee Chairs Donna Cummings and Anne Parisin and volunteers for a wonderfully organized and successful 7th grade event!

PTA Reflections Contest Theme 2010-2011



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