

Levittown Council of PTAs

General Membership Meeting

April 18, 2013

Meeting called to order 7:35. Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance was taken, a quorum was established. Moment of silence for the people of Boston & Texas & the people that protect us.

Recording Secretary ~ Minutes were approved for February & March.

Treasurers' Report ~- Report attached. The accounts were audited tonight by Donna Waitkus & all was found to be in order.

Superintendent Report ~ Testing is being done this week, the tests are far more rigorous than in the past. Within the testing, we found that the same reading passage was in the 3 different grade levels. The readability was challenging. The state's rational in doing that was they are trying to vertically align. There were multiple questions that were very similar in multiple grade levels. The tests were very different than what we had seen before. Some kids did meet with frustration, they made their best efforts & not everyone finished. SED has asked for comments back. Math is next week. We are one in only five schools that was asked to be tested using the common core standards.

Budget planning session & hearing was last night. Dr. Grossane feels they are very close to agreeing upon a tax levy. This year the teachers' retirement system increased by 4 million dollars. The budget was presented to the board with a 2.94 increase but it could go up to 3.54 or less. Next BOE meeting, they will be voting & adopting on a budget.

A presentation was given by our outside auditors, basically saying, while we are currently in better financial shape than some other districts, we are reaching a crossroads next year. Next year's budget will be the first year that we will not be able to replace the money taken out of reserve. So we would be operating at an operational deficit. He felt that it might be around 4 million dollars, which is manageable, but to proceed with caution so it doesn't increase any further than that. We are being frugal this year because the larger the surplus is at the end of this year, the less the deficit will be. It is just a realistic picture that will be coming down the road for our district.

Please attend the BOE meeting next Wednesday.

Q. Does the district do a 5 year plan?

A. Yes, it does. Currently in negotiating with our unions.

Q. Was there a tally kept on what schools had how many children opt-out of the testing?

A. Yes, there was a tally kept, it won't impact any school as far as AYP, with the exception of Salk. Salk had a large number of students in the 8th grade. We're still not sure what the state will do, we're hopeful that they won't penalize our Title 1 money. We have to wait and see what the state does.

Q. Don't these tests effect the placement of honor students?

A. Placement in honors classes is not solely based on the state assessments. It is part of a matrix that is used to determine if a child should be in honors or not. It is supposed to be guidance on how the child is doing.

Q. If a child does poorly on these tests, they will then require services (ie: AIS), which costs money. How is the district going to pay for this?

A. Yes, the district would be mandated to give that child services. It would have to come from somewhere since the services are an unfunded mandate.

Mr.Lipani will be giving his presentation which is open to all parents rather than going to each unit. It will be held on May 6, 2013.

Reminder - the budget newsletter will be sent out. This year, however, the Public library has exercised their right to have the library vote on the same day as the school budget vote. The other thing on the ballot this year is asking

the voters for approval of a capital reserve fund. It enables us to take capital projects out of the budget & putting in reserves.

President's Report ~ Report attached. Welcome Mr. Moran & Mr. Porazzo of the BOE.

1st VP Report ~No Report.

2nd VP Report ~No Report.

Corresponding Secretary ~ No Report.

Historian's Report ~ No report.

Committee Reports:

Audit ~ No Report

Arts in Education ~Report attached. BOCES rebate checks were received today.

Council Budget ~ No Report

Elementary Curriculum ~ Report attached.

Motion made by Laura Brown asking for the elementary & secondary curriculum reports to be forwarded to the unit presidents after the monthly Council meetings. Seconded by Maria Xenios. Some discussion, motion passed.

Health, Safety & Environment~ Report attached.

Q. – Why is there is only one night for the pre-prom workshop at each high school?

A. You can attend either high school's workshop, or contact the school & make an appt. to view the video.

PTA Memorial Senior Award ~ Report attached.

Legislation ~ No Report

Secondary Curriculum ~ Report attached.

Procedures ~ No Report.

SEPTA ~ Report attached.

Capital Bond Watcher/Projects ~ No Report.

Dollars for Scholars ~ No Report, next meeting on May 13th @ 7pm.

Food Service ~ Report attached.

Q. Can the discarded fruit & vegetables be donated to the food pantry than thrown out?

A. Dr. Grossane said he agreed & would look into it.

GC Tech ~ No Report.

LEADD walk ~ Very nice day, well attended.

Teacher's Center~ No Report.

Transportation~ No Report.

Budget ~ No Report.

Honorary Life/Senior Awards – Report attached.

ByLaws ~ No Report.

Meet the Candidates ~ May 2nd ,

Wellness ~ No Report.

Old Business ~ No Report.

New Business~ Calendar/Directory for 2013/2014 – requested to meet after tonight's meeting to go the dates for the next school years' calendar dates.

East Broadway shared with Wisdom their agenda books company. The price was very good compared to in years' past.

Wisdom was hosting the Faculty Concert on Friday night.

Dr. Lipani will be conducting his presentation on the state tests/common core on May 6th at Wisdom for all Levittown residents.

Please note dates to remember on the back of agenda.

Meeting adjourned 9:21 pm

Minutes prepared by Eileen Petrullo

Levittown Council of PTAs
General Membership Meeting Agenda



April 18, 2013, 2013



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***Switch all cellular devices to vibrate-Sign off and tune in; we have a lot to talk about.*

- I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call/Establish Quorum
- III. Approval of Minutes- Recording Secretary
- IV. Treasurers' Report- Reconciliation
- V. Superintendent Report - Dr. Grossane
- VI. Executive Committee Reports
 - A. President Report
 - C. 2nd VP Report
 - E. Historian Report
 - B. 1st VP Report
 - D. Corresponding Secretary
- VII. Standing Committee Reports
 - A. Audit
 - C. Council Budget
 - E. Health, Safety and Environment
 - G. Procedures
 - B. Arts in Education
 - D. Elementary Curriculum
 - F. Legislation
 - H. Secondary Curriculum
- VIII. SEPTA Report
- IX. Liaison Reports
 - A. Capital Projects/ Bond Watcher
 - C. Food Service
 - E. LEADD
 - G. Transportation
 - B. Dollars for Scholars
 - D. GC Tech
 - F. Teacher Center
 - H. Wellness
- X. Special Committee Reports
 - A. Budget
 - C. Honorary Life/Senior Award Dinner Dance
 - E. PTA Memorial Senior Award
 - B. Bylaws
 - D. Meet the Candidates
- XI. Old Business
- XII. New Business - Calendar/Directory for 2013/2014
- XIII. Adjournment



"It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it. "
Aristotle

Important Dates to Remember

04/19/13	The 3 rd Annual Music Faculty Concert WLMS 7PM
04/24/13	Board of Education Additional Planning Session LMEC 7:30PM
04/25/13	PTA Council Senior Award/Honorary Life Dinner Dance 6PM
05/02/13	"Meet the Candidates" Night LMEC 7:30PM
05/06/13	President/Superintendent Meeting LMEC 9:30AM
05/08/13	Nassau Region PTA Spring Conference/Ways & Means
05/10/13	Senior Citizens Prom LMEC 6:00PM
05/13/13	Dollars for Scholars LMEC 7PM
05/14/13	Board of Education Budget Hearing/Reg. Meeting LMEC 7:30PM
05/16/13	PTA Council –Last Meeting of the Year LMEC 7:30PM
05/21/13	<u>BUDGET VOTE</u> 7AM to 8PM- Special Meeting to certify vote LMEC 7:30PM

Levittown Council of PTAs
Proposed Budget
2012 - 2013

General Fund:	Proposed 2011/2012	Actual 2011/2012	Proposed 2012/2013	Actual to Date 2012/2013
Starting Balance	\$8,898.66	\$8,898.66	\$8,949.23	\$8,949.23
INCOME				
Membership Dues	\$1,300.00	\$1,377.60	\$1,200.00	\$1,039.60
Other	\$0.00		\$0.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$10,198.66	\$10,276.26	\$10,149.23	\$9,988.83
EXPENSES				
Administrative Functions	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$28.94
AIDS Awareness	\$6.10	\$0.00	\$6.10	
Banking Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$10.00
BOE Recognition	\$100.00	\$99.91	\$100.00	\$99.92
Carry Over	\$6,142.56	\$0.00	\$5,713.13	
Convention	\$1,000.00	\$693.45	\$1,400.00	\$497.41
Get a Voice	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	
Health & Safety	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
Historian	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
In House Training	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$550.00	
Installation	\$50.00	\$37.80	\$50.00	
Miscellaneous	\$200.00	\$58.00	\$200.00	
Office Supplies	\$150.00	\$67.87	\$150.00	\$94.47
Pres/Prin Dinner	\$300.00	\$240.00	\$300.00	\$240.00
Publications	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
Workshops/Conferences	\$500.00	\$130.00	\$500.00	\$130.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$10,198.66	\$1,327.03	\$10,149.23	\$1,100.74
SR AWARD FUND:				
Starting Balance	\$9,224.77	\$9,224.77	\$11,961.62	\$11,961.62
INCOME				
Dinner Dance Income	\$25,000.00	\$30,770.00	\$25,000.00	\$26,288.50
Other Fundraising	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$34,224.77	\$39,994.77	\$36,961.62	\$38,950.12
EXPENSES				
Carry Over	\$8,000.00		\$8,500.00	
Banking Supplies	\$100.00	\$48.50	\$100.00	\$4.00
Dinner Dance Expenses	\$24,024.77	\$23,968.05	\$24,311.62	\$700.00
PTA Senior Awards	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	
Senior Award Supplies	\$50.00	\$16.60	\$50.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$36,174.77	\$28,033.15	\$36,961.62	\$704.00
**9/20/12-Scholarship Changed to Senior Award				

Levittown Council of PTAs
Treasurer Report

MARCH 22, 2013 TO APRIL 18, 2013

General Fund

Opening Checkbook Balance: **\$8,974.57**

Expenses:

Banking Expense	2.00
Supplies	84.48

Total Expenses: **\$86.48**

Income:

Total Income: **\$0.00**

Closing Checkbook Balance: **\$8,888.09**

Senior Award Fund

Opening Checkbook Balance: **\$12,166.12**

Expenses:

Dinner Dance Expense	200.00
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Total Expenses: **\$200.00**

Income:

Dinner Dance Income	26280.00
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Total Income: **\$26,280.00**

Closing Checkbook Balance: **\$38,246.12**

Levittown Council of PTAs Presidents' Report

Good Evening Everyone!

Welcome Dr. Grossane and Board of Education members. -Mr Moran Mr Porrazzo

Please be reminded that our meetings are recorded. I ask that you please use the microphone when addressing council, be respectful of others when they do speak, we might not always agree, but we can be kind. Please put your phones to vibrate.

Thank you to Gardiners Ave for hosting this evening. Lee Road will be our host unit next month.

On behalf of the entire Levittown Council of PTAs I would like to thank the Council Budget Committee for their presentation to the Board of Education on April 3rd, 2013. You did a wonderful job.

As this year starts coming to a close thing may start to get a bit crazy for you and your units. Stay Strong, hang in there. The most important thing you can do for yourself is to take a moment to breathe, keep the lines of communication open between everyone in your unit and continue to work together.

Denise Brunnhoelzl, from central office sent you all a packet with a 2013/2014 working calendar in it. Coordinating a calendar for a district this size is a big challenge as you all can imagine. For your family, your board's families and all of the activities of your PTA and school it becomes a juggling act. This year Denise has asked if we could collaborate on the calendar; work out our meeting dates and events with each other, discuss what is or is not a conflict of schools in the hopes of having few if any date changes. The district calendar can be a difficult task, I am sure together we can be flexible and understanding, and get it done quickly. The list of incoming officers is necessary for the district calendar, administration; connect Ed messaging as well as the directory for council. Some units do not appoint their council delegate until September, that's, the information can be forwarded to Council when available in September, the district does not need that information. Also, please be aware that as much as we can work through the calendar together there will be some dates that we still may have to change, be a willow and bend. Denise also asked if anyone would be available to volunteer on May 10th to help with the Senior Citizen Prom. The theme this year is the Wild, Wild West. There is a sign- up sheet going around or you can contact Denise at 520-8300 ext. 592.

Next week is our Senior Award/Honorary Life Dinner Dance at the Crest Hollow Country Club> I would like to take this opportunity to thank Angela List and Mary Rickard for all of the work they have been doing to make this event a successful one. If any of you have planned a big soirée before you know all of the prep work that goes into a great evening. We look forward to seeing you all there with your honorees.

Debbie Rifkin asked that we share some information on a great tutoring program available at the Levittown Public Library. It is available through the children and the teen site; you must have a library card to log into the site. The one on one tutoring is available seven days a week from 2 to 10. Ms. Rifkin stated that parents have told her how great the tutoring was and that the tutors don't give up until they feel the student has a good grasp or understanding of the lesson. There are flyers available up front with the website information.

This week has been very busy here at district; the interview process for a new high school principal began, state testing is underway at all of our buildings, the Board of Education and district is finalizing the budget for adoption. Meetings for the Safe committee and AIS are scheduled for the beginning of next month as well as planning for our own committees for next year. There is a sign-up sheet being passed around this evening for the many council committees. If you would like to chair a committee or are interested in more information on a committee just jot down your contact information. If you have any questions or concerns to be brought up at the Safe or AIS meetings please let us know.

At our meeting last month, Therese Rogers, the president of LUT extended an invitation to all of the PTA presidents for the "Take Action" presentation at Crest Hollow on May 1, 2013 from 5 to 8. If any of you are interested or have officers who would like to attend, see me at the end of the evening so I can arrange for you to obtain tickets.

May 2nd, 2013 Council will host the "Meet the Candidates" night, chaired by Maria Xenios, here at LMEC. The evening will start at 7:30PM. At this time we have three candidates for two available on the Board of Education.

May 6th, is our next President/Superintendent meeting. And May 8th is Nassau Region PTAs' Spring Conference. Registration is due by May 1st, 2013

As this year starts coming to a close things may start to get a bit crazy for you and your units as the next two months are sure to be hectic. Stay Strong, hang in there. The most important thing you can do for yourself is to take a moment to breathe, keep the lines of communication open between everyone in your unit and continue to work together. As things come across your desk deal with them a.s.a.p. Then you're ready to move onto the next crazy thing that comes your way or just maybe enjoy all of the activities going on in your school. Again a reminder that Nassau Region roundtable will be in June. Have the new officers attend. Council would like you to consider a few dates for a Treasury workshop, either in June or August. We can decide on a date at president/superintendent meeting. Our next council meeting will be on May 16th, 2013. It will be our final meeting of the year as well as the installation of officers. As has been customary in the past, we would ask the presidents to invite their new incoming president's to attend council at 6:30. We will provide information to assist everyone for the new school year.

Please keep the line of communication open.

And as always on behalf of the Levittown Council of PTAs and myself, I want to thank you all for "All" that you do for our children.

Respectfully submitted by: Patricia Genco 4/18/13

Arts and Education Report
April 18, 2013

Lee Road

On April 10th - Lou DelBianco - 'Make a Good Choice' provided 2 assemblies. K through 2 and 3 through 5. He was scheduled to support LEADD week [Character Education]. He did a VERY nice job incorporating theme - 'LEADD with Dignity' - into his stories. He wanted to show children how to make 'good choices' in various situations [respect for others / self]. He used real examples from his childhood [i.e. - bullying / throwing garbage into other people's backyards / cavities from too much gum] and discussed these situations using words, songs, large pictures of the people involved. It was well rec'd.

On April 29th - The third grades will see Steve Fratello's assembly 'Rainforest Butterfly.' It is a 1 hour session for each class. He brings in live exotic butterflies to culminate the lesson / curriculum that will just be completed on butterflies for this grade.

Wisdom

On April 16, 2013 Wisdom Lane had From the Fires: Voices of the Holocaust for the eighth grade students. This is a curriculum based event as the eighth grade covers this point in history.

The Arts and Ed Expo was at the beginning of the month. Hopefully everyone was able to send people from their units to attend. There is a wealth of information to learn as well as contacts to be made.

Please email me at babyfrog27@aol.com any arts and education assemblies you have for the rest of the school year.

SEPTA

The 2013-2014 slate for SEPTA Executive Board was read at our last meeting.

President:	Robin Cammarata
1 st V.P.:	Vin Causeman
2 nd V.P.:	Cathy Politi
3 rd V.P.:	Cecilia Forster
4 th V.P.:	Rob Galino
5 th V.P.:	Marilyn Cote
Rec. Secretary:	Dawn Santorufo
Corr. Secretary:	OPEN
Treasurer:	Danielle Calderone

Please come out and join us Monday April 29, 2013 @7:30 at LMEC for our next SEPTA meeting.

The election for officers will be held at this meeting. We will have a speaker to talk about Autism.

You would love to see you there. Bring a friend or two...knowledge equals acceptance and understanding!

Elementary Curriculum Met on Monday April 1st. Keith Snyder came to the meeting to speak about the physical education curriculum in the district. He discussed the NYS Dept. of Education PE standards and stated that each PE teacher has the ability to use their creativity and strengths in order to cover each of the standards and ensure the skills are met. The complete document can be found at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/pels.html>

The district will be updating and revising the Elementary PE curriculum over the summer. Curriculum should show what ages certain benchmarks should be met.

Standard 1 - Personal Health and Fitness

Students will have the necessary knowledge and skills to establish and maintain physical fitness, participate in physical activity, and maintain personal health. – Students will perform basic motor and manipulative skills they will attain competency in a variety of physical activities and proficiency in few select complex motor and sports activities.

Standard 2 - A Safe and Healthy Environment

Students will acquire the knowledge and ability necessary to create and maintain a safe and healthy environment. – Students will demonstrate responsible personal and social behavior while engaged in physical activity. They will understand that physical activity provides the opportunity for enjoyment, challenge, self-expression, and communication. Students will be able to identify safety hazards and react effectively to ensure a safe and positive experience for all participants.

Standard 3 - Resource Management

Students will understand and be able to manage their personal and community resources. – Students will be aware of and be able to access opportunities available to them within their community to engage in physical activity. They will be informed consumers and be able to evaluate facilities and programs. Students will be aware of some career options in the field of physical fitness and sports.

We then went over the State Assessments-

We were given a hand out from engageny-a message from Dr. King, the Commissioner of the NYS Dept of Ed. It outlined 5 key points of what the common core assessments really mean.

1-Standards are different, test will be different and more difficult, therefore the number of students who score at or above grade level expectations will likely decrease.

2-Expect the decline to have little or no impact on principals' and teachers' state provided growth scores. Measuring students against standards, not students against other students.

3-The decline in scores should not be interpreted as a decline in student performance, rather it will give educators, parents, policymakers and the public a more realistic picture of where students are on their path to being well-prepared for the world that awaits them after they graduate HS.

4-No new districts will be identified as Focus Districts and no new schools will be identified as Priority Schools based on the 12-13 results.

We then concluded the meeting with the testing times and days for each test.

ELA

Grade 3 and Grade 4

Day 1: Reading 80 minutes – 30 m/c question & answer

Day 2: Reading 80 minutes – 7 m/c question & answer

Reading/Writing – 3 short response and 1 extended response.

Day 3: Reading 80 minutes – Reading/Writing – 5 short response and 1 extended response.

Grade 5-

Day 1: Reading 100 minutes – 42 m/c question & answer

Day 2: Reading 100 minutes – 21 m/c question & answer

Reading/Writing – 3 short response and 1 extended response.

Day 3: Reading 80 minutes – Reading/Writing – 5 short response and 1 extended response.

MATH

Grade 3

Day 1: 80 minutes – 30 m/c question & answer

Day 2: 80 minutes – 31 m/c question & answer

Day 3: 80 minutes – 5 short response and 1 extended response.

Grade 4

Day 1: 80 minutes – 30 m/c question & answer

Day 2: 80 minutes – 32 m/c question & answer

Day 3: 100 minutes – 6 short response and 4 extended response.

Grade 5-

Day 1: 100 minutes – 30 m/c question & answer

Day 2: 100 minutes – 32 m/c question & answer

Day 3: 100 minutes – 6 short response and 4 extended response.

Corestandards.org has a great piece about common core myth vs fact

At the elementary level there is no requirement in the teacher contract for obligation for extra help.



Health and Safety meeting

April. 2,2013 10:30 a.m.

LMEC Large board room

Elementary Schools:

All doors will have the electronic swipe capability will be finished in a few weeks

All cameras have been updated and some extras have been installed

The emergency or panic button through the existing phone in the classrooms will all be done by Sept. 2013.

Middle Schools:

Cameras are being updated now

High Schools:

Division- March 20,2013 Pre Prom Workshop

MacArthur- April 2,2013 Pre Prom Workshop

All cameras are updated

OEM stated that we are ahead of the game with all the precautions and drills we have in place. They are suggesting that only a few personal have control over the panic button not all.

East Broadway had a complete surprise drill and did very well.

Salk was about to be surprised when Darlene and her accomplices were caught in the act. Darlene ran the drill but this time took the principals out of the picture, they were now her captives.

The 5th grade maturation video is looked into for an upgrade

The energy proficiency report will be available at next months meeting.

The Levittown Council of PTAs will be donating \$100.00 to the Levittown Community Council. The money will go towards providing garbage bags, for their 7th annual community clean up. If anyone is interested in helping, please meet on Satuday, April 20th @ 1 pm in the OfficeMax parking lot on Hempstead Turnpike.

Next meeting is on Tuesday, May 7,2013 @ 10:30 a.m. LMEC large board room

Secondary Curriculum met on April 5, 2013

Michele Ortiz came and spoke about the foreign language department and options for students.

Foreign Language begins in 7th grade where 7th and 8th grade count as 1 HS credit. They then take the Checkpoint A assessment. When they continue onto 9th and 10th grade, they then take the Checkpoint B assessment-which is at the end of level 3. Students take checkpoint assessments, because there are no more Regents for foreign language.

Foreign language for college credit is a full year course, although they can pay for only ½ semester of college credit and continue in the class.

Spanish 4 accelerated is now Spanish Pre-AP

✧ Gave a handout regarding the benefits of studying a foreign language:

Benefits to society-Americans fluent in other languages improve global communication, enhance our economic competitiveness abroad and maintain our political and security interests (center for applied linguistics 2004)

According to the 2000 census, only 9% of Americans can speak a second language, whereas over 50% of Europeans speak one or more languages.

Strong evidence shows that time spent on foreign language study strongly reinforces the core subject areas of reading, English language literacy, social studies and math. Foreign language learners consistently out perform control groups in core subject areas on standardized tests, often significantly.

Project lead the way

Big push on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)

Hoping to put the program in place as part of technology in the middle school as a pilot program. If goes well, then move to HS the following year.

Regent Changes for next year

All students in 11th grade will have to take an English Common Core Regent.

Also have to take the regular NYS Regent exam during Regent week and highest score can count as the students grade. This will also be the same for Math. Geometry will be the same as is this year, no changes until 14/15.

→ Algebra

Spoke about the testing times and days for each State Assessment

We got notice from NYS that our 2 high schools will be field testing Common Core Regent Exams, no announcement of what subjects or where.

ELA

Grade 6, 7 & 8

Day 1: Reading 90 minutes, plus 10 minute prep – 42 m/c question & answer

Day 2: Reading 90 minutes, plus 10 minute prep – 21 m/c question & answer

Reading/Writing – 3 short response and 1 extended response.

Day 3: Reading 80 minutes – Reading/Writing – 5 short response and 1 extended response.

MATH

Grade 6, 7 & 8

Day 1: 90 minutes, plus 10 minute prep – 34 m/c question & answer

Day 2: 90 minutes, plus 10 minute prep – 34 m/c question & answer

Day 3: 90 minutes, plus 10 minute prep – 5 short response and 1 extended response.

Spoke again about the opting out of the NYS tests, which we discussed here at the last meeting.

Next Mtg May 8th

Submitted by: Mary Rickard

Food Service met yesterday, April 17, 2013.

As we discussed at the last Food Service Meeting on March 20th the vending machines at DAHS were not accepting money after 1PM when lunch was over. Bob Howard stated that he contacted My Healthy Thing about a week ago regarding the problem and they have been playing phone tag.

Bob has been in touch with all of the building principals regarding a share table at lunch for unwanted fresh fruit and milk. Custodians will set up a table somewhere in the cafeteria for students to put their unwanted fresh fruit and un-opened milk so that other students who may want it can take it and hopefully less will go to waste. Custodian will then throw-out what ever is left at the end of the day. This will be up to the building principal in each building.

Food Service check lists are now in each PTA mailbox in all schools.

Food requirement changes:

Next year the foods served will not have to be 100% whole grain, it will be 14/15 school year. A lot of the vendors that Alan uses are not even making white flowered products anymore.

We spoke about the new vending machine bid and whether the committee would like to see any changes before it goes back out. Bob is going to email the committee and then ask for comments.

Our next Meeting is May 15th

Angela Hilt

April 18,
2013

Honorary Life Dinner Dance

Flower \$ is due today. We have it from everyone but Summit and DHS.

We have given our final count to the Crest Hollow so we are not able to issue refunds at this point. They will however allow us to add people until this Tuesday.

Council Senior Award

Application due to guidance in each school tomorrow.

- Committee will meet May 3rd @ 7pm @ LMEC

Sign-up sheet going around

Need 1 person & 1 alternate per unit

You cannot be the parent of a senior!

Submitted by: Mary Rickard

Food Drive



Council will host a Drop off Food Drive on May 16th, 2013.

The volunteers at the Food Pantry housed at WLMS did a wonderful job filling baskets for Passover and Easter Meals. Supplies are low on pretty much all items now. So let's lend a helping hand to fill the pantry shelves for the summer.

Some suggestions are listed below;

Tomato Sauces	Tissues	Spaghetti O's/ Ravioli's	Macaroni & Cheese
Laundry Detergent		Hot Chocolate	Hot Cereals
Canned/boxed Potatoes		Snack Items for lunches	Juice Boxes
			Juice
Baking Goods	Paper Towels	Foil/Plastic Wrap	Toilet Paper
Napkins	Tissues	Shampoo/Conditioners	Soap
			Household
		Cleaning Products	

Grocery Store gift cards are always welcome (used for perishables such as milk, vegetables, and meats).

You can bring your donated items throughout the year to the Wisdom Lane Middle School Main Office.

Also, there are convenient drop offs at two locations with bins marked WLMS Food Pantry.

⇒ 40 Meander Lane Levittown, NY

⇒ 276 Gardiners Ave. Levittown, NY

Any question or inquires contact Nina Glenn, Social Worker at Wisdom Lane at 520-8370.

Long Island!



Diane Ravitch

Keynote speaker

"Most influential educator in America"

(learningmatters.tv)

May 1 - 5 to 8 pm

Tickets: \$20—purchased through your local

Public Education at the Crossroads

A symposium of educators, administrators and community members will discuss the impact of the New York State tax cap, its implications and ways to reduce its terrible toll on school districts in Long Island.

**Crest Hollow
Country Club**

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Association



Gary Bixhorn
Eastern Suffolk BOCES
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(moderator)

Please join us for an evening of inspiration, as members of various parent, teacher, administrator and community groups come together to discuss ways to move education forward.

Local presidents, call NYSUT:

516 496 2035

tickets@TakeActionLI.org

More information:

www.TakeActionLI.org

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Don't wait—Take Action, Long Island!

Levittown Public Library Online Tutoring Program

The Levittown Public Library online tutoring program is available through both the children's and teen pages of our website:

<http://levtown.nassaulibrary.org/Childrens/childrens.html>

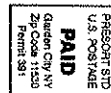
<http://levtown.nassaulibrary.org/teen/teens.html>

It is also available directly at www.tutor.com/nassau

It does require a library card to log in and create an account. Requiring a library card is a new development, because of increased usage. You could personalized your account with an email address but that is not required.

One on one tutoring is available 7 days a week from 2 - 10 pm for all grades, college age and adult learners. There are also study guides available 24/7 for many subjects when tutors are not available. The first time the program is used a Microsoft product Silverlight must be downloaded but they walk you through it. The student will choose which area they need help in -Math, Science, English and Social Studies. They have tutors for AP subjects as well. From the statistics we see, Math gets the most use. The student will be assigned a tutor (during busy times they may be on a virtual line waiting for a tutor). The tutor session proceeds like an online chat. They have software similar to a whiteboard, which enables them to draw or diagram, particularly useful for math. These tutors are vetted by the company and many are former or current teachers. Importantly, the tutors are very good at helping the student see what their difficulty is without doing their assignment for them. One student told us that the tutor helped him figure out a good science fair project based on what he was interested in.

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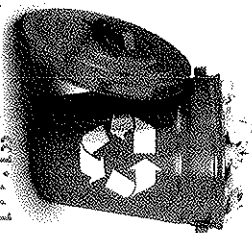
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Supervisor Kate Murray &
Councilman Gary Hudes
Levittown Community Council

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
Saturday, April 20, 2013
1 pm at Office Max
3350 Hempstead Tpke.
Levittown
(southeast corner of Hempstead Tpke. &
Gardiners Ave.)
*Rain Date: Sunday April 21, 2013

Join the Levittown/Island Trees
COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP...

Why not do your "little thing" to help
KEEP LEVITTOWN CLEAN?



Levittown/Island Trees COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

Dear Levittown and Island Trees Neighbors,

Every April, people across the country come together to commemorate Earth Day and celebrate our planet's natural beauty, to preserve our environment and to enhance our relationship with nature. In keeping with these priorities, Hempstead Town and the Levittown Community Council are once again joining together to present the 7th Annual Earth Day Clean-Up.

Cleaning up litter and debris shows your hometown pride. It also ensures that litter does not get washed into storm drains along with rainwater, emptying into bays and waterways. You can do your part to keep our corner of the universe "green and clean" by joining us for this fun and "planet friendly" community event.

Why not join friends, family and neighbors as we gather on Saturday, April 20th at 1 pm (rain date is Sunday, April 21st). Volunteers will be cleaning up various Levittown/Island Trees sites, enriching our community in the process. All those who are interested in volunteering should meet at the Office Max parking lot on Hempstead Turnpike (southeast corner of Gardiner's Avenue and Hempstead Turnpike) at 1 pm. Please bring rakes, brooms and work gloves. Bags will be provided.

If you are not able to join in our efforts to clean up areas along major roadways, you can participate in Earth Day festivities by cleaning up areas along your block. Come out and do your part.

Sincerely,

Kate Murray
Kate Murray
Supervisor

Gary Hudes
Gary Hudes
Councilman

Levittown Clean-Up is Presented By:



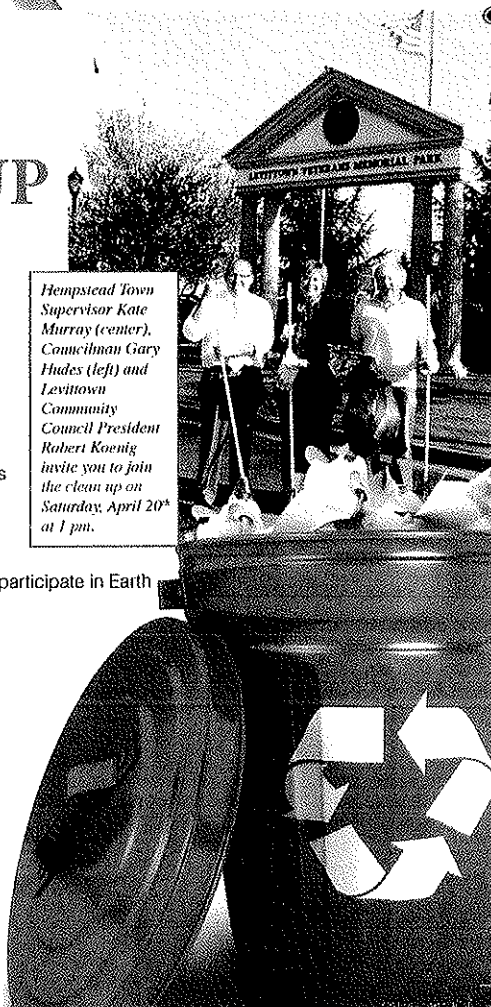
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Hempstead Town
Supervisor Kate
Murray (center),
Councilman Gary
Hudes (left) and
Levittown
Community
Council President
Robert Koenig
invite you to join
the clean up on
Saturday, April 20th
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Levittown Public Schools
Presents

The 3rd Annual Music Faculty Concert

Friday April 19, 2013

7:00 PM

Wisdom Lane Middle School Auditorium



\$5.00 Children/Senior Citizens
\$10.00 Adults

Proceeds will benefit music awards for two graduating seniors who will pursue a career in the music field.